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Juche?

The test of any ideology is whether it enhances or demeans the lives of its adherents. The average North Korean, though he has been taught to believe that communism is the master plan for an ideal society, actually suffers from it as a man suffers from a malignant disease.

Since the necessity of destroying the cultural and religious foundations of the countries where they seek power justifies the use of any means in establishing their "people's paradise", the communists take their greatest toll in the hearts of the people oppressed. North Korea is one such example, where the Stalinist regime of Kim Il-sung controls every aspect of the people's lives. As a result very little is known about North Korea; most information on life there since 1946 has come from defectors or through neutral third countries.

Premier Kim Il-sung, actually the name of a long-dead hero adopted for propaganda by Kim Sung-joo, came to power as a puppet of the Soviets immediately after World War II. He consolidated his power through a series of purges and deceptions, stripping the Korean Workers Party (Communist) of all capable opposition. To maintain his position, Kim must regulate the lives of all Koreans, totally prescribing not only his daily work schedule, but also his personal contacts and activities.

Typically the regime ignores the showcase labor regulations requiring a maximum eight hour workday and paid overtime. Pushed to near breakdown, laborers average 14-hour workdays, the peasant farmers 15 hours, and office workers 12-15 hours daily, with no extra compensation for what the regime labels volunteer labor, everyone being required to volunteer.

The North Korean economy is state-controlled, emphasizing the development of defense oriented heavy industry, and resulting in the neglect of most consumer items and a very low standard of living. All food is rationed by the state, which is not only economical, but also a

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very effective means of controlling the people's lives. The state also dictates forced production levels and increased working hours, with vacations permitted only for those few who have excelled in productivity, qualifying as "hero" workers.

The little free time a worker has is usually taken up in structured study of the works of Kim Il-sung. Through this study and through publications distributed to virtually everyone, Kim Il-sung seeks to establish his own deification, insisting that he be considered the sole qualified arbiter of all questions, disputes and doubts about the interpretation of Marxist-Leninist thought, claiming his brand of communism, the *Juche* idea, as independent from all other ideological interpretations.

Indoctrination is enforced through the 60,000 cells the Party has established in every farm, school, office, military unit, and government organ. Every institution has a parallel structure, with a political counterpart for each administrative position. The President of Kim Il-sung University, known for his administrative ability, was overheard by his counterpart to remark in a light, rather sympathetic way, that the students were being made to work too hard. As a result, he was ousted from his position, tried for treason, and sentenced to over ten years in a labor camp! *

The government has instituted a five-family mutual surveillance system, assigning a Party cadre to each unit for purposes of control. Traditionally, the Korean family unit strongly influences the individual, holding the father in reverence. Under Kim, any loyalty to family and ancestors is being forcibly replaced by party loyalty. Children are often taken away from home to work projects. There they are indoctrinated to believe that Kim is Korea's father, and the source of their well-being. Any links to family ancestral ties have disappeared with the government's destruction of family records. Family bonds are difficult to maintain as travel between villages is prohibitively expensive, a 200-mile trip costing more than a month's salary.

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FROM THE PRESS

The following was excerpted from a column by James J. Kilpatrick, from the Washington Star, copyright 1971.

This was Question 73 on the poll of students:

"If the United States should find itself in such a position that all other alternatives were closed save a world war with the Soviet Union or surrender to the Soviet Union, which would you prefer?"

One would like to believe that America's college students, responding to that question, would reject surrender by overwhelming margins. Apparently this is wishful thinking. A survey of student attitudes at 12 colleges and universities, reported in the current issue of National Review, turns up some profoundly disquieting conclusions. A significant number of our young people would rather surrender...

In 12 institutions, where substantially the same questions were asked in 1961-63, the drift of student attitudes is steadily toward the left. The findings suggest that an alarming number of young people are indifferent or actively hostile toward national security. These same students think their own country is sick, but few of the respondents have specific ideas of what they propose to do, after graduation, toward making it better.

It should be emphasized that the survey findings should be viewed with great reservations. The questionnaires went to a random sample of sophomores, juniors and seniors at only 12 of the country's 1,665 senior colleges. None of the 900 junior colleges was sampled. The findings thus tell us something of attitudes among only 135,000 of some 8 million college students, and they tell us nothing at all about those young people, 18 to 25, not engaged in higher education.

The 12 institutions thus sampled are Boston University, Brandeis, Davidson, Howard, University of Indiana, Marquette, Reed College in Portland, Ore., Sarah Lawrence, Univ. of South Carolina, Stanford, Williams, and Yale. The 2,400 responses finally tabulated have a statistical validity of plus or minus 6 percent...

To repeat: All polls should be taken with grains of salt, and this one, like mackerel, requires salt by the pound. Even so, the figures offer cause for sober concern. The students who responded to this survey, most of them from upper middle class families, may indeed be representative of political attitudes among potential leaders. It is a depressing thought, if so, that the very question of American survival may depend, on you know, like plus or minus 6 percent.

FLFers ON TOUR

Four FLF members will join about forty other participants in the World Youth Crusade for Freedom (WYCF) 1971 Asian tour, leaving from San Francisco on July 1st.

All tour members were selected on the basis of their activities and accomplishments for the cause of freedom over the past year; the group will gain invaluable insights into the freedom struggle in Asia, and return well prepared to continue their efforts to maintain America's commitment to the defense of Free World nations who are threatened by communist aggression.

The group will study for five weeks in Taiwan, at the National Chengchi University in Taipei. The program will include morning lectures on the history of China, life under the Maoist dictatorship, and the present relative political, military and economic situation on the mainland. In the afternoon there will be field trips - one highlight will be a visit to the embattled island of Quemoy, where the nationalist Chinese have repeatedly fought off communist attacks, in 1949, and again in 1954 and 1955.

After leaving Taiwan, the group will spend 8 days in Korea, hosted by the Free Asian Youth Alliance. They will be briefed on the current situation in the South vis a vis the North's military unification policies. Recent moves by America, which may be interpreted by the communists as weakness, have greatly increased the need for much more private understanding and support in this country - even more so, because of the intensified North Korean propaganda in America, from groups such as the American-Korean Friendship and Information Center.

Our FLF members will plan to spend some time with our Korean affiliate, the International Federation for Victory over Communism, while in Seoul.

As we receive bulletins back from our FLF coordinator, Rick Hunter, we will publish his reports of the tour activities. This tour comes at a time when the Asian situation is extremely critical, in the face of a major shift in the power balance. Our new information and policy paper series, *Synthesis*, will be dealing with the questions of what America's role should be in the world generally and Asia especially. Through both of these publication efforts, we hope to give FLF members a deeper insight into the confrontation which is developing in Asia.



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In an effort to promote a deeper knowledge of the often-misunderstood areas of international affairs, the Freedom Leadership Foundation has now announced plans for the World Affairs Speakers Bureau. At a time when the world is beset by such military, political and economic disruption that catastrophe could occur from almost any new provocation, the need for a deeper understanding of the goals and policies of other nations is critical. This is especially true for Americans, as Dr. Fritz Kramer pointed out in a recent speech, since here more than in any other country, the attitudes of the private citizen influence our government's foreign policy, and thus have impact upon the world. America is an integral part of the world today and must accept and fully understand her responsible part in bringing peace and prosperity to mankind.

Relations between communist countries and the free world are the area of greatest tension, and should therefore be the main focus of our attention. Unfortunately, understanding of this area is increasingly influenced more by rhetoric and half-truths than factual information. Therefore it is vital not only to America's security but that of the world to have a comprehensive understanding of the international situation, and new developments. To meet this need for reliable information, our Speakers Bureau has been formed.

All speakers require only travel expenses—the fees or honoraria are donated directly to FLF. The staff is available to speak to any interested groups, such as clubs, churches, labor unions, GIs and college students. They are also experienced in preparing seminars, debates, discussion groups, and workshops. Most of our speakers are still in college or recent college graduates; they have been speaking and debating on campuses for the past several years.

A few of the topics presented:

- . The Southeast Asian Conflict
- . World Communist Revolution
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- . Soviet Penetration in the Middle East
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All religion is ruthlessly suppressed. There are no churches of any kind because such loyalties would hinder the policy of sanctifying communism and devotion to Kim Il-sung. Replacing natural human values, spiritual beliefs, and creative desires, the Party perpetrates the myth of the ideal communist man. This ideal man is one who denies any other God except Kim Il-sung, a revolutionary combatant, a worker-soldier who stands with a hammer in one hand and a rifle in the other, not thinking of himself, his own personal desires or his family, but willing to give his life at any moment for the state.

Instead of being the liberator of the proletariat, communism has become the systematic exploiter of the working class. In this dehumanization of man lies the ultimate undoing of communism and its illusive goal of materialistic utopianism.

**From speech by Young Suk Choi, IFVC, Korea, Fall, 1970.*
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