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Summary:

Whang Sung Soo announces that the "war is not over" in Korea to the Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist Conference.

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SPEECH OF THE KOREAN DELEGATION: MR. WHANG SUNG SOO

These topics are especially appropriate for discussion in Korea. As you all know, this country is still at war. Posed along an artificial line dividing our country are more than one million Communist troops. The war is not over. The Communists are building up their strength for a new onslaught. In total violation of the so-called Armistice Agreement, the Reds are bringing the latest model Russian jet planes, tanks, and other armaments into the half of our country that they hold illegally.

I would like to speak at length about what the Communists have done in Korea--close to two millions of our citizens killed and wounded, hundreds of thousands of our buildings and homes destroyed, half of our school buildings in ruins, hundreds of thousands of war widows and orphans. But many of you already know our tragic story. Besides, it is late. So I shall only add that in the part of the country we hold, there are no Communists. Our people are among the most bitterly anti-Communist humans on this earth. They have suffered too long and too greatly to be lured into the traps set by the honey-tongued emissaries of Moscow. Thus we have no internal Communist problem in the Republic of Korea--aside from a few unliquidated guerrillas. Our Communist problem is that the Communists have half our country and we have pledged ourselves to free those of our people who are enslaved or to die in the attempt.

We have already distributed to you some booklets that tell of what the Communists have done in Korea and what they still hope to do here and elsewhere in the world. I have also brought one booklet titled "Korea Towards Freedom" which has my article in "The

"Korea Towards Freedom" which has my article in "The of Pacific Era". I hope you will read them when you have time. I also know that as you travel through Korea, the devastation will speak to you far more eloquently than any words of mine. That devastation was wrought by Communists, and they are waiting for the opportune moment to return to the southern half of our land and eventually to engulf us all. Either we begin to stop these evil barbarians now, or surely we all shall perish—most brutally—as so many of our Korean loved ones already have. The hopes of Korea, of Asia, and perhaps of all the world rest on this Conference.