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A realistic view of the problems now affecting Korea is presented by Korean Minister Young Kee Kim on the occasion of the 8th anniversary of the independence of the Republic of Korea.

On August 15, the Republic of Korea will celebrate the 8th anniversary of its independence.

The free people of Korea rejoice <sup>on</sup> at this happy day when their hard won freedom is once again commemorated. But ~~to~~ their brothers in the North, held captives against their will, ~~this experience can never yet be realized.~~ *do not rejoice as to free men in their own land.*

~~As things are now, our people in North Korea can not be with us to rejoice on this great day and feel how it is to live as free men in their own <sup>44</sup>land.~~ The tragedy <sup>of the</sup> Panmunjom truce gave powerful advantage to the Communists to occupy our <sup>country</sup>land above the 38th parallel and to this day <sup>in North Korea our people live</sup> ~~these millions of people live~~ in utter enslavement and terrorism <sup>under Communist domination. The Communists</sup> ~~enslavement because we know that Communist domination exacts complete surrender of all human decencies,~~ <sup>and our</sup> ~~Terrorism because these people are hapless to look for a life bet-~~ <sup>in the North, forced into this hapless</sup> ~~ter than what is handed down to them. In short, they only live as automatons. But the~~ <sup>who are free and do everything in our power to wipe out these grave injustices</sup> ~~sad fact is, Korea should not have been divided.~~ <sup>to our own people, we must reunify our country</sup>

Why is North Korea in Communist hands? When the Soviet Union declared war against Japan, on August 8, 1945, it announced its adherence to the Potsdam Declaration which included reference to the Cairo Declaration, a step which was in effect a public announcement of its support of Korean independence.

At the Potsdam conference the 38th parallel became an issue. It was decided that American troops would accept Japanese surrender south of the 38th parallel, and that Soviet troops would occupy the North. The line of demarcation was intended to be temporary, and only to fix responsibility between the United States and the Soviet Union, after the Japanese surrender.

The United States began a gradual program which culminated in the proclamation of Korea's independence on August 15, 1948, but only in South Korea.

In the North the Soviet Union refused to grant voice to the people to elect their own candidates and form their own unified government. This refusal was <sup>made</sup> ~~done~~ against the suggestion of the United Nations to conduct free elections under its supervision in Korea <sup>made</sup> ~~just~~ to unify the country. It was clear that the Soviet Union had no intention <sup>of</sup> ~~to let~~ <sup>relinquishing</sup> ~~of~~ her hold in North Korea. ~~She had not kept her word.~~ 192



~~Under the Soviet Union,~~ the systematic Communization of North Korea began and ~~all our~~ people were placed under Communist domination under the Russian trained Communist sympathizers. ~~The Communist pattern~~ <sup>domination of</sup> ~~is in some countries of Europe and Asia~~ <sup>followed</sup> ~~was just~~ <sup>its repetition in</sup> ~~being repeated there.~~ <sup>Asia and</sup> ~~It was a program leading to one end -~~ <sup>World conquest</sup> ~~World Conquest by the Communists.~~

<sup>In June 1950</sup> ~~Reportedly~~ the Communists of North Korea had tried to invade South Korea ~~in 1950~~ <sup>reached as far South as</sup> they went as far as the Pusan perimeter, and ~~only~~ <sup>Only</sup> the timely intervention of the United Nations put a stop to this ~~common pattern of Communist~~ <sup>Communist</sup> aggression under the guise of "Liberation".

The Republic of Korea forces ~~which had borne the brunt of the warfare with~~ <sup>and</sup> United Nations forces ~~including~~ <sup>which ed</sup> one hundred, fifty killed, wounded, or missing Filipino soldiers ~~managed to push back the enemy.~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~Homes, buildings and factories were destroyed.~~ <sup>One million people were rendered homeless.</sup> ~~Over~~ <sup>hundreds of thousands of</sup> ~~civilians.~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~100,000 boys and girls were orphaned,~~ <sup>lost</sup> ~~while~~ <sup>hundreds of thousands of</sup> ~~one million people were rendered homeless.~~

Now we are rebuilding ~~what was once ours before the Communist invasion~~ <sup>our war-torn country</sup> ~~and we are~~ thankful to the United States and other free nations for the ~~financial and technical assistance~~ <sup>for</sup> given us ~~in the reconstruction and rehabilitation projects.~~ We are very grateful to the Philippines for sending its Battalion Combat Teams to Korea for the cause of freedom and democracy.

We in Korea are ~~maintaining~~ <sup>which may</sup> a period of watchful waiting. ~~This watchful waiting~~ <sup>is bound to</sup> be transformed into another ~~day~~ <sup>time</sup> of sorrow ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> us if the free world will not heed our warning that North Korea under the ~~silent~~ <sup>treacherous</sup> mechanization of Communism, is now preparing to launch another attack.

We know that ~~North Korea~~ <sup>the Communists in</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>are</sup> now being geared for ~~heavier~~ <sup>in defiance of the terms of the Armistice</sup> battle. We know that ~~for~~ <sup>other</sup> ~~months~~ <sup>is</sup> North Korea has been arming herself with tanks, sabre jets, and ~~massing~~ <sup>up-to-date weapons of war in preparations for further military aggression.</sup> troops. Any ordinary man can see that there is no other territory likely to be invaded ~~but~~ <sup>South</sup> Korea. That is the Communist pattern. ~~Peace offensive by mechanical smile of Bulganin and Khrushchev is nothing but another~~ <sup>The current peace</sup> ~~tricky~~ <sup>a trick</sup> method to ~~lure~~ <sup>into the Communist trap.</sup> the so-called neutral nations to their scheme of Communism. ~~There is no other way that is right but the Communist way.~~ ~~to them, in seizing a country in their program of world conquest, the word is "Liberation"; we in the free world know it by the name of "Aggression".~~

~~Aggression is the term branded to Communist North Korea and Red China by the United Nations in 1950 when the latter convened to stop the war that raged from North Korea. Were it not for such timely action, the rest of Asia would now have been engulfed by this evil tide of modern times. What would have been the fate of the rest of the world? There is now a ceasefire in the 38th parallel, a status quo. That is the solution.~~

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the free world could muster. But for how long will this status quo last? Can anyone assure us that the Communists are not planning to renew what they had failed to do before? Can anyone erase our rightful fear that within our own land our enemy is beginning to rise again?

For us in Korea, freedom means ~~more than just the results of World War II, it is~~ the conclusion of our many years of struggle, suffering and suppression ~~and the people~~ *will never give up to the enemy our right to freedom.* We have ~~a newly acquired right and we have no least intention of giving up that right to~~ the enemy. No true Korean can call himself a patriot if he does not know the true price of freedom.

*it is not given to us*  
Yet freedom in the terms of the free world is "appeasement" of the enemy. *The present policies of the free world however are* But appeasement is giving him a chance to strike us ~~again~~ *in the* ~~back~~ *will be*

*the Communists*  
Peace is never difficult to achieve. But peace to us means complete freedom from fear, and freedom to run our own affairs in our own land. Can we have peace when 9 million Koreans are still in bondage in the northern part of our land? Can we have peace as long as the enemy lurks in our own soil?

Events in the past have proven that the Communists are out for world conquest. The status quo is only a brief respite for the enemy to plan another stratagem in the cold war. *The Communists should be made to* What is really needed is not to allow this enemy to go any further, to make them realize that the free world is determined to live ~~in freedom~~ *in freedom* ~~to~~ *force* the enemy ~~to~~ back to where he ~~rightfully~~ belongs, in his own land, in short, to roll back the Iron Curtain which ~~has~~ *has* fallen heavily on so many millions of ~~new suffering~~ peoples throughout the world.

Let us remember that peace can never be restored in the world half Communist and half Democratic.

*You of*  
We would like to remind what our beloved President Syngman Rhee said in America when he visited that noble country in 1954:

"Lincoln stood for unity, and it is what I want for my divided country." Indeed Abraham Lincoln would ~~have~~ *well* understood the tragedy in Korea, for his Gettysburg address *means as much* ~~cross applies~~ today as it ~~did~~ after the Civil war between the North and South, *when he said,* "We resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

On this 5th anniversary of the Liberation of Korea we wish to remind the free world *again* as we had done repeatedly in the past, the problems of Asia and our country in particular can not be solved by mere words alone, for Communism has no exact definition of what a word is and how it shall be kept. *this* It does not mean that peace for us can never be achieved *to us* except by war or ~~force~~ *It is a more forceful attitude* but to have lasting peace the sincere desires of each nation anywhere in the world must be proven by deeds and it may well be started now *197*

by the Communist withdrawal in North Korea.

We have no other choice but to make whatever sacrifice will be called for if only to win captive peoples back to freedom.

We are left with no alternative in this case today. What we have pledged before, we repeat on this momentous day of our country - we shall roll back the Iron Curtain. That is the only way, the honorable way left for free people when dealing with Communist aggression.