

June 16, 1954

**Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist Conference, Address
Delivered by Mr. Yap Tin Sing, Chief Delegate of
Hong Kong**

Citation:

"Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist Conference, Address Delivered by Mr. Yap Tin Sing, Chief Delegate of Hong Kong", June 16, 1954, Wilson Center Digital Archive, B-387-025, Documents Related to the Asian Anti-Communist League Conference, Papers Related to Treaty-Making and International Conferences, Syngman Rhee Institute, Yonsei University. <https://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/118325>

Summary:

Yap Tin Sing describes the "open struggle and collision with the communists" in Hong Kong.

Credits:

This document was made possible with support from Syngman Rhee Institute, Yonsei University

Original Language:

English

Contents:

Original Scan

ASIAN PEOPLES' ANTI-
COMMUNIST CONFERENCE
Chinhae, Korea

APACC/SP.2
16 June 1954

Distr. RESTRICTED
ORIGINAL: CHINESE

To be entered into the minutes

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY
MR. YAP TIN SING, CHIEF DELEGATE OF HONGKONG

At the Third Session, Wednesday, 16 June 1954.

We came from Hongkong which is a colony of Great Britain. That place being located directly in front of anti-communist struggle, there often takes place open struggle and collision with the communists. Residing face to face with the Iron Curtain so as to enable us to watch every activity and conspiracy which the communists constantly pursue in an attempt to engulf the whole world. I wish to make a brief report on such points.

First of all, I am going to report on what we have done and are doing in the struggle against communism.

1. Cultural Circle:

In 1949 when KWANG-CHOW fell into the communists' hands, the newspapers "DA KOONG BAO" and the "WEN-HEI-PAO", both of which are published in Hongkong, had won the widest popularity. At that time, anti-communist newspapers were not worth any consideration. But now the situation has drastically changed. Anti-communist papers are coming into being just as bamboo shoots after a rainfall. The most famous among them is the SHING-TAO-IR-BAO, which is one of the most influential papers of the rightists though it has once been of the leftists. The "WHA-CHIAO-IR-PAO" which was once reluctant to use the era name of the Republic of China, is proudly using it at present.

2. Educational Circle:

In 1949, Most schools in Hongkong supported Red China Regime, used

APACC/SP.2

Page 2

text books of Red China, sang Red songs and hoisted the Red Flags.

At present, however, most of them turned to the anti-communist line.

There are, at present, more than one hundred such schools in Hongkong as English Institutes, Colleges and Middle Schools. Among them, several middle schools - SHIN TAO, CHUNG WHA, HAN WHA, SHIN CHAO, etc, are still sitting on the fence, while the other schools are hoisting the flag of the Republic of China.

3. Industrial Circle:

When the China Proper fell into the hands of the Communists, there have been a wide fluctuation among industrial circles; laborers, agitated by vicious propaganda of the communists claiming workers' paradise, welcomed the Red triumph; labor unions sprouted over a night; such tendency really appeared to have no end. However, the present situation is quite contrary to that of those days. Having realized that there had been merciless purge and plots in Red China, they have gradually turned their back to communists. The "Industrial and Commercial Federation", which is the largest organization of its kind, has finally joined in the anti-communist line. Now they know that the sweet propaganda of Red China is merely a flagrant lie. Workers' wage under the Red domination decreased; many of them lost their jobs. Today, there emerged more than hundred free workers' unions in Hongkong. The Street Car Workers' Union, Union of Longshore Men, and the Union of Spinning Industry, all of which were once on the line of red front, are all enjoying freedom at present as free workers.

4. Commercial Circle:

What we mentioned of the industrial circle is the same in the Commercial Circle. Though merchants were well aware that they were condemned as exploiting class under the red regime, they were deceived by

...copy. 2
Page 3

the red propaganda in believing that the communists would protect private property, when they returned to the China Proper after a short period of refugee life in Hongkong, only to find out that merchants could not maintain their living because of oppression and purge. Realizing the plot of the communist party, most of merchants in Hongkong, except a negligible number of them, chose their way to be free merchants. Today, the General Association of Chinese Merchants is a bulwark of anti-communist struggle.

5. Social Circle:

We can see the same change even in general community life. When the Red occupied the whole Continent, people had, in their minds, some hope toward the communist party. However, they found out that their hope was only a day dream. I will tell you a strong evidence which vividly shows the utter disappointment of people. On the 1st of October, a Red Holiday, Red China flags were shuffled off from houses and buildings except those of a few organizations and banks. On the contrary, the flags of the Republic of China were displayed at every street, shop and factory. What I told you now is only a brief explanation on the situation of Hongkong. Those free people fled from the Red continent are suffering from hard living, but their will to resist communism is ever-strong and their activities vigorous. As the mind of people reflects what is true, the final defeat of communism is well foreseen. Peeping through the Iron Curtain, we came to believe that Red China is tirelessly pursuing the way to dominate whole Asia. It is necessary for us to lift the veil of the sheep-skin of Red China. She is proud of their industry and construction. Such propaganda which, as a matter of fact, means ruthless exploitation of their people aims to help aggressiveness of the Soviet Russia. The people in Red China are suffering from severe shortage of food-stuff. Even a chop of pork is not allowed to them, and even if they had it, they would have to cook it at night. Once floruous streets of Shanghai are more deserted place today. Shelves of stores, once filled with stockpile of

APACC/SP.2

Page 4

merchandise are mere empty spaces though decorated to deceive the eyes of the people. Prices of commodity are as five or six times high as those of Hongkong. Despite such shortage, they are exporting them just to obtain as much foreign currency as possible to buy so much more military supplies for an aggressive war. They would not mind whatever malicious means they may use only if their end be justified. They are destroying human knowledge, cultural heritage and finally aims to undermine the basic foundation of human society. This is the ruthless rule of the international communist party. As the people living in Hongkong or within the Iron Curtain realize what the true intention of the communist party is, they will not be deceived. The people living behind of the Iron Curtain, gives up every hope and even their lives. They are merely awaiting communists' shackle which may strangle their necks. Placed under such terrible destiny, how can they remain idle to wait for death? Success or failure in the struggle against communists, depends absolutely on whether we unite ourselves or not. If we do not win over communists, we shall perish one by one under the red blow. Therefore, I believe my fellow delegates represented at this Conference will thoroughly realize the necessity that the Asian peoples must unite themselves in delcaring to organize anti-communist organization of permanent nature. We have to reveal the ominous and lawless intention of the communist party in each country and deny all decisions of the Geneva Conference. Lastly I make one more urgent proposal to set up reception places in the vicinity of the Iron Curtain so as to encourage the staff members of the communist countries to make decisive efforts to seek life-long asylum in the free world.