Hwach’ŏn and Yanggu Counties

1. Taesŏngsan / Taesŏng Mountain
2. Sach’ang-ni / Sach’ang Village
3. Hwaaksan / Hwaak Mountain
4. Hwach’ŏn-gun / Hwach’ŏn County
5. P’yŏnghua ŭi taem / The Peace Dam
6. P’aroho / P’aro Lake
7. Yanggu-gun / Yanggu County
8. Pi’ui rŭngsŏn chŏnjŏkpi / Ridge of Blood Battlefield Memorial
9. Sŏnsa pangmulgwan / Museum of Prehistory
10. Pak Sugun Mısulgwan / Pak Sugun Art Gallery
11. Soyangho / Soyang Lake
12. Ûlchi čhŏnmangdae / Ûlchi Observatory
13. Che 4 kaengdo / The Fourth Infiltration Tunnel
14. Kajilbong / Kajil Peak
15. Wŏrun-ni / Wŏrun Village
16. P’ŏnch’ŏl / The Punch Bowl
17. Tosolsan / Tosol Mountain
18. Taemamsan / Taeam Mountain
CHAPTER 5

Hwachun, Yanggu:
Peace for power and the power of peace

HWACHUN ROAD IN KANGWON PROVINCE

The borderline between Ch’ŏrwŏn and Hwachun is roughly midway in the DMZ. Passing Kimhwa, you arrive at Yukdan-li and see Mt. Tesung close by. The road on the Supi Ridge in the middle of the mountain is desolate. The wide Ch’ŏrwŏn field ends here and begins a mountainous area with unfolding lines of ridges.

Beyond the Supi Ridge soldiers are the only people in this unpopulated area. People say that nothing about this desolate atmosphere changed from before and after the war; it seems as if history could not pass Supi Ridge but made time stop in Ch’ŏrwŏn. The scenery of Sachang-li is as desolate as a winter landscape. A young tearful soldier sees his girlfriend off at the bus terminal, and people even speak cautiously in restaurants ever wary of military security. If you follow the winding paths and narrow valley from Sachang-li, an open vista of the Northern Han River welcomes you like an oasis. Cool-headed tension and generous tolerance are the phrases that came to me as I look out over the Jichon-li countryside.

On April 21, 1951, the US 1st Marine Division and South Korean army tried to expand the battle line up to Hwachun reservoir from Kimhwa but faced the Chinese army’s spring offensive and narrowly