

The Japanese Case of Communism and the Victory over Communism Movement

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Today, I sincerely thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to share our fight against the Japanese Communists.

Japan is currently experiencing radical instigations and provocations by communists who are taking advantage of the July 8 assassination of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

On October 26, Communist Party Chairman Kazuo Shii called this scheme the "final war" against the Family Federation and the International Federation for Victory over Communism, and tweeted, "This time we will see the end. I will do my best." The International Federation for Victory over Communism (VOC) was founded on April 1, 1968, by Reverend Sun Myung Moon's initiative. At that time, Asian nations were under attack by international communism and were in unprecedented danger.

Within Japan, too, the number of local governments led by the left increased, the Youth Communist League movements in response to international communism developed fiercely, and conflicts broke out everywhere, including at the University of Tokyo. This was just before the Communist Revolution.

VOC is not anti-communism, it is victory over communism.

To win over communism is to overcome with ideas and practices, and to realize a society that pursues such values, that is, a society of freedom and equality in which all mankind is united by the heart of brothers and sisters with God as their parent. The only political organization with an ideological system that criticized communist ideas and offered alternatives was VOC.

The fight against the Japanese Communist Party began with an open ideological war. Particularly critical battle was the election of the Vice-Governor of Kyoto Prefecture in April 1978. Kyoto Prefecture has been a Communist Party-dominated municipality and a stronghold of the Japanese Revolution for 28 years. Since it was an election to establish a new successor, the youth of VOC rallied to turn the tide of the revolution.

Referring to the defeat in the election for vice-governor of Kyoto 44 years ago, Chairman Kazuo Shii recalled the battles until now and has said that this time he will see the end.

The Communist Party has since been advocating for the Liberal Democrats to sever ties with the VOC,

but it has not happened yet.

It is common for the Communist Party and other leftist forces to clash on the political front. But in the fight against the VOC, they move in complete unity. Behind this was the need to prevent the VOC's active movement to enact the "Anti-Espionage Law." A former KGB major fled to the United States and testified before the House Intelligence Special Committee in 1982 about his past work, specifically referring to Japan as a "spy paradise" with no anti-espionage laws and revealing the real names of his Japanese collaborators.

As the anti-espionage law was about to be enacted, it was the Communist Party, the Socialist Party, left-wing cultural figures, journalists, and others who felt a serious threat. They have banded together and continued their campaign against the VOC until now.

The leftist forces, led mainly by the Communist Party and the Socialist Party, changed their tactics and shifted the focus of their attacks to Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, a close ally to VOC, by attacking its members' economic activities and methods of evangelism as false and fraudulent. The term "Law against spiritual sales" arose for this reason, and the Communist Party and the Socialist Party began to use it at the same time.

Their purpose was to repeal the "Anti-Espionage Law." Leftist forces have sought to brand the Family Federation as the "absolute evil." To do this, it is necessary to create victims. That is why they have formed a legal group and continued to pursue civil lawsuits. This organization is the National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales (the "Network of Lawyers"). Most of the plaintiffs are ex-members who have left or have been forced to leave Family Federation through kidnapping and forced confinement' by "experts" and relatives who support leaving Family Federation in the name of "protection and persuasion." Of course, it goes without saying that a stern and sufficient response is needed for those who state being harmed.

Based on the fact that the suspect in the assassination of former Prime Minister Abe stated that he had a grudge against a particular religious group and taking advantage of the Japanese people's curiosity of who this particular religious group is, the attack was launched against the Family Federation and its related organizations as if everything had been planned by them.

The Communists also took advantage of this momentum and deliberately changed the channel composition so that even the video materials prepared by the Family Federation for rebuttal were not shown to the public, as well as distorting truth so that only the victims' testimonies prepared by them were correct and the press conference held by the Family Federation was false. There has never been this level of "biased reporting" in the past. The basis of the communist operative is to 'make good appear evil'.

On November 22, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology exercised its right to question for the dissolution of the corporation under the Religious Corporations Act. On December 10, Congress enacted the "Law on the Prevention of Unfair Solicitation of Donations by Corporations, etc." In the media, it is referred to as the "Victim Relief Act."

Among the members of Japanese Parliament, there is a courageous member who have spoken out against the new law created in the wake of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's assassination. 'Assassinator should not be made successful,' he argues. Japan is now trying to abandon even the fundamental principles of democracy.

Finally, I pledge that the International Federation for Victory over Communism will put its life on the line to fight until the end to stop this scheme and to defend Japan's democracy. Thank you very much.