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Summary:

Chin Hang Gong announces that "the time of crisis is upon us" during his address to an APACL meeting in Saigon.

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CAUCUS OPENING REMARKS MADE BY
MR. CHIN HANG GONG, HEAD OF THE
KOREAN DELEGATION TO THE SAIGON
APACL PRELIMINARY MEETING, ON
SEPTEMBER 11, 1956

Our friends of Vietnam have seen to it that this meeting is off to an inspiring start.

No words of mine can begin to convey the Korean delegation's appreciation for the Free Asian manifesto that has been laid down here this morning. It gives all of us renewed hope that the League will fulfill its destiny and play a major role in stopping Communism.

We of Korea believe that the time of crisis is upon us. The Communists have not yet won the final victory -- but they are moving ahead everywhere throughout the world. They are working night and day -- and pausing neither for rest nor the niceties of civilization. Country after country is vanishing behind the black curtains of their slave system. People after people is disappearing into the maw of what has become a global concentration camp. I need not go into detail, because you all know the list: Laos, Burma, Indonesia, Malaya, India, Ceylon, Egypt, and the rest of the Near and Middle East. All are gone, or in the process of going. When the tactic of military assault cannot be used, the Communists fall back upon parliamentary maneuver, diplomatic pressure, trade lures, and every other sort of conspiracy and inducement.

My friends, the time for action is here -- not tomorrow, not at a conference next year -- but right now. We of Korea have some ideas as to what that action should be. But it must not be merely Korean action, -- but League action, collective action, strong action that can push the Communists back.

We want to get together with you again -- in extraordinary conference -- to determine mutually what actions we should take and how they can best be taken. After that we want to see that the implementation is carried through. We want to see that Red China is kept out of the United Nations at the forthcoming General Assembly meeting in November, and that Korea and Vietnam become members.

With this in mind, Korea is submitting to you in memorandum form a call for an interim or extraordinary conference to be held in November, before the opening of the United Nations General Assembly. We are willing to meet anywhere as long as it is soon, and as long as the meeting is solely dedicated to what we have called Action Against Communism.



We say in all frankness, and with the deepest conviction, that unless such action is taken very quickly, the luxury of free meetings soon will be no more. It is time that we did a lot less talking and a good deal more fighting.

I am telling you no secret when I say that Korea is going to fight. It wants to fight through the medium of the League, in the company of our good friends and allies. But if that is not possible, Korea must fight anyway -- and alone, if that be necessary. In our judgment -- and it is a judgment borne out by the course of human events during the last forty years -- that is the only way to free survival.