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Expose the inards of the Contradictions between us and the enemy, and expose the inards of the contradictions within our own camp. Ann
Clar-revolutionaries, socialist countries that are long on theory and short on practice, and
never equivocate in the face of this sacred
duty. No matter what the price or
consequences. Better to remain silent than
is with irrelevancies, half-truths, or generalities
which leave loopholes for those to escape
who rightfully should be condemned by
those who are still waging life or death
struggles for the liberation and security
of their people (for dereliction of duty)
September 19, 1969

Open: 9:50 - General Secretary speaks.

Make arrangement for getting copy of film and documents of the Conference. Full footage of our presentation.

The U.S. is "The Savage of the 20th Century."

Copy of mailing list.

Peaceful Unification—?

Unification of Korea by any means necessary.

The U.S. imperialists seek to justify their aggression with a smoke screen of spreading Democracy throughout the world and helping to defend democratic elements within various countries that are being threatened by external enemies. Behind the facade of sending assistance to democratic governments against the aggression and threat of Communism, the U.S. imperialists aggressors are, in fact, spreading death and destruction all over the world, creating, arming, financing, and proping up the most brutal, fascistic, anti-democratic regimes the world has ever seen. The position of the decentful policy of U.S. imperialism is thoroughly opposed by the American people themselves. 30 million black people inside the United States are fighting for their rights and have been blooded by the fascist U.S. government for 400 years and have never known a shred of democracy. The United States of America is not a democratic country. It is a fascist country. Many people are not able to recognize fascism unless they see swastikas or Mussolini's bald head.
We feel that this is a grievous mistake, because fascism is the type of reptile that always takes on a local color. The American flag and the American eagle are the new symbols of fascism, and they should elicit from the people the same outraged repugnance elicited by the swastika of Nazi Germany or the flag of the rising sun of the Japanese imperialists.

Poor white people, Progressive students, Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, Eskimos, Indians and other progressive elements cry out against the criminal fraudulent claims of the rhetoric of fascist imperialism. fascism is not a democratic government. It is a democracy for the bloodsucking capitalists and the bloodletting Warmongers who control the U.S. government and benefit from its barbaric policies. It is a prison for everyone else and President Nixon is nothing but the Warden of the prison. Indeed, U.S. imperialism seeks to turn the entire world into a huge prison under its bloody thumb. The people of
the world must unite and stop a massive prison break against U.S. imperialism.

The propagandist and apologists for U.S. imperialism seek to belittle the people's movement inside the United States by applying such labels as 'student movement.' The truth is that the so-called 'student movement' inside the United States constitutes a sound revolutionary force. It is an enlightened generation that is locked irretrievably in a battle to the death against the U.S. fascist imperialist regime.

The revolutionary forces inside the United States must be supported by the revolutionary peoples of the Whole World, because whatever the peoples outside of the United States will shake off the tentacles of the vicious octopus of oppression, the revolutionaries of the United States will cut out its imperialist heart and give the decisive blow death blow to U.S. fascism and imperialism.
Measures Proposed by NLF


Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom.

Ho Chi Minh

Cometo Meda

Sept. 20

Open: 9:30 - Vietnamese - South

Telegrams being read by delegate from S. Vietnam. Did Battleen send material to David and did David send telegram?

Comrade Kim Il Sung is the most relevant strategist in the struggle against U.S. fascism and imperialism in the world
today and he has put forth the correct outline for the universal destruction of fascism and imperialism in our time.

Congo Brazzaville - 10:00

It is time for the revolution to explode of the world inside the imperialist nations themselves. We must tear down the borders of the imperialist nations and destroy the mechanisms of their movement in their very house. This will be done by the stepping up of revolutionary activity inside of the imperialist nations themselves — particularly inside the United States Of America.

The U.S. imperialist are fond of using nuclear weapons to threaten and intimidate the revolutionary peoples and the liberation movements. But we declare that the nuclear weapons of the United States are null and void because if they use
them at all they will have to drop them on their own cities of New York, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and many other cities because the American people themselves are rising up to destroy the U.S. fascist imperialist system.

Brazzaville Congo Concluded: 10:30
Democratic Republic of Vietnam
Start: 10:35

We stand for the evacuation of all Yankee-imperialist troops from the many areas of the world where they store their murderous weapons and machine of war with which they seek to dominate the peoples of the world in their self-appointed role of superman and policemans of the world. The troops of U.S. imperialism must be driven out of Vietnam and the U.S. imperialist must make restitution.
for the material destruction they have criminally and deceitfully perpetrated
against the sovereign Vietnamese people. And the U.S. imperialist
must pay a blood debt before a revolutionary tribunal for the vicious
sadistic, atrocity-wielding slaughter of the Vietnamese people.
The U.S. imperialist aggressors must withdraw their troops from the
sacred soil of the Korean people or be driven into the sea by the fire
and wrath of the people. The Korean people must be left absolutely alone
to unify their country on the basis which seems best suited to them for
their peace, prosperity, and happiness.
The U.S. imperialist invaders must evacuate Guantanamo Bay, and leave
the revolutionary people of Cuba alone. The tyrannical and repugnant blockade
mounted by the power-drunk, cowardly, businessmen of Babylon must be smashed.
The U.S. imperialist aggressors must cease their role of merchants of death and destruction who are guilty of financing and arming and protecting the arrogant nazis, Zionist landgrabbers who have usurped and plundered the fatherland of the Palestinian people.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors must be routed and appropriated throughout the Continents of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Their support of the fascist government of Portugal in its racist oppression of the people of Angola, Bissau, and Mozambique must be overthrown. Their support of the racist colonial settler regimes of Southern Rhodesia and South Africa must be stopped. And the neo-colonialist penetration of Africa must be appropriated and defeated.

The Vampire kiss of death which the U.S. imperialists have placed on the economies and governments and people of Latin America must be decisively repudiated and the Latin American people must be left alone to follow the
Path to the future being blazed for them by Socialist Cuba, out of the swamps of stagnation, humiliation and suffering into the sunshine of prosperity and peace and true independence. The U.S. imperialist aggressors must be forced to abandon their hopeless and desperate schemes and maneuvers to control and dominate the peoples of Laos, Cambodia and every other rich of earth where they are interfering. The degenerate and treason policy of rearming and rushing forward the Japanese and West German militarists must be thoroughly exposed and halted.

United Front Against Fascism And Imperialism AFAFAI

Finish 11:50
Another Vietnamese dude cut into me, about the trip and for an address, and suggested that we visit the North Vietnamese Embassy here.
Cuba
Soviet
Chile
Espagne
Czech
Japan
Algeria
German
Cygnus
Facts

I would like to remind the world that the defeat of U.S. imperialism in Vietnam/Korea resulted only in financial losses to the imperialists. This loss can be measured by the amount of war materials that were pumped into those wars. But it was the American people, the proletariat that paid the blood price with the deaths of its sons on the field of battle.
Comrade:

Do you think that your stay in Korea has made you more Revolutionary?
Why are the Russians and the Chinese killing each other?

We believe that all of the territory in the world must be liberated from imperialist control.

We want the people around the world to throw rocks, and bottles, and spit, and kick handgrenades, and bullets, and bombs, and jeers at so-called President Nixon when he if he dares to visit their country.

Richard Nixon is the archenemy of oppressed black people and all poor white people, and Mexican Americans, and Indians, Puerto Ricans, and Eskimos.

If the oppressed people of Latin America could spit in Richard Nixon's
face. When he was Vice President, we do not approve of Socialists in Romania, kissing him now that he is president — unless Romanian kisses are equal to Latin American spit.

We do not believe in Peaceful Coexistence with imperialism and fascism. Because we believe that it is necessary to hunted the monster down, drive him in a corner, and annihilate him.

Imperialism is the cause of the suffering of the people. By its very nature, imperialism inflict suffering upon the people by its very existence. The means favor of getting. We want to put an end to the suffering of the people, therefore we must put an end to imperialism.

The halting of imperialism is nothing but the halting of robbery and murder.
The United States of America does not have a right to rob and murder people. Therefore it does not have the right to be imperialist. The people who suffer from imperialism have a right to destroy it.

Imperialism is a policy of the American ruling class. We believe that it is the task of the American working class and the oppressed peoples in America to overthrow the American ruling class. But it is the task of all the peoples of the world to destroy U.S. imperialism.

The policy of a ruling class can be changed or smashed. You can force a change in a uniting the policy of a ruling class even though that class may continue to exist. This happened in many cases after the bourgeoisie seized power from the feudal class.
How can the Korean people in the North coexist peacefully with U.S. imperialism in the South? It is impossible. Neither can North Vietnam coexist peacefully with U.S. imperialism in the South. The Palestinian peoples cannot coexist peacefully with U.S. imperialism in Tel Aviv. Oppressed people cannot coexist peacefully with their oppressor.

We believe that the war against imperialism must be spread throughout the world as far as possible in order to disperse the forces of U.S. imperialism as widely as possible.

We need someone to write an article and translate it into all the languages spoken here and explain why Russians and Chinese are killing each other and why the Chinese are not here at the conference.
Since the U.S. Imperialists are always so pleased to send United Nations troops into other peoples lands. We see no reason why they should object to the Black Panther Party calling for U.N. troops and U.N. Observer Teams to be sent inside the United States to halt the aggression of the troops of the ruling class against black people and other oppressed peoples, and stop the persecution and murder of the oppressed peoples leaders.

The white supremacists in Washington do not believe in Peaceful Coexistence. Peace to them is only an interlude during which to prepare for war.
September 21, 1969

Open: 10:00 A.M.

9 Speakers

Ceylon - 11:08
Saragasi - 11:38

S. Korea - 1st - 10:10 - 10:55 (10 min.)
France - 3rd 12:10 - 12:30
Algeria
Panama

Recessed: 11:45
Reconvened: 12:00 - 12:30
Argentina - 12:30 - 1:00
Reconvened: 4:30
Congo-Brazzaville: 4:35

(We request a resolution against the racist repression of black people in the United States.)

Egypt: 5:07 - 5:40

12
5/6
2/3 1/2
3/4 1/2
Laoa: 5:45 - 6:12
Panama: 6:52 - 7:15
Algeria: 7:17 - 7:50
Angola: 7:55 - 8:15

1961 dispute started

Leone: 8:50 - 9:10
Spain: 9:12 - 9:25
Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were
acquitted for giving
atomic bomb
by the name of the blood of
Rosenberg, in the name of the blood
of the Vietnamese people, in the name
of humanity, I demand that the Soviet
Union use its hydrogen bombs to force
the United States out of Vietnam. Now
is the time, while the American people
are sick and tired of the war,
if Stalin were in control of the Soviet
Union he would do it. If there
were Marxist-Leninists in the
Soviet Union they would do it.

The hydrogen bombs that you have
do not belong to you; they are not
your private property. They belong
to the International Proletariat. And we
demand that you use them to stop
the genocide against the Non-European
peoples.

More

I do not value the life of a Russian
more than I do on the life of a Vietnamese peasant.
September 22, 1969

Convened: 10:55

Mozambique 10:55 - 11:20
Portugal 10:25 - 11:53
Arabian Syrian 11:55 - 12:20
Chili
Black Panthers Party

Finland: 6:10 - 6:30
Guinea Bissau: 12:25 - 12:50
Peru
Mongolia
Italy
Open: 9:30 (47 more delegations to speak)

Tanzania:
Czechoslovakia: 10:00 P.M.
Sudan: 10:02 - 10:20

May 25, 1968 - Cong, Militaire/May Revolution

Japan: 10:22 - 10:47

Curious that he chooses not to speak in Japanese. Deep shit, baby! "Military Bases in Japan chinese - most important U.S. Base in Asia. From there to Vietnam."
DPRK Vietnam, Cuba = Vanguard of the anti-imperialist struggle.

Within the 30 million black people and other oppressed people inside the United States, there are ardent battalions of the army of liberation which major Ernesto Che Guevara called the heroic guerrilla. We respond to Che's call, enlisting his army into a hemispheric wide army of liberation. And we do further, responding to the resounding trumpet call of the great leader of the 40 million Korean people and the great strategist and tactician of the international anti-imperialist struggle, led by U.S. imperialist aggression, to carry the sacred cause of our joint struggle through to the bitter-sweet end.
We speak of internationalizing our struggle. In order to do that, we must have an international analysis and an international strategy implemented through international tactics. I think that Comrade Kim Il Sung has provided these. I see the earth as one big piece of land with one big body of water. I see one territory. And I see Comrade Kim Il Sung speaking to all the people in this territory and I see them listening to and understanding him. It would take a man like Comrade Kim Il Sung, with his long and deep experience of fighting against imperialism, including deep experience in guerrilla warfare. He has taken what he knows and applied it to the international situation. I think that the result is beautiful. I think it is what we've all been seeking, and working for, and waiting for. What do you think?
We are fighting the U.S. imperialists directly, without fear. So that we are not prepared to tremble in our boots from the dim yelping of their lapdogs and lackeys, no matter whether these lapdogs and lackeys are seasoned flunkies like Ch'ing K'ai-shek and Peking, or whether they are fledglings like the Nitro-Kissers in Romania.
If you want to broaden the anti-imperialist front, start by putting up a front against Kissing Nixon.

Imperialism is the foreign policy of the U.S. Imperialist aggression is fascism and the internal policy of the U.S. is imperialism.

If a man has a gun that shoots 6 times and he is using that gun to oppress and control the people, we believe that if we cannot do it any other way, then we believe the correct tactic is to rush the oppressor with seven men, so that even if he shoots and even kills 6 of us, we will die gladly, knowing that our seventh Comrade has taken away that gun from the oppressor and that our people have another gun with which to fight with which to defend themselves. We need guns, bombs, actually, we need hydrogen bombs. As long as the oppressor has hydrogen bombs with which to oppress our people, we need hydrogen bombs with which to defend ourselves, liberate
ourselves and after liberating ourselves, keep ourselves free. This is a necessity. Anything short of that is doomed, absurd.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great leader of Korea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and their great leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, has heightened our consciousness to a level that makes us equal to the task of dealing with our number one enemy, the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

When the government of Peru recognizes Socialist Cuba, I will sign the resolution.

These revisionists are riding our dear Comrade, the great Lenin, to death. We refer to what's happening here and now. Comrade Kim Il Sung is alive today, now. Why don't the revisionists recommened themselves to us now, instead of in a very deceitfully, dishonest, and manipulative manner. Constantly resurrect the great leader, Lenin.
Who not only preached Marxism but practiced it, and doing such a fine job and making such an important original contribution that we have honored his name by adding it to the name of our ideology and World View. But there is nothing original about Revisionism. The great leader, Lenin, struggled constantly and vigorously against it. Remember that renegade, Kautsky?

I think that history has proven that, at least in some countries, it is very necessary to conduct a thoroughgoing bourgeois revolution in order to proceed with Socialist Construction.

Is Peru a member of the imperialist puppet organization, the OAS? Has Peru established diplomatic relations with the fascist and socialist Republic of Cuba?
The great leader of the international anti-imperialist struggle, Comrade Kim Il Sung, has drawn very clearly the limits of strategic relationships between socialist countries and the whole of the anti-imperialist struggle. We did not recommend to us the killing of the President of the U.S. Imperialists, the archenemy of all mankind.

I would like to see Nitón walk down the main street of Hanoi. If the people of Hanoi give him flowers and kisses, I would have to reexamine my position on this question. Otherwise, I'm not impressed. Nitón is a murderer and robber, an imperialist. I wouldn't miss him with a golf club.
1. Paragraph about Maceo & Katulle.

2. White Race — White Supremacy —
   Superiority of Western Civilization —
   Christianity — and Eastern Religions
   manifested in Babylon as the reverse
   by White radicals to Blacks taking control
   of their own organizations and directing
   their own struggle. China is
   like the Black Muslims. DPRK is
   like B.P. --- is like the N.A.C.P.
   integrated. White DPRK is equivalent
   to U.S. United Front against fascism.
The delegation from the United States requests that all the speeches that are not given here, be gathered together and entrusted to the Korean Journalist Association and that we insure that they will be published in an adequate form, as quickly as possible, and made available as widely as possible, but particularly to insure that they become available to all delegations that extend them. And our delegation here and now requests copies.

Taken care of

Eldridge Cleaver, M.D.I.
Black Panther Party
United States of America
September 23, 1969
America's ethnic mixture was once considered its greatest strength. Now that the U.S. has become imperialist, the ethnic mixture has become its greatest weakness. Because imperialism needs fascism at home in order to hang together, and we are going to destroy that fascist fascism in our country, and we are thereby going to contribute to the destruction of imperialism abroad.

All of this renegade talk about Lenin only obscures the situation. This is incorrect use of Lenin's name. What we need today is blinding light. Light that is 'blinding' by being informed by history. This means to be thoroughly informed by Marxism-Leninism. I find Comrade Kim Il Sung to be precisely this manner of man.
The U.S. imperialists, and their lackeys everywhere. When they are plotting against us & in dark rooms behind closed doors, have made a colossal miscalculation. They have believed their own lies about America. They think that America is a White Country. It is not. The United States of America contains within its borders people from every corner of the world, large numbers of black people. There are also revolutionary white people. Altogether, we shall destroy racism and imperialism in America, and thereby help usher imperialism into the grave. Behind will be left America, the America of the dream, a socialist America, that will be the brothers and sisters of all humanity.
Find Hour Of Imperialism
Doom Of Imperialism, Triumph Of
The People.

O great humanity,
For centuries you have suffered
A bottomless, hopeless death
Of all that made life worth living
Governments changed hands
But your condition remained the same.

Under The Yoke Of Oppression
Bond in pits with chains
Murdered in dark cells by butchers
Shot down in the streets like dogs
Mutilated, humiliated, torn asunder, butchered
Without mercy, without concern for
Our human worth.

What hope is there for you
Down there in the mud
Under the heel of the boot
Crushed bleeding, groaning,
Dead before dying
Defeated before fighting
Tramping around in a circle of fire
Kneeling, bound, blocked in every channel.

Slavery, Colonization, Imperialism
Our lot, the names of our pain.

Let us decline for ourselves
Let us speak in words that keep like flames
Let us add new victories to those already gained.
We must enraged and confront our enemy
Universal Imperialist aggression.

No enemy could be so strong
And we've already suffered so long
We are right, imperialism is wrong.

Let it be
The Earth is one territory
One land, one water
And we are one people
And we have one enemy
U.S. Imperialism and the puppet-kicking boot
Would lick its boots.
The arms of this monster
The coils of this snake
The teeth of this wolf

Let us take up our arms
And call this world bully's bluff.
Let us slash at its arms and legs
Out with its heart, Off with its head
Until at last it is dead.

We can achieve the victory
We can win this battle
Our cause is just, Our hearts are strong,

Down with Imperialist aggression.
Centralizing the Revolution Inside
Each Country, Centralizing the International
Anti-Imperialist Crusade, and Joining
The Two Together. This is One of
The Imperative Duties of All Commissars
Who Understand the Correct Line
for This Action Put Forth by
Marshall Kim Il Sung.

Whenever a Communist Party becomes
the Vanguard, it moves to consolidate under
its authority and direction, all of the weaker
units of revolutionary power beneath it. This
is necessary and correct, as it is the thrust
that will enable the party to fulfill the
requirements of the transition from Capitalism
to Socialism by exercising the dictatorship
of the proletariat.

The reason that there is so much
confusion amongst Communists today is
that in past attempts to consolidate the
revolutionary forces, it became we tend
to neglect the correct application of
democratic-centralism.
Our Party believes that not only is Under Guerrilla Warfare possible and practical, but that it is absolutely necessary to the success of the Revolution. We have a systematic theory and program for carrying it through to its final conclusion.
9-28-69
8th October – Return Flight
2 hrs. Political Education each morning.
Afternoon – Sightseeing
Free time

Topics To Discuss


2. Details of Revolutionary Practice Of

3. Success & Experience on Construction And Revolutionary Stages of DPRK

4. Unification And Revolution In South.

5. Tactics And Strategy On International Communist & Working Class Movement According to Kim Il Sung

6. How to Deal With Progressive Organizations inside U.S.A.
Monzon Bay
Industrial Exhibition
Pioneers Palace
Kim Il Sung University
Textiles
Locomotive Factory
Irrigation Project
Korean Art Museum
Revolutionary Movies
& Guerrilla Warfare, Transition to Mobile
Warfare, Demolition, etc.

Our No. 1 Concern
Reentering U.S.A. after firmly establishing international links, tightening the noose around the throat of U.S. Imperialism, thus making it easy to deal with U.S. fascism on the spot.

Korean Passports.
Lectures

1. Information

1. National Lawyers Guild
2. National Mobilization Committee To Stop The War In Vietnam
3. National Medical Committee For Human Rights
4. Students Against The Draft
5. Blacks Against The War, etc.