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Summary:

A speech given at the Pyongyang City Mass Rally by Eldridge Cleaver in which he suggests that U.S. imperialism first became evident with the Korean War. North Korea has developed around the leadership of Kim Il Sung and has established a strong military and industry to as countermeasures in the case of a new war. According to Cleaver, if the anti-imperialist Asian countries join against US imperialism, they will be able to knock it down and ensure the victory of their cause.

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Comrades!

Today we are marking the "Day of Struggle for the Withdrawal of the U.S. Imperialist Aggression Army from South Korea" under the circumstances in which the whole country is seething with a great revolutionary upsurge to honour the historic Fifth Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea, the South Korean people's anti-U.S. imperialist national-salvation struggle is gaining momentum, and the flames of the anti-imperialist and anti-U.S. imperialist struggle are rising fiercely in Asia, Africa, Latin America and all other parts of the world.

Twenty years have elapsed since the day when the U.S. imperialists unleashed a barbarous war of aggression against the Korean people.

Greeting the day, the entire Korean people are aflame with a surging animosity against the U.S. imperialists, the sworn enemy, and are filled with a fiery determination to drive out the U.S. imperialist aggressors from South Korea and unify the country.

Today, this mass meeting is honoured with the attendance of Samdech Norodon Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia, Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea and prominent anti-imperialist fighter.

Also attending this meeting are the government delegation of the People's Republic of China led by Comrade Huang Yung-sheng, Member of the Political Bureau of the C.C. of the Chinese Communist Party and Chief of

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the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army; the government delegation of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam led by Comrade Tran Huu Duk, Member of the C.C. of the Workers' Party of Viet Nam and Head of the Premier's Office; the delegation of the Republic of South Vietnam led by His Excellency Nguyen Van Hieu, Special Envoy of the Presidium of the C.C. of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam; the delegation of Neo Lao Haksat led by His Excellency Sanan Su The Chak, Member of the C.C. of Neo Lao Haksat and Head of the Propaganda and Agitation Department of the same. And present at this meeting are the trade union delegations and delegations of other mass organizations and friendship associations from various countries.

This will lend great support to the just cause of the Korean people for the independent unification of the country against U.S. imperialism.

For this I express my deep thanks to Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia and the Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea.

I also express my thanks to the governments of the People's Republic of China and the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, the Central Committee of Neo Lao Haksat, and to the trade union and other mass organizations and friendship associations of various countries, which have sent their delegations to our country.

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Comrades!

U.S. imperialism is the Korean people's inveterate enemy whose aggression on our country has a history of more than one hundred years.

As far back as 1866 the U.S. imperialists organized the invasion of our country by their armed pirate ship "General Sherman." Even after that aggressive attempt was frustrated ignominiously, they engaged themselves in ceaseless brigandish aggression and predatory atrocities against our country.

Before liberation the U.S. imperialists backed Japanese imperialism in its occupation of Korea and in its colonial rule, and after liberation, directly occupied South Korea taking the place of the defeated Japanese imperialism and lorded it over there as a new colonial ruler.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, said as follows:

"The occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists and their policy of aggression are the root cause of all the miseries of our nation and the main obstacle to the unification of our country, and constitute a constant cause of war in Korea."

Having occupied South Korea, the U.S. imperialists have reduced it to their complete colony and aggressive military base and plunged the South Korean people into a living hell where starvation, poverty, terrorism and slaughter prevailed.

The U.S. imperialists, after turning South Korea under their occupation into a land of darkness, unleashed an aggressive war against our Republic by surprise on

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June 25, 1950, with the object of converting the whole of Korea into their colony and enslaving the Korean people.

During the last war the U.S. imperialist aggressors reduced our towns and villages to heaps of ashes. Overriding even elementary international laws and human morality, they used germ bombs and chemical and other mass annihilation weapons to murder numerous peaceable inhabitants, thereby committing thrice-cursed atrocities.

The atrocities committed by the U.S. imperialist aggressors in the Korean war served to reveal that the U.S. imperialists were the most barbarous aggressors, the cannibals of the 20th century, and the vicious enemy of mankind.

The U.S. imperialists resorted to the most barbarous methods and means of warfare ever known in the war history in an attempt to subdue our people but failed to realize their aggressive design.

Upholding the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, our people rose up in the sacred war for the liberation of their fatherland against the U.S. imperialists, closely rallied with one idea and purpose around our Party and the Government of the Republic and inflicted an irrevocable military and political defeat upon the aggressors, bringing them to their knees.

During the last Fatherland Liberation War the Chinese people dispatched volunteers organized with their best sons and daughters to assist our people with blood under the banner of Oppose-U.S.-Imperialism-and-Assist-Korean-People.

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Also, the peoples of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries and all the progressive peoples of the world rendered active support and encouragement to the just struggle of our people.

The Korean people's historic victory in the Fatherland Liberation War and the ignominious defeat of the U.S. imperialists clearly showed that no force could conquer the people who had risen up for the freedom, independence and progress of their fatherland, taking their destinies in their own hands, under the leadership of their great Leader and Party.

By winning a great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War our people humbled in the dust the overweening pride of U.S. imperialism which boasted of being the world's "strongest," and exploded the myth about its "mightiness" completely and gave beginning to the downfall of the U.S. imperialists.

In the Fatherland Liberation War our people foiled the aggressive design of U.S. imperialism that threatened the socialist countries, and firmly defended the eastern outpost of socialism and greatly contributed to developing the national liberation movements of the oppressed peoples of the whole world onto a new stage.

The truce in Korea was the first step towards the peaceful solution of the Korean question.

However, the U.S. imperialists who had suffered a shameful defeat in Korea ran amuck to hamper in every way the settlement of the Korean issue, stepped up their policy of colonial subjugation in South Korea and ignite a new war of aggression in our country.

In the postwar years the U.S. imperialists set up the most reactionary military fascist dictator-

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ship in South Korea and have frantically worked to remove all the social and political elements that came in the way of the fulfilment of their policy of aggression and war, and wantonly arrested, imprisoned and mercilessly killed the revolutionaries and patriotic people fighting for independent unification of the country against U.S. imperialism.

With an eye to starting another war of aggression in Korea, the U.S. imperialists have shipped into South Korea mass destruction weapons including the tactical nuclear weapons and guided weapons in large quantities and newly built and expanded on a large scale military airports, ports, rocket bases, strategic roads and other military bases and establishments in gross violation of the Armistice Agreement.

In the recent one or two years alone, they increased the strength of the puppet army by over 100,000 to boost it to 700,000. And they have bent themselves to arming the "homeland reserve corps" over two million strong.

The U.S. imperialists are now trying to draw Japanese militarism into a new war of aggression against the Korean people as their "shock troops."

The U.S. imperialists brought Japanese militarism and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique into collusion and let them conclude bilateral military agreements and thus virtually framed up a "U.S.-Japan-South Korea tripartite military alliance," and the Japanese militarists on their part have worked out aggressive war plans against our country and are carrying on frantic military exercises according to these plans.

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What is worse, the Sato clique are speaking out openly their aggressive design against our country. They say that in the event of a war being unleashed by U.S. imperialism in Korea they will not "look on with folded arms" and that they should foresee a "forestalling attack" on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In recent years the U.S. imperialists' military provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea have become more frequent on land, sea and in the air.

In 1968 the U.S. imperialists infiltrated their armed spy ship "Pueblo" deep into the territorial waters of our country and in 1969 they let their large spy plane "EC-121" to intrude into our air space. Of late, again they sent their armed spy ship "I-2" deep into the territorial waters on the West Sea of our country. They have been perpetrating such grave hostile espionage and military provocations one after another.

Moreover, from January to the middle of June this year alone the U.S. imperialists perpetrated as many as over 5,100 cases of armed raids, shelling and shooting in the area along the Military Demarcation Line in violation of the Armistice Agreement.

All the developments remind us of the situation on the eve of the Korean war unleashed by the U.S. imperialists: During the period from 1947 to 1949 they frequently launched armed raids in the Ongjin Peninsular, Mts. Songak-san and Unpa-san, Kimhwa, Yangyang and other places and intruded into the areas in the northern half of the Republic to commit the atrocities of murdering and plundering the people and

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incendiarism. And finally they started an aggression war against our country by surprise on June 25, 1950.

The intensified aggressive manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists have aggravated the situation in our country to the extreme and a dangerous situation in which a war may break out tomorrow or the day after tomorrow has been created in our country due to the U.S. imperialists.

The situation of today makes it imperative for us to maintain sharp revolutionary vigilance and to make full preparations to confront a war.

While keeping close watch on the aggressive move of the U.S. imperialists, we must be fully prepared to fight a war so that we can repulse the enemy at a stroke when he ignites it.

With no machination of military provocation can the U.S. imperialist aggressors frighten our people.

The Korean people of today is not the Korean people of yesterday and our might has grown incomparably stronger than in the 1950's.

Our people have been united firmly as never before around the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and gifted military strategist, and they are firmly determined to face, fight and defeat the enemy at any time at the call of the Leader.

The monolithic political and ideological unity of our people who are rallied around the Leader with one mind and purpose is the source of our invincible power that can defeat any aggressor.

We have the powerful independent national economy and mighty defence capability.

We have mighty heavy industry with the machine-

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building industry as the core.

Our People's Army has grown into a modernized, cadre army, into a one-beat-hundred revolutionary armed force that can defeat any enemy, and the entire people are under arms and the whole country has been turned into an impregnable fortress.

Besides, we have many comrades-in-arms and friends in the world and the revolutionary peoples of the world are rendering an active support and encouragement to our people in their just struggle.

If U.S. imperialism obstinately force a new war upon the Korean people in disregard of their repeated warnings, it will suffer several times, nay, scores of times greater defeat than in the last Korean war.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said as follows:

"If the enemy forces a new war upon us, all the people will rise as one in a heroic struggle to defend the great socialist gains in the northern half of the Republic, attain the complete liberation and unification of the fatherland and safeguard peace in Asia and the world and will deal annihilating blows to the enemy."

The U.S. imperialists must face the reality squarely and should not behave recklessly.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors must quit South Korea at once taking their aggression army and all their lethal weapons with them.

If the U.S. imperialists do not want to withdraw from South Korea, our people, in unity with the fighting peoples in Asia, will force them out by the joint struggle.

When the U.S. imperialist aggression troops quit South Korea, the question of Korea's unification will be

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solved by the Korean people themselves independently.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said as follows:

"The basic line of national unification maintained all along by the Government of our Republic is to unify the North and South by the Korean people themselves independently on democratic principles without any interference of outside forces following the withdrawal of all foreign troops from South Korea."

The question of the unification of our country is the internal affairs of our nation which can and must be solved by the Korean people themselves without any interference of outside forces.

It is entirely illegal that the U.S. imperialists brought the Korean question to the United Nations.

The United Nations that was a belligerent in the Korean war and still serves as a tool of U.S. imperialism for the occupation of South Korea and the execution of its policy of war, has no competence whatsoever to meddle in the Korean question.

The United Nations must abrogate all its illegal "resolutions" on the "Korean question" and break up at once the "United Nations Commission for the Unification and Rehabilitation of Korea" which acts as a servant of U.S. imperialism in Korea.

In order to achieve the independent unification of the country we must overthrow the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, their faithful lackeys, along with driving out the U.S. imperialists.

The Pak Jung Hi clique, the executors of U.S. imperialist colonial rule and the traitors to the nation, should be put to a stern judgement of the people and the

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traitorous, dependent and reactionary puppet regime in South Korea should be overthrown.

The Japanese militarists' machination to reinvade South Korea is creating another grave obstacle to our people's struggle for the unification of the country.

We must keep the highest vigilance against Japanese militarism that is seriously obstructing our struggle for the independent unification of the country in collusion with U.S. imperialism and resolutely expose and shatter its move of reinvasion.

Comrades!

The U.S. imperialists are not only playing with fire to unleash a new war of aggression in Korea but also stepping up their aggressive manoeuvres in Asia still further, thereby aggravating the situation all over the world.

The U.S. imperialists are further expanding their criminal war of aggression against the Vietnamese people and further intensifying their armed intervention in Laos and, of late, started a large-scale armed invasion of Cambodia by mobilizing their aggressive armed forces and mercenaries of their satellite countries.

They are also occupying Taiwan, a sacred territory of the People's Republic of China, and continuously aggravating tension in the Taiwan Straits.

The U.S. imperialists are resorting to every conceivable intrigue to realize their ambition for Asian aggression by bringing the Japanese militarists and other puppets and vassal countries in Asia into an "anti-communist" military alliance under the signboard of the so-called "Nixon doctrine" and thus making "Asians fight Asians." They do so as they are driven into a

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tighter corner with their aggressive machinations having met with the growing indignation and resistance of the peoples all over the world including the people of the United States.

The U.S. imperialists are instigating the Zionists to perpetrate aggressive acts against the Arab people and trying frenziedly to strangulate the Republic of Cuba.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of revolution, taught that under the present situation in which tension has become further aggravated in Asia and all the other regions of the world due to the aggression and war machinations of U.S. imperialism, the peoples of all countries of the world engaged in revolution should join in dealing collective blows at U.S. imperialism and that, particularly, the peoples of the revolutionary countries in Asia should form a united front against U.S. imperialism and step up the joint anti-U.S. imperialist struggle.

The respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung taught as follows:

"The peoples of all countries making revolution should tear limbs off the U.S. beast and behead it all over the world. The U.S. imperialists appear to be strong, but when the peoples of many countries attack them from all sides and join in mutilating them in that way, they will become impotent and bite the dust in the end."

Recently he also taught that "if the peoples of various Asian countries carrying on revolution including Cambodia, Laos, Viet Nam, China and Korea, form a united front and join in dealing collective blows at U.S. imperialism, they will be able to knock it down

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and firmly ensure the victory of our common cause."

Today when the U.S. imperialists are directing their spearhead of aggression at Asia, which has become the main venue of the world revolution, it is of great significance in frustrating the U.S. imperialists' aggression in Asia and accelerating their doom to form a united front of the peoples of those countries engaged in revolution in this region and step up their joint anti-U.S. imperialist struggle.

The Asian peoples have a brilliant tradition of joint revolutionary struggle fought against imperialism. The Korean and Chinese peoples had fought shoulder to shoulder for a long time against Japanese imperialism, the common enemy, and fought together in the same trench against U.S. imperialism in the last Fatherland Liberation War. Today the Korean and Chinese peoples are waging, as before, a joint struggle against U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism.

As was pointed out in the joint communique issued early in April last in connection with the visit to our country of Comrade Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, the promotion of militant fraternity, friendship and unity between the two peoples of Korea and China and the intensification of the anti-imperialist and anti-U.S. imperialist struggle by them are of great significance in frustrating the aggressive and war machinations of U.S. imperialism and hastening its doom. The Korean and Chinese peoples are also firmly standing on the same front in supporting and encouraging the righteous anti-U.S. imperialist, national-salvation struggle of Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian and other Indo-Chinese peoples.

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In his May 20 statement, Comrade Mao Tse-tung, the respected and beloved Leader of the Chinese people, appealed: "The peoples of the whole world, let us unite and defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their stooges!"

This not only greatly inspired the struggle of the Indo-Chinese peoples but also encouraged the peoples of all countries fighting against U.S. imperialism.

Today, the unity has been further strengthened among the peoples of the revolutionary countries in Asia including Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia, China and Korea in their struggle against U.S. imperialism.

The Indo-Chinese peoples who fought together against foreign imperialists and won victory are today, as in the past, waging a joint struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors in all areas of Indo-China, strengthening mutual support and solidarity, thereby driving them into a tighter corner,

The peoples of the revolutionary countries in Asia should form an anti-U.S. imperialist united front and further strengthen their unity and co-operation, so as to administer more powerful collective blows at the U.S. imperialists everywhere the devils set foot. The socialist countries, the new-born independent states, the progressive democratic forces and all the anti-imperialist forces should unite to smash U.S. imperialist policies of aggression and war. Thus, they must cut off the aggressive tentacles of the U.S. imperialists, drive out the U.S. imperialist aggression troops from South Korea, Taiwan, Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia and entomb them in Asia for ever.

The Korean people will march forward, in the future, too, as in the past, in firm unity with the socialist countries and all the revolutionary peoples the world over, holding high the banner of anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. imperialist struggle, and particularly, will unfold the powerful anti-imperialist, anti-u.s.

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imperialist joint struggle, firmly united with the peoples of the revolutionary countries in Asia.

We support and encourage in every way the just struggle of the Vietnamese and Laotian peoples who are valiantly fighting to defend the independence and freedom of their countries against the aggression of the U.S. imperialists.

We fully support the four-point stand of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the ten-point proposal of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, which afford the only right solutions of the Vietnamese issue.

Our people fully support all the resolute and just measures taken by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia, to smash the reactionary coup d'etat carried out by the traitorous Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique at the instigation of the U.S. imperialists and to repulse the latter's armed invasion and invariably support the stand that the Cambodian problem should be settled by the Cambodian people themselves on the basis of the historic five-point declaration issued by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk on March 23.

We are firmly convinced that the Cambodian people under the leadership of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, their prominent leader and a steadfast, brave anti-imperialist fighter, and under the guidance of the National United Front will crush the U.S. imperialists and their stooges and hoist the flag of the National United Front of Kampuchea and the Royal Government of National Union led by the Front over the soil of Cambodia sover or later.

Our people will always do everything in their

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power to actively support and encourage the just national-salvation struggle of the Cambodian people against U.S. imperialism.

Our people resolutely support the Chinese people in their struggle to liberate Taiwan from the illegal occupation of the U.S. imperialists.

Our people render resolute support and encouragement to the struggle of the Cuban people who are successfully building socialism while frustrating the incessant aggressive machinations of U.S. imperialism.

We warmly support and encourage the Arab people who are fighting against the armed invasion of U.S. imperialism and its lackeys, the Israeli aggressors, and for the creation of a new life.

Our people resolutely support the revolutionary struggle of the peoples of Asia, Africa, Latin America and the rest of the world against the imperialists led by U.S. imperialism and for peace, democracy, national independence and socialism and will do all they can to strengthen the militant solidarity with them.

Comrades!

Today we are confronted with a weighty task to further consolidate the revolutionary base of the northern half of the Republic politically, economically and militarily and hasten the country's unification and the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution.

The entire people should firmly arm themselves with the revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our Party and the 40 million Korean people, that is, the unitary ideology of our Party, and rally themselves firmly around the Leader with one mind and one will to thoroughly carry out his teachings and the Party's policies.

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The entire working people should vigorously dash ahead at "Kangson speed," a new Chollima speed, and scale without fail all the heights of the Seven-Year Plan before the Fifth Congress of our Party.

All the working people must solidify the economic foundation of the country as firm as a rock and strengthen our defences impregnably by carrying through the Party's revolutionary line of carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel.

The entire working people should bitterly hate imperialism, U.S. imperialism and Japanese militarism in particular, ardently love the socialist fatherland and forcefully push ahead with socialist construction always keeping a strained and mobilized posture.

The South Korean people are now vigorously waging their anti-U.S. imperialist, national-salvation struggle while steadily reinforcing the revolutionary forces.

Especially, sometime ago the Revolutionary Party for Reunification which regards as its guideline the idea of Juche, the great revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the brilliant Marxist-Leninist and the outstanding Leader of revolution, made public its militant programme and declaration.

This marks a new turning-point in the struggle of the South Korean people to drive out the U.S. imperialists from South Korea and accomplish the national-liberation democratic revolution and gives a heavy blow to the U.S. imperialists, and to their stooges, the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

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Under the revolutionary banner of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification, the South Korean revolutionaries and people will make their revolutionary ranks more invincible surmounting all the sore trials, frustrate at every step the fascist oppression and war machinations of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges and vigorously fight on for the unification of the country and the final victory of the revolution.

The people of all strata in South Korea including workers, peasants, youth, students, and intellectuals will surely overthrow the U.S. imperialists and their faithful stooges, the Pak Jung Hi puppets, by vigorously waging varied forms of struggle with united strength.

The entire people in the northern half of the Republic should not forget even a moment their brothers in the South who, holding aloft the banner of revolution, are fighting shedding bloods, and render an active support and encouragement to their revolutionary struggle.

The entire people should be fully prepared so that they may come out in a decisive struggle at any time to drive the U.S. imperialist aggressors out of our territory and attain the cause of the national unification in concert with the South Korean people, when requested by them.

Let us all unite rock-firm around the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed brilliant commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, and vigorously march forward towards the independent unification of the country, the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution and the triumph of the

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world revolution.

Long live the people of the unified Korea!

Long live the united anti-U.S. imperialist front
of the revolutionary peoples in Asia!

Long live the united anti-imperialist, anti-U.S.
imperialist front of the peoples of Asia, Africa,
Latin America and the rest of the world!

Long live the militant solidarity of the revolu-
tionary peoples of the whole world!

Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader
of our Party and the 40 million Korean people!