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**Summary:**

Eldridge Cleaver praises Kim Il Sung and the Korean people as models of the anti-imperialist struggle and suggests that US imperialism has been crumbling since its "defeat" in the Korean War. Cleaver praises North Korean economic development in heavy industry and light industry and in agriculture which serves the purpose of liberating the people. Suggesting that the Korean peninsula can only be unified by the Koreans themselves, Cleaver indicates his support for North Korea's efforts to unify Korea against US imperialism, warning that the US imperialists that they will suffer a heavier loss if they provoke another war.

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The Black Panther Party, the Anti-War Movement, and a swiftly growing number of progressive U.S. people emphatically reject and scornfully repudiate the fascist-imperialist U.S. Government and ruling class. We have chosen instead to launch a program of PEOPLES' DIPLOMACY to offset the vile, brigandish, perpetual scheming of the U.S. imperialists' so-called Department of State. The present visit of our U.S. PEOPLES' ANTI-IMPERIALIST DELEGATION marks the inauguration by the U.S. people of this program ~~and~~ of PEOPLES' DIPLOMACY. We believe that it is proper for us to launch our program with this visit of solidarity to the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea, for it was here in the glorious and heroic Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea that U.S. imperialism first bit the dust. We believe that when ~~the~~ U.S. imperialism is finally defeated and the book is closed forever on its inglorious history, it will be written that U.S. imperialism was programmed for death and total destruction on the sacred soil of the gallant Korean people. Our Delegation is honored to be received by the Korean people and have our program of PEOPLES' DIPLOMACY receive such powerful and significant support. If all of the oppressed and revolutionary peoples of the world follow the example ~~of~~ of the heroic Korean people, led by the far-sighted Genius-Commander, the Ever-Victorious Comrade Kim Il Sung, then our program

of PEOPLES' DIPLOMACY will be a great success and U.S. imperialism will have received a stinging and significant slap in its ugly piratical face.

We recognize that the front lines in the battle against U.S. imperialism are here in Asia. Twenty years ago, the Korean people fought a bloody, but victorious battle against the forces of U.S. imperialism. For almost a century the heroic Vietnamese people have withstood the onslaughts of the French, Japanese and now the U.S. imperialists' guns, tanks and bombs. Even though their struggle has been arduous, the Vietnamese people have launched many victorious offensives against the U.S. aggressors. They have provided a heroic model for the majority of U.S. youth who have now joined the anti-war movement. Now the U.S. aggressors have spread their rain of bombs over the entire Indochinese people. In a frenzy, they have destroyed the historic and sacred monument Angkor Wat. The U.S. imperialists' CIA engineered a military coup d'etat in Cambodia, while head of state Norodon Samdech Sihanouk was making a tour of fraternal countries, replacing him with the puppet lackey Lon Nol. Seeing that the heroic Khmer people would not stand by while the U.S. blatantly set up this puppet regime in their country, the U.S. imperialists and their South Vietnamese puppets vengefully invaded Cambodian territory.

But for every act of aggression by the U.S. imperialists, the brave Indochinese people have made an appropriate and powerful response. This time they formed a unified military front to coordinate all aspects of their liberation war. The U.S. imperialist monster is so helpless against the Indochinese ~~the~~ Peoples' valiant struggle that its own thrashing movements bring about the situation it most fears: the unity and solidarity of the Asian people against U.S. imperialism.

The Indochinese people have shown once again that although the technological might of U.S. imperialism is considerable, ~~the~~ U.S. imperialism is doomed. Huey P. Newton, leader of the Black Panther Party has captured this idea in a slogan: "The spirit of the people is greater than the U.S. imperialists' technology."

Today, the prisons inside the U.S. are overflowing with political prisoners. Leaders of the Black Panther Party such as Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale have languished in jail because they stood up in defense of the people. Others have fallen victim to murderous political assassinations at the hands of the ruling class. In one case, the vicious and sadistic members of the notorious Chicago Police Department came in the night and entered the home of a Black Panther Party Leader, Fred Hampton, and shot him to

death while he slept. So we see that the methods of terror and murderous suppression are the same wherever the U.S. imperialists set foot and attempt to wipe out the righteous resistance and rebellion of the people. Comrade Kim Il Sung said that, "Where there is oppression, there is resistance of the people".

Here in Korea we find a people who have laid the foundations of communism and are now rushing with Chollima speed to transform their society into an earthly paradise. And the only thing standing between the Korean people and paradise is the occupying army of the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

The imperialists like to sing a song entitled "God Bless America," and on each U.S. dollar bill they

have inscribed the words "In God We Trust," but not even God himself, if he existed outside the brains of capitalistic preachers and priests, could save U.S. imperialism from the inevitable doom that the people of the world are preparing for it. And we want the world to know that joining in the vanguard of the gravediggers who are preparing the final resting place for U.S. Capitalism, Racism, Fascism, and Imperialism, are the ever-growing number of U.S. peoples themselves.

This month of July was a month commemorating the victorious struggle of the Korean people against U.S. imperialism. From all the fraternal countries and from liberation movements everywhere have come warm communications to the Korean people and to the Genius-Commander, Comrade Kim Il Sung, expressing solidarity with your valiant struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors who have divided your great country in two. All the progressive and revolutionary people of the world recognize that the Korean people were the first to bring <sup>the</sup> U.S. imperialists ~~to~~ trembling to their knees seventeen years ago.

On this occasion, we of the U.S. PEOPLES' ANTI-IMPERIALIST DELEGATION are honored to make this first historic trip to the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea. Our visit here represents a momentous addition to the invincible world-wide array of forces pitted against the U.S. imperialists. For it is not only in every corner

of Asia, Africa, and Latin America that people are surging forward to gain their freedom and their vital human rights; now, inside the belly of the imperialist monster, revolutionaries in the black and white struggle are moving to overthrow the vicious capitalist system which oppresses the people of the United States and is indeed the curse of the entire planet;

Because we live daily within the very confines of the imperialist monster--the greatest enemy of all humanity-- we understand its nature very clearly. At home we see its ~~face~~ fascist oppression and capitalist exploitation of the masses of the people--black, Mexican, Indian or native American, Asian and poor white. We see the great wealth of our country grabbed and consumed by the avaricious monopoly capitalists, while children die of malnutrition and starvation. We know that because of the racist nature of imperialist America, people are imprisoned for nothing more than the color of their skin. Our comrades have been murdered in the streets by hired fascist troops who audaciously claim to "serve and protect" us, and students are beaten and jailed because they refuse to remain silent in the face of racist oppression and imperialist aggression.

Here in Asia we see most vividly the other face of U.S. fascism--namely U.S. imperialist aggression. The issue cannot be stated more clearly--our enemy is one

and the same: the brutal U.S. imperialists who have perpetrated untold injustice, inhumanity, and exploitation upon the people of the whole world. Bound together with you by our common determination to bring final death to U.S. imperialism, we the U.S. Peoples' Anti-Imperialist Delegation, representing the progressive U.S. people, stand in firm and militant solidarity with the 40 million Korean people under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, in your struggle to get the U.S. imperialist aggressors out of South Korea and unify your glorious Hatherland.

This trip to Korea is of historic significance to us not only because it makes it possible for us to express our solidarity with the Korean people, but also because it will greatly aid us in strengthening our own revolutionary struggle. The U.S. ruling class works feverishly to isolate our struggle by lying to the American people about the strength of the world-wide anti-imperialist forces, constantly clamoring about the imminent victory of U.S. foreign policy of aggression. In this way they try to keep the people ignorant of their own power to smash the capitalist system that oppresses them every day of their lives; That ignorance is part of the insidious plot of the imperialists who have their blood-stained hands more than full already with the revolutionary struggles of the people of Africa, Latin America, and especially Asia. The imperialists fear that their heart will be cut out from



within, so they must perpetuate that ignorance. But the American people, especially the youth, are seeing through this treacherous web of lies. They are seeing U.S. imperialism being defeated on the battlefields of Asia, particularly in the heroic liberation war of the Vietnamese, Laotian, and Cambodian peoples.

Our trip to the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea will play a crucial part in destroying that web of U.S. imperialists lies. We have seen here with our own eyes the beauty and strength of the Korean people under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, and have learned in detail of the glorious anti-Japanese struggle; the ignominious defeat of the U.S. imperialists in the Fatherland Liberation War, the great feats of socialist construction, and your just and invincible struggle to reunify the Fatherland. We will go back to the American people armed with this knowledge and give them a full report. We know this will be a significant leap toward the final goal of smashing U.S. imperialism everywhere.

We have ~~studied~~ studied the long and arduous struggle which the Korean people waged for their freedom and independence. And we have come to understand the profound significance of the anti-Japanese struggle ~~for~~ for your revolutionary history. By visiting Mangyongdae, the spiritual cradle of the Korean revolution; we learned how the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung came to wage

the struggle that ultimately brought the Korean people to liberation, revolution, and socialism. At Bonghwa-ri we looked deep into the revolutionary history of Comrade Kim Il Sung's family - a family that had fought bravely for generations as true patriots of Korea. We saw how the great Leader's revolutionary heritage was courageously planted and carefully nurtured so that he was able to take on the glorious task of leading the Korean people down the road of liberation and revolution.

Having led the ~~it~~ 15-year long victorious struggle against Japanese imperialism, Comrade Kim Il Sung was able to see what others were blind to, the impending rise of Japanese militarism under the guiding hand of U.S. imperialism. From Tojo to Sato the insidious aims and greedy ambitions of the Japanese to rule the whole of Asia, and Korea in particular, have remained ~~it~~ unchanged.

As Comrade Kim Il Sung has so wisely pointed out: "The U.S. imperialists are making preparations for the formation of the so-called 'Pacific Alliance' in the Far East. This is to rearm the Japanese imperialists and utilize them as a 'shock brigade' of an aggressive war against the DPRK, the Soviet Union and the Peoples' Republic of China, and utilize them to put down the national liberation movements of the people of many oppressed countries in the Pacific areas." ~~The masses of people within the U.S. must be told of th~~

the U.S. must be told of the role which ~~the~~ Japanese militarism is playing in the schemes of the U.S. imperialists to conquer Asia.

The historical jealousy of the inferior and barbarous West to conquer and suppress the superior and civilized societies of the East has never been abandoned since the first day that the snoop explorers of the West feasted their greedy, burglarious eyes upon the exquisite beauty of the East. The avaricious and predatory approach of the West towards the East is now embodied in the contemptible and feverish attempts of ~~the~~ U.S. imperialism to conquer Asia.

We are dealing with an arrogant monster puffed up with the false pride of a bandit that has falsely identified his loot and plunder as his own accomplishments and contributions to civilization.

When we return to the U.S. we will re-educate the American people about a long forgotten chapter of their history: that chapter in which the Korean people were the first to bring the U.S. Imperialists to their knees by inflicting on them ~~a~~ a crushing, humiliating defeat 17 years ago along the 38th parallel, thereby smashing forever the myth that U.S. imperialism could never be defeated.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors have tried hard to bury that history beneath a mountain of anti-communist clamours and vicious lies. They have held high the blood-

stained banner of the so-called United Nations in their attempt to justify the aggressive invasion of North Korea. The people of the United ~~States~~ States have been taught that the Korean War was a "holy ~~war~~ crusade to keep the world free <sup>when in fact it was a war of world imperialist expansion</sup> from communism". It is the duty of the U.S. Peoples' Anti-Imperialist Delegation to destroy that web of lies and reconstruct for the American people that period of history which we have learned about in the museums, villages and mountains of your country.

We will tell them about June 25, 1950 - a date which must go down in history as the beginning of the downfall of the lying, murderous U.S. imperialists. And about June ~~may~~ 26, ~~1950~~ 1950 - when Marshal Kim Il Sung, brilliant Commander, issued forth his heroic call to the Korean people to rise up and repel the aggressors. History has shown that on that day he issued a ringing call not just to the Korean people, but to all of the oppressed and exploited masses of the world to begin their glorious struggle to smash forever the imperialist war makers, especially the U.S. imperialists. We want ~~a~~ progressive American people to hear that call of 20 years ago and take it to heart.

And the U.S. Peoples' Anti-Imperialist Delegation will see to it that the American people hear the horrifying truth about the 57 days that the U.S. imperialists crawled over Sinchon County and many other places of your fatherland,

committing unspeakable atrocities upon innocent people. They will hear the words of your beloved leader when he said: "Engels once called the British army the most brutal army. During the Second World War the German Fascist Army outdid the British army in its savagery. No human brains could ever imagine more diabolical and more horrible barbarities than those committed by the Hitlerite villains at that time. But in Korea, the Yankees surpassed by far the Hitlerites."

It is imperative that the American people finally know the rest of the history of that atrocious war x - of the way the U.S. imperialist marauders ran for their lives toward the South in the face of the guns and determination of a people refusing to be enslaved by imperialism. Of how the lying chieftains of U.S. imperialism begged for negotiations and then made their treacherous demands at the bargaining table for territory they could not win in battle. And how the heroic Korean People's Army heeded the words of the iron-willed genius commander, Marshal Kim Il Sung, when he instructed them not to yield even an inch of land to the enemy. And how under his wise instruction they fought valiantly, each fighter a match for one hundred of the enemy. We will tell them how every aggressive effort was frustrated by the Korean People's Army at the front, supported by the ingenuity, strength, and loving dedication of those in the rear. Only then will they understand why

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the U.S. generals were finally forced to pick up the pen and surrender, in ink drawn from the blood of hundreds of thousands of Korean fighters who died to defend your glorious Fatherland.

And it will be with the greatest joy that we will tell the American people of the glorious victories of your socialist revolution~~x~~, of the miraculous economic construction that has built a paradise in a land left in ruin and rubble by the U.S. imperialist marauders seventeen years ago. We have visited your factories and cooperative farms and seen the results of a Chollima people flying forward in the simultaneous development of heavy industry, light industry and agriculture. No other people in the history of the world have been able to achieve such fantastic results in all areas of the economy at one time.

When we visited Hamheung, we saw a modern industrial city, built for the needs of the people. In the capitalist United States~~x~~, technology is highly advanced, but serves only to exploit and murder people, to demean and destroy their humanity. But in Korea we have seen and felt how socialist technology works for the liberation of people. We see that you have long since ~~abst~~ abolished the exploitation of man by man and that now your struggle to emancipate man from arduous labor is yet another height that will soon

be conquered by the Korean people. The workers and poverty-stricken people of the world have much to envy in the lives of the working people in the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea - but as your children sing in their songs, they have nothing to envy in the whole world!

We have seen too the great successes you have made in the emancipation of women. Centuries upon centuries of oppression and exploitation have been wiped out since the passage of the Law of Equality of the Sexes just 24 years ago. The special care paid to the needs of Korean revolutionary women cannot be matched - such a complete system of child care and maternal benefits is the dream of women throughout the world.

We have seen on the faces of your children, the flower-buds of revolution, the fulfillment of another centuries-old dream of a happy life without any worries. They are a generation instilled with a sacred mission to once and for all drive the U.S. imperialists out of South Korea, reunify the Fatherland and complete the Korean revolution. From the Children's Palace and the Chollima nurseries and kindergartens to the busy streets where Young Pioneers march vigorously and joyfully toward their schools, the voices of these young Chollima spirits ring out with their dedication to that struggle, their love for their glorious Fatherland, and their unswerving devotion to the loving

Leader whose solicitude has nourished them from infancy.

Of course, we of the U.S. Peoples Anti-Imperialist Delegation feel it as our highest duty to build a militant struggle in the U.S. against the occupation of the southern part of your fatherland by the imperialist swine, especially the U.S. imperialists. After two long and bitter wars fought by the people of Korea against those who would keep them as colonial subjects, that unnatural division of a land, of a people, of a family continues. American people must be made to see that were it not for the guns and planes and troops and money of the U.S. imperialists aggressors, the puppet Pak Jung Hi clique would not last for even a few hours. And as if their very occupation of South Korea were not in itself an aggressive act, the U.S. imperialists ceaselessly commit provocations upon provocation against the sovereignty of the DPRK.

The banner we will raise among the American people is for U.S. troops to get out of South Korea so all Koreans may decide on their future as one unified nation. But we will tell the American people, and the U.S. imperialists themselves, that if they do not willingly leave, there is not a doubt, not even a shred of doubt that the next time the Korean people will drive them into the sea, out of every ri, every village, every city of South Korea where they are perpetrating their atrocities. The imperialists



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will try to close their ears, perhaps try to silence us - but they will have to know that their time is short, and gets shorter with each passing hour. The words of your brilliant, iron-willed commander, Marshal Kim Il Sung ring out clearly with their unmistakable message to the aggressors: "We do not want war, but are never afraid of it. Our people and People's Army will return retaliation for the 'retaliation' of the U.S. imperialists, all-out war for all-out war. The U.S. imperialists must fully be aware that if they aggravate the situation and persistently take the road of war despite our warnings, they will suffer a heavier defeat this time."