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Summary:

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General Secretary - Opening 10:00 A.M.
OIJ - International Organization of Journalists
Conference Declared Open: 10:20

Sept. 19, 1969

Expose the innards of the contradictions between us and the enemy, and expose the innards of the contradictions within our own camp. Arms chair revolutionaries, socialist countries that are long on theory and short on practice, and never equivocate in the face of this sacred duty no matter what the price or consequences. Better to remain silent than to utter irrelevancies, half-truths, or generalities which leave loopholes for those to escape who rightfully should be condemned by those who are still waging life or death struggles for the liberation and security of their people (for dereliction of duty)

September 19, 1969

Open: 9:50 - General Secretary speaks.

H. Make arrangement for getting copy of film and documents of the Conference. Full footage of our presentation.

The U.S. is "The Savage of the 20th Century."

H. Copy of mailing list.

Peaceful Unification — ?
Unification of Korea by any means necessary.

Complete set of Ramparts and Black Panther Party Publications for Korean Journalists Union.

The U.S. imperialist seek to justify their aggression with a smoke screen of spreading Democracy throughout the World and helping to defend democratic elements within various countries that are being threatened by external enemies. Behind the facade of lending assistance to democratic governments against the aggression and threat of Communism, the U.S. imperialist aggressors are, in fact, spreading death and destruction all over the World, creating, arming, financing, and propping up the most brutal, fascist, anti-democratic regimes the World has ever seen. The perfidious nature of this deceitful policy of U.S. imperialism is thoroughly exposed by the American people themselves. 30 million black people inside the United States are fighting for their rights and have been enslaved by the fascist U.S. government for 400 years and have never known a shred of democracy. The United States of America is not a democratic country. It is a cruel fascist country. Many people are not able to recognize fascism unless they see ^{Hitler's} swastikas or Mussolini's ballhead.

We feel that this is a grievous mistake, because fascism ~~is~~ is the type of reptile that always takes on a local coloring. The American flag and the American eagle are the new symbols of fascism, and they should elicit from the people the same outraged repugnance elicited by the swastika of Nazi Germany or the ~~rising~~ flag of the rising sun of the Japanese imperialists.

~~Poor white people, progressive students, Mexican Americans, Porto Ricans, Eskimos, Indians and other progressive elements cry out against the criminal fraudulent claims of the rollover U.S. fascist imperialist regimes that it is a democratic government. It is a democracy for the bloodsucking Capitalists and the blood-letting Warmongers who control the U.S. government and benefit from its barbaric policies. It is a prison for everyone else and President Nixon is nothing but the Warden of the prison. Indeed, the U.S. imperialism seeks to turn the entire world into a huge prison under its bloody thumb. The people of~~

The world must unite and stage a massive prison break against U.S. imperialism.

The propagandists and apologists for U.S. imperialism seek to belittle the people's movement inside the United States by applying such labels as 'student movement.' The truth is that the so-called 'student movement' inside the United States constitutes a sound revolutionary force. It is an enlightened generation that is locked in a battle to the death against the U.S. fascist imperialist regime.

The revolutionary forces inside the United States must be supported by the revolutionary peoples of the whole world, because ~~whereas~~ the peoples outside of the United States will slice off the tentacles of the heinous octopus of ^{U.S.} oppression, the revolutionaries ^{inside} of the United States will ~~cut~~ ^{cut} out its imperialist heart and give the decisive ~~blow~~ death blow to U.S. fascism and imperialism.

Measures Proposed By NLF

1. Open Mass Media Campaigns against schemes of U.S. in South Vietnam, mobilize World people.

Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom.

Ho Chi Minh

Earnesto Meda

Sept. 20

Open: 9:30 - Vietnamese - South

Telegrams being read by delegate from S. Vietnam. Did Kathleen send material to David & did David send telegram?

Comrade Kim Il Sung is the most relevant strategist in the struggle against U.S. fascism and imperialism in the world

Today and he has put forth the correct ^{line} for the universal destruction of fascism and imperialism in our time.

Congo-Brazzaville - 10:00

It is time for the revolution to explode ~~of the world to~~ inside the imperialist nations themselves. We must tear down the borders of the imperialist nations and destroy the mechanisms of their movement in their very house. This will be done by the stepping ~~at~~ up of revolutionary activity inside of the imperialist nations themselves — particularly inside the United States of America.

The U.S. imperialist are fond of using nuclear weapons ~~as~~ to threaten and intimidate the revolutionary peoples and the liberation ~~the~~ movements. But we declare that the nuclear weapons of the United States are null and void because if they use

them at all they will have to drop them on their own cities of New York, Washington, D. C., Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and many other cities because the American people themselves are rising up to destroy the U.S. fascist imperialist system.

Brazzaville Congo Concluded: 10:30
 Democratic Republic of ~~North~~ Vietnam
 Start: 10:35

We stand for the evacuation of all Yankee imperialist troops from the many areas of the world where they store their murderous weapons and machines of war with which they seek to dominate the peoples of the world in their self-appointed role of Superman and policeman of the world.

The troops of U.S. imperialism must be driven out of Vietnam and the U.S. imperialist must make restitution

for the material destruction they have criminally ~~and viciously~~ ~~and sad~~ perpetrated against the sovereign Vietnamese people. And the U.S. imperialist must pay a blood debt before a revolutionary tribunal for the vicious sadistic, ~~and cruel~~, ~~and inhuman~~ slaughters of the Vietnamese people.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors must withdraw their troops from the sacred soil of the Korean people or be driven into the sea by the fire and wrath of the people. The Korean people must be left absolutely alone to ~~to~~ unify their country on the basis which seems best suited to them ~~and~~ for their peace, prosperity, and happiness.

The U.S. imperialist ~~aggressive~~ invaders must evacuate Guantanamo Bay, and leave the Revolutionary people of Cuba alone. The tyrannical and rapacious blockade mounted by the power-drunk ~~and~~ cowardly businessmen of Babylon must be smashed.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors must cease their role of merchants of death and destruction who are guilty of financing and arming and protecting the ~~racist~~ arrogant nazi-like Zionist ~~settlers~~ landgrabbers who have usurped and plundered the fatherland of the Palestinian people.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors must be routed and appropriated throughout the continents of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Their support of the fascist government of Portugal in its racist oppression of the people of Angola, Bissau, and Mozambique must be overthrown. Their support of the racist ~~colonial~~ settler regimes of ~~South Rhodesia~~ ^{South Rhodesia} and South Africa must be stopped. And the neo-colonialist penetration of Africa must be appropriated and defeated.

The Vampire's kiss of death which the U.S. imperialists have placed on the economies and governments and people of Latin America must be decisively repudiated and the Latin American people must be left alone to follow the

path to the future being blazed
for them by Socialist Cuba, out
of the swamps of stagnation,
humiliation, and suffering into the
sunshine of prosperity and peace and
true independence.

The U. S. Imperialist aggressors
must be forced to abandon their hopeless
and desperate schemes and maneuvers to
control and dominate the peoples of
Laos, Cambodia and every other inch
of earth where they are interfering.

The degenerate and brazen policy
of rearming and pushing forward the
Japanese and West German militarists
must be thoroughly exposed and halted.

United Front Against Fascism And
Imperialism UFAFAI

Finish 11:50

Another Vietnamese dude cut into
me, about the trip and for an address,
and suggested that we visit the
North Vietnamese Embassy here. JR

Cuba
Soviets
Chile
Espagne
Czech
Japan
Algeria
German
Tanzanian
Peru

I would like to remind the world that the defeat of U.S. imperialism in Vietnam & Korea resulted only in financial losses to the imperialists. This loss can be measured by the amount of war materials that were pumped into those wars. But it was the American people, the Proletariat, that payed the blood price with the deaths of its sons on the field of battle.

Comrade:

Do you think that
your stay in Korea has made
you more Revolutionary?

Why are the Russians and the Chinese killing each other?

We believe that all of the territory in the World must be liberated from imperialist control.

We want the people around the World to throw rocks, and battles, and spit, and ~~that~~ handgrenades, and bullets, and bombs, and jeers at ~~so-called~~ President Nixon when he if he dares to visit their Country.

So-called President

1 Richard Nixon is the archenemy of oppressed black people and ~~other~~ poor white people, and Mexican-Americans, and Indians, Puerto Ricans, and Eskimos.

If the oppressed people of Latin America ~~can~~ spit in Richard M Nixon's

~~free. When he was Vice President, we do not approve of Socialists in Roumania kissing him now that he is president - Unless Roumanian kisses are equal to Latin American spit.~~

~~We do not believe in Peaceful Coexistence with imperialism and fascism, ~~especially~~ ~~U.S.~~ because we believe that it is necessary to hunt the monster down, drive him in a corner, and annihilate him. Imperialism ^{and fascism} is the cause of the suffering of the people. By its very nature, imperialism ~~will~~ inflicts suffering upon the people by its very existence. ~~We are in favor of putting~~ We want to put an end to the suffering of the people, therefore we must put an end to imperialism.~~

~~The halting of imperialism is nothing but the halting of robbery and murder. | Imperialism is robbery and murder.~~

~~The United States of America does not have a right to rob and murder people. Therefore it does not have the right to be imperialist. The people who suffer from imperialism have a right to destroy it.~~

~~Imperialism is a policy of the American Ruling Class. We believe that it is the task of the American Working Class and the oppressed peoples in America to overthrow the American Ruling Class. But it is the task of all the peoples of the world to destroy A.S. Imperialism.~~

~~The policy of a ruling class can be changed or smashed. You can force a change in a ruler the policy of a ruling class even though that class may continue to exist. This happened in many cases after the bourgeoisie seized power from the feudal class.~~

How can the Korean people in the North
coexist peacefully with U.S. imperialism
in the South? It is impossible. Neither
can North Vietnam coexist peacefully
with U.S. imperialism in the South.
The Palestinian Peoples cannot coexist
peacefully with U.S. imperialism in
Tel Aviv. Oppressed people cannot
coexist peacefully with their
oppressor.

We believe that the war
against imperialism must be
spread throughout the world
as far as possible in order to
~~spread~~ disperse the forces of
U.S. imperialism as widely as
possible.

We need someone to write an
article and translate it into all
the languages spoken here
and explain why Russians and Chinese
are killing each other and why the
Chinese are not here at the conference.

Since the U.S. Imperialists are always so pleased to send United Nations troops into other peoples lands, we see no reason why they should object to the Black Panther Party calling for U.N. troops and U.N. Observer Teams to be sent inside the United States to halt the aggression of the troops of the ruling class against black people and other oppressed people, and stop the persecution and murder of the oppressed peoples leaders.

The white supremacists in Washington do not believe in Peaceful Coexistence. Peace to them is only an interlude during which to prepare for war.

September 21, 1969
Open: 10:00 A.M.

9 Speakers

Ceylon - 2nd 11:08 Saraguri 11:30

S. Korea - 1st - 10:10 - 10:55 (10 min.)

France - 3rd 12:10 - 12:30

Algeria

Panama

Laos

Recessed: 11:45

Reconvened: 12:00 - ~~12:30~~

Argentina: ~~4th~~ 12:30 - 1:00

Reconvened: 4:30

Congo-Brazzaville: 4:35

(We request a resolution against the
racist repression of black people
in the United States.)

Egypt: 5:07 - 5:40

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		33	6	
		33	6	

Laos - 5:45 - 6:12
 Panama; 6:52 - 7:15
 Algeria: 7:17 - 7:50
 Angola: 7:55 ~~8:00~~ - 8:15
 1961 struggle started
 Denué: 8:55 - 9:10
 Spain: 9:12 - 9:25

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Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were
 executed for giving ~~the~~ ^{Soviet Union} atomic bomb
 In the name of the blood of the
 Rosenbergs, in the name of the blood
 of the Vietnamese people, in the name
 of humanity, I demand that the Soviet
 Union use its hydrogen bombs to force
 the United States out of Vietnam. Now
 is the time while the American people
 are sick and tired of the war.
 If Stalin were in control of the Soviet
 Union he would do it. If there
 were Marxist-Leninists in the
 Soviet Union they would do it.

Secrets of
 Dr. S. S. X.

The hydrogen bombs that you have
 do not belong to you, they are not
 your private property. They belong
 to the International Proletariat. And we
 demand that you use them to stop
 the genocide against the non-European
 peoples.

I do not ^{Place more} value ^{or} the life of a ^{freshner} Russian ~~more~~
 than I do on the life of a Vietnamese peasant.

September 22, 1969

Convened: 10:55

Mozambique 10:55 - 11:20
 Portugal 10:25 - 11:53
 Arab/Syrian 11:55 - 12:20
 Chili
 Black Panther Party

Finland: 6:10 - 6:30
 Guinea Bissu: 12:25 - 12:50

Peru
 Mongolia
 Italy

Open: 9:30 (47 more delegations to ^{speak})

Tanzania:
 Colombia: 10:00 P.M.
 Sudan: 10:02 - 10:20

May 25, ¹⁹⁶⁸ Coup Militaire / May Revolution
 Japan: 10:22 - 10:47

Curious that he chooses not to speak in Japanese.
 Deep slit, baby! 148 ^{of 8} Military Bases in Japan.
 Okinawa - most important U.S. base in Asia.
 From there to Vietnam.

Colombia : 10:48 - 11:10

DPRK, Vietnam, Cuba - Vanguard
of the anti-imperialist struggle.

Wife and whole family of K. Jong Tae
in prison under death sentence!

Within the 30 million black people
and other oppressed people inside the
United States, there are ardent
battalions of that army of liberation
which ~~major~~ the heroic guerrilla,
Major Ernesto Che Guevara called
forth. Che called for a Continental
Wide army. We ~~stand~~ respond to
Che's call, enlarging his army into
a hemispheric wide army of liberation.
And we go further, responding to the
resounding trumpet call of the
great leader of the 40 million Korean
people and the great strategist and
tactician of the international anti-
imperialist struggle, headed by U. S.
imperialist aggression, to carry this
sacred cause of our joint struggle
through to the bitter-sweet end.

#2

We speak of internationalizing our struggle. In order to do that, we must have an international analysis and an international strategy implemented through international tactics. I think that Comrade Kim Il Sung has provided these. I see the earth as one big piece of land with one big body of water. I see one territory. And I see Comrade Kim Il Sung speaking to all the people in this territory and I see them listening to and understanding him. It would take a man like Comrade Kim Il Sung, with his long and deep experience of fighting against imperialism, including deep experience in guerrilla warfare. He has taken what he knows and applied it to the international situation. I think that the result is beautiful. I think it is what we've all be seeking, and working for, and waiting for. What do you think?

Open: ~~12~~ 5:50

Mongolia: 8:45

We are fighting the U.S. imperialists directly, without fear. So that we are not prepared to tremble in our boots from the dim yelping of their lapdogs and lackeys, no matter whether these lapdogs and lackeys are seasoned flunkies like Chiang Kai Shek and Pak jing he, or whether they are fledglings like the Nixon-Kissers in ~~the~~ Rounmania.

If you want to broaden the anti-imperialist front, start by putting up a front against kissing Nixon.

Imperialism is the Foreign Policy of the U.S. Imperialist aggression. The internal policy of the U.S.A. is fascism and the external policy is imperialism.

If a man has a gun that shoots 6 times and he is using that gun to oppress and control the people, we believe that, if we cannot do it any other way, ~~then we believe~~ ~~that~~ the correct tactic is to rush the oppressor with seven men, so that even if he shoots and even kills 6 of us, we will die gladly, knowing that our seventh comrade has taken away that gun from the oppressor and that our people have another gun with which to fight, with which to defend themselves. We need guns, bombs. Actually, we need hydrogen bombs. As long as the oppressor has hydrogen bombs with which to oppress our people, we need hydrogen bombs with which to defend ourselves, liberate

ourselves, and after liberating ourselves, keep ourselves free. This is a necessity. Anything short of that is doomed, absurd.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, ~~and~~ the Korean people, the Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, and their great leader, Comrade Kim Il Sung, has heightened our consciousness to a level that makes no equal to the task of dealing with our number one enemy, the U.S. Imperialist aggressors.

When the government of Peru recognizes Socialist Cuba, I will sign the resolution.

These revisionists are riding our dear Comrade, the great Lenin, to death. We refer to what's happening here and now. Comrade Kim Il Sung is alive today, now. Why don't the revisionists recommend themselves to us now, instead of, in a very deceitfully, dishonest, and manipulative manner, constantly resurrect the great leader, Lenin,

who not only preached Marxism but practiced it, ~~then~~ and doing such a fine job and making such an important, original contribution that we have honored his name by adding it to the name of our ideology and World View. But there is nothing original about Revisionism. The great leader, Lenin, struggled constantly and vigorously against it. Remember that renegade, Kautsky?

~~★~~

I think that history has proven that, at least in some countries, it is very necessary to conduct a thoroughgoing bourgeois revolution in order to proceed with Socialist Construction.

Is Peru a member of the imperialist puppet organization, the OAS? Has Peru established diplomatic relations with the heroic and socialist Republic of Cuba?

The great leader ~~of~~ of the international anti-imperialist struggle, Comrade Kim Il Sung, has drawn very clearly the limits of ~~the~~ strategic relationships between socialist countries and the whole of the anti-imperialist struggle. He did not recommend to us the kissing of the presidents of the U. S. Imperialism, the arch-enemy of all mankind.

I would like to see Nixon walk down the main street of Hanoi. If the people of Hanoi give him flowers and kisses, I would have to reexamine ~~my~~ position on this question. Otherwise, I'm not impressed. Nixon is a murderer and robber, an imperialist. ~~I~~ ^I ~~had~~ ^{had} ~~done~~ ^{done}, wouldn't ^{even} ^{let} ^{my} ^{dog} ^{kiss} ^{him} ~~with a dog's lips~~.

1. Paragraph about Marco & Kathleen.
2. White Racism - white supremacy -
superiority of Western Civilization -

split
between 1-

Christianity - and Eastern Religions
manifested in Babylon as the resistance
of white radicals to Blacks taking control
of their own organizations and directing
their own struggle. China is
like the Black Muslims, DPRK is
like BPP, --- is like the N.A.A.C.P.,
integrated, while DPRK is equivalent
to our United Front against fascism.

The delegation from the United States
~~of~~ requests that all the speeches that
are not given here, be gathered together
and entrusted to the Korean Journalists
Association and that we insure that
they will be published in an adequate
form, as quickly as possible, and made
available as widely as possible, but
particularly to insure that they become
available to all delegations that visit
them. And our delegation here and now
requests copies.

Taken Care of

Eldridge Cleaver, M.O.I.
Black Panther Party
United States of America
September 23, 1969

America's ethnic mixture was once considered its greatest strength. Now that the U. S. has become imperialist, the ethnic mixture has become its greatest weakness. Because imperialism needs fascism at home in order to hang together. And we are going to destroy ~~the~~ fascism in our country, and we are thereby going to contribute to the destruction of imperialism abroad.

All of this renegade talk about Lenin only obscures the situation. This is incorrect use of Lenin's name. What we need today is blinding light, ~~light that~~ the light of a mind that can only be "blinding" by being informed by history. This means to be thoroughly informed by Marxism-Leninism. I find Comrade Kim Il Sung to be precisely this manner of man.

The U.S. imperialists, and their lackies everywhere with whom they are plotting against us ~~B~~ in dark rooms behind closed doors, have made a colossal miscalculation. They have ~~not~~ believed their own lies about America. They think that America is a white country. It is not. The United States of America contains within its borders people from every corner of the world, large numbers of such people. There are also revolutionary white people. Altogether, we shall destroy racism and fascism in America, and thereby help usher imperialism into the grave. Behind will be left America, the America of the dream, a socialist America, that will be the brothers and sisters of all humanity.

Final Hour Of Imperialism
Doom Of Imperialism, Triumph Of
The People.

O great humanity
For centuries you have suffered
A bottomless, hopeless death
Of all that made life worth living
Governments changed hands
But your condition remained the same

Under the yoke of oppression
Bound in pits with chains
Murdered in dark cells by butchers
Shot down in the streets like dogs
Killed, humiliated, torn asunder, and tortured
Without mercy, without concern for
Our human worth
What hope is there for you
Down there in the mud
Under the heel of the boot
Crushed, bleeding, groaning,
Dead before dying
Defeated before fighting

Tramping around in a circle of fire
 Hemmed in, bound, & blocked it
 Every channel.

Slavery, Colonialism, Imperialism
 Our tortures, the names of our pain

Let us declare for ourselves
 Let us ~~not speak in~~ words that leap like flames
 Let us add new victories to those already gained
 We must name and confront our enemy
 Universal Imperialist aggression

No enemy could be so strong
 And we've already suffered so long
 We are right, imperialism is wrong

~~Let us~~

The Earth is one territory
 One land, One water
 And we are one people
 And we have one enemy
 U.S. Imperialism and the puppets licking its boots
~~Who lick its boots.~~

The arms of this monster
The coils of this snake
The teeth of this wolf

Let us take up our arms
And call the world bully's bluff.
Let us slash at its arms and legs
~~Let us~~ Out with its heart, Off with its head
until at last it is dead.

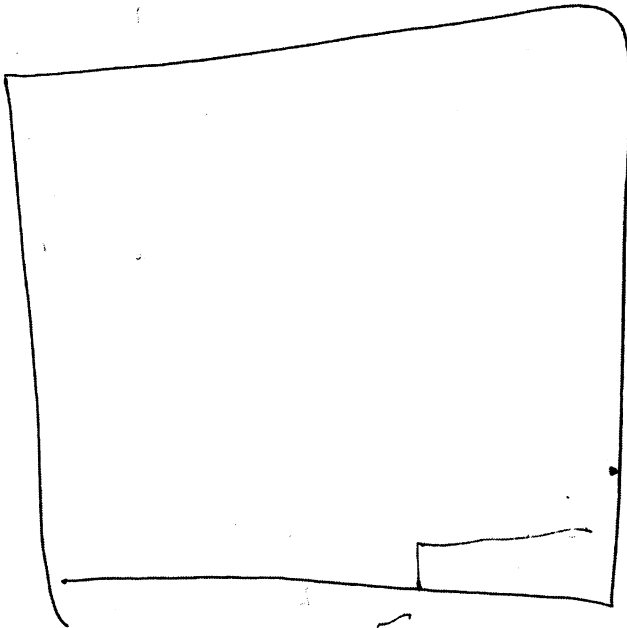
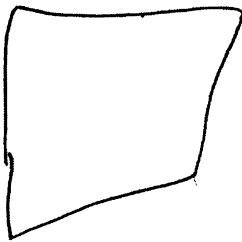
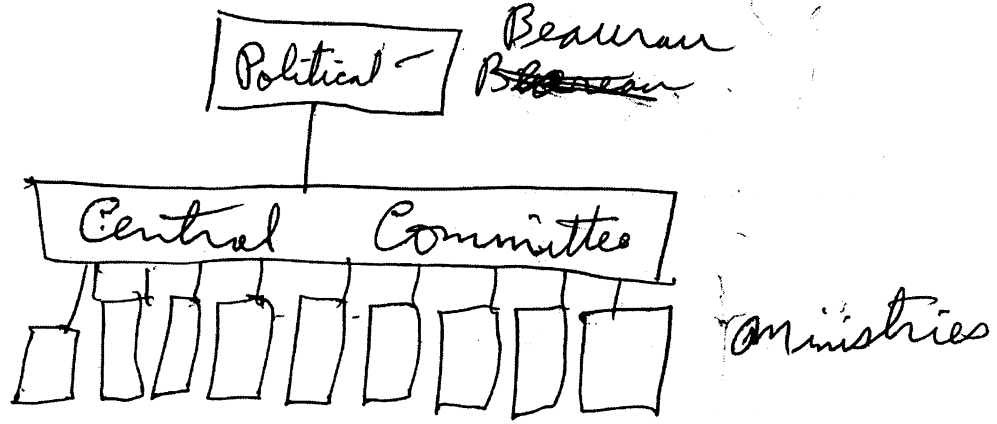
We can achieve the Victory
We can win this battle
Our Cause is just, Our hearts
are strong,

Down With Imperialist aggression

Centralizing The Revolution Inside Each Country, Centralizing The International Anti-Imperialist Crusade, And joining The two Together. This is One Of The Imperative Duties Of All ~~Workers~~ ^{Communists} Who Understand The Correct Line For This Action Put Forth By Marshall Kim Il Sung.

Whenever a Communist Party becomes the Vanguard, it moves to consolidate under its authority and direction, all of the weaker units of revolutionary power beneath it. This is necessary and correct, and it is this thrust that will enable the party to fulfill the requirements of the transition from Capitalism to socialism by exercising the dictatorship of the proletariat.

The reason that there is so much confusion amongst Communists today is that in past attempts to consolidate the revolutionary forces, is because we tend to neglect the correct application of Democratic-Centralism.



program

2 1/2
 PROGRESSIVE
 LABOR PARTY

Our Party believes that not only is Urban Guerrilla Warfare possible and practical, but that it is an absolutely necessary for the success of the Revolution. We have a systematic theory and program for carrying it through to its final conclusion.

9-28-69

8th October - Return Flight
2 hrs. Political Education each morning.
Afternoon - Sightseeing
Free time

Topics To Discuss

1. Strategy & Tactics of Korean Revolution - According to Kim Il Sung.
2. Details of Revolutionary Practice of
3. Success & Experience on Construction And Revolutionary Stages of DPRK
4. Unification And Revolution in South.
5. Tactics And Strategy on International Communist & Working Class Movement According to Kim Il Sung
6. How to deal with Progressive Organizations inside U.S.A.

Mongjon Bay
 Industrial Exhibition
 Pioneers Palace
 Kim Il Sung University
 Textiles
 Locomotive Factory
 Irrigation Project
 Korean Art Museum

Revolutionary Movies
 Guerrilla Warfare, Transition To Mobile
 Warfare, Demolition, Etc.

Our No. 1 Concern

Reentering U. S. A. after firmly
 establishing international links, tightening
 the noose around the throat of U. S.
 Imperialism, thus making it easy to
 deal with U. S. fascism on the
 spot.

Korean Passports.

Lectures

1. Information

1. National Lawyers Guild
2. National Mobilization Committee To Stop The War In Vietnam
3. National Medical Committee For Human Rights
4. Students Against The Draft
5. Blacks Against The War, etc.