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Summary:

The speaker thanks the Black Panther Party for supporting North Korea's efforts to achieve independence without the influence of US and Japanese imperialist forces and expresses North Korea's hope for solidarity against imperialism. The speaker argues that Korean unification can only be achieved by the Korean people themselves.

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Esteemed Mr. Eldridge Cleaver and Madame,

Esteemdd Mr. Robert Scheer,

Dear guests,

Comrades,

Today it gives us great pleasure to get together in Pyongyang, the capital of our country, with you friends from the Anti-imperialist Delegation of the American People visiting Korea led by Mr. Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information of the Black Panther Party of the U.S.A.

May I once again warmly welcome your visit to our country in the name of the Committee for the peaceful Unification of the Fatherland.

This time you have come to visit our country to express your solidarity with the struggle of the Korean people against U.S. imperialism and for the independent unification of the fatherland.

Your visit to our country is of great significance in strengthening the solidarity between the Korean people and the progressive people in America in the struggle against U.S. imperialism, the common enemy.

The U.S. imperialists headed by war-maniac Nixon are now running amuck to find a way out of their acute crisis at home and abroad in stepping up their manoeuvres for aggression and war externally and intensifying their plunder and repression of the people internally.

However, with no malignant manoeuvres can the U.S. imperialists save their fate already on the decline.

Everywhere the U.S. imperialists are running the gauntlet of and being dismembered by the revolutionary people of the world who have risen up in the liberation struggle.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, said as follow:

"Where there is exploitation and oppression, there always breaks out the revolutionary struggle of the people."

The flames of the anti-imperialist liberation struggle are raging furiously also inside America, the den of U.S. imperialism.

The struggle of the Black Panther Party and the Black people in America against the cursed policy of racial discrimination of the U.S. imperialists and for freedom and liberation is developing with an increasing power everyday and dealing a telling blow at U.S. imperialism.

Together with the liberation struggle of the Black people, the struggle of the progressive people in America against the U.S. imperialists' criminal policy of aggression and war is surging on an unprecedented scale.

The increasingly fierce revolutionary struggle of the American people has driven the U.S. imperialist ruling circles into a tighter corner.

The struggle of the Black people and progressive people in America against U.S. imperialism is an important link in the chain of the anti-imperialist struggle of the peoples across the world and a great assistance to the revolutionary cause of the Korean people.

The Korean people render resolute support to and express firm solidarity with the just struggle of the Black people and progressive people in America against the exploitation and oppression of U.S. imperialism and for genuine freedom, liberation and the right to existence.

We scathingly denounce U.S. imperialism for its barbarous repression of the Black Panther Party and strongly demand the immediate and unconditional release of Huey Newton, Bobby Seale and other leaders and members of the Black Panther Party whom the U.S. imperialists have illegally arrested and imprisoned.

Comrades and friends,

The Korean people waged a protracted struggle against foreign aggressors and for the freedom and independence of their fatherland.

In the darkest period of Japanese imperialist rule, Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero and ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander, organized and led the heroic anti-Japanese armed struggle for over 15 years and finally smashed brigandish Japanese imperialism and accomplished the historic cause of the restoration of the fatherland.

After the liberation, the Korean people under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, have creditably embodied his great idea of Juche and his line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence in all fields and thereby turned their once backward country into an independent socialist state with an advanced socialist system and the firm foundation of an independent national economy, a powerful all-people defence system and a brilliant national culture.

The South Korean people, inspired by the prosperity and development of the Republic, are fighting against the fascist rule of terror of U.S. imperialism and its stooges, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, and for democratic freedoms, national independence and the unification of the fatherland.

Today the U.S. imperialists are intensifying with each passing day their manoeuvres to provoke a new war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, even drawing the Japanese militarists, the inveterate enemy of the Korean people, into South Korea. This has created a grave situation in our country in which war may break out again at any moment.

But, the U.S. imperialists should not forget the lessons of history.

If the U.S. imperialists dare ignite another war of aggression against Korea in defiance of our repeated warnings, they will be completely annihilated and swept away by our People's Army and people who are so well armed that each of them can match for a hundred foes.

Of late the U.S. imperialists are noisily talking about the "partial withdrawal" of their aggression troops occupying South Korea. But this is no more than a sheer deceptive farce aimed at camouflaging the manoeuvrings they are now intensifying to provoke a new war^{of} aggression in South Korea. As a link in the chain of the so-called "Nixon doctrine" designed to easily achieve their aggressive aims by making "Asians fight against Asians", it is a plain manifestation of their malignant act to drag the aggressive army of Japanese militarism directly into South Korea..

The U.S. imperialists must unconditionally and completely withdraw from South Korea without delay, taking all their lethal weapons with them.

The question of Korean unification will be settled by the Korean people themselves independently, on democratic principles, without the interference from any outside forces, after the complete withdrawal of the U.S. imperialists aggression army from South Korea.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express my profound thanks to the Black Panther Party of the U.S.A. and the progressive people in America for resolutely denouncing the aggressive manoeuvre of the U.S. imperialists against the Korean people and rendering firm support and solidarity to the just struggle of our people for the independent unification of the country.

The Korean people will, in the future, too, make all their endeavours to strengthen solidarity with the Black people and progressive people in America in the struggle against the common enemy, U.S. imperialism.

I hope you will spend fruitful and pleasant days during your stay in our country and wish you big successes in your visit to our country.

May I propose a toast to the militant friendship and solidarity between the Korean people and the progressive people in America in the common struggle against the U.S. imperialist policy of war and aggression, to the health of Mr. Eldridge Cleaver and his wife, to the health of Mr. Robert Scheer, to the health of all the guests and to the health of all comrades present here.