

Col. Bo Hi Pak Responds to the US Congress's Fraser Committee Charges

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Col. Pak and his lawyer, Mr. John Bray, on April 11

The Capitol Hill Korea hearings have been big news recently and most Americans have heard something about them. Among the Committees in Congress holding hearings on the subject of Korea is the House Subcommittee on International Organizations, chaired by Donald M. Fraser (D-Minn.). Since February 3, 1977, Congressman Fraser has held formal hearings exploring certain aspects of Korean-American relations. His Subcommittee has interviewed hundreds of witnesses and generated numerous headlines, but it has not been a balanced investigation. In the worst tradition of Congressional hearings, the Fraser Subcommittee has targeted individuals and organizations in order to discredit them, and ultimately, to disrupt Korean-American relations.

On Wednesday, March 22, Mr. Bo Hi Pak was called for questioning by the Subcommittee on International Organizations, part of the House Committee on International Relations, and headed by Congressman Donald Fraser. Before his questioning, Mr. Pak read from the following statement which is reproduced here in full. It was then submitted to the subcommittee.

Mr. Chairman, Honorable Congressmen, Members of the Staff, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I would like to make it clear that I have been resisting this investigation adamantly. Why? Not because I have something to hide -- not because I am afraid of any exposure -- but because of the way this investigation was motivated and conducted -- because of the lack of objectivity and sensitivity to what kind of impact this investigation is making upon many innocent people, not only in this country but around the world.

My noncooperation with this investigation was not a blanket refusal. I was wholeheartedly cooperating with this investigation in the beginning. In fact, at the beginning of the investigation I actually volunteered information of the Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation, Inc., (KCFF), Radio of Free Asia (ROFA) and the Unification Church to the Chairman. On June 9, 1976 I voluntarily made an appointment with you, Mr. Chairman, and I came in with bundles of information. I voluntarily briefed you and answered all your questions at your office. Your assistant at that time, Mr. Richard Mauzy, was present. And if I remember correctly, both you and Mr. Mauzy took scrupulous notes throughout the conversation, and I left supporting documentation with you at the time.

Furthermore, I also volunteered to meet with the Public Integrity Section of the Justice Department, Mr. Paul Michel, when I was implicated with the so-called Tongsun Park's bribery case. We had an honest, open and candid discussion. I voluntarily laid out my side of the story. It was a very good, heart-to-heart discussion and that was the end of my relationship with them. I have not heard from them since.

On October 29, 1976, when the Washington Post first exploded with the Tongsun Park case, my name was mentioned as a participant in an alleged Blue House meeting to formulate the master plan for influence buying in Congress. I was in Europe at the time and heard this news in London. I immediately cancelled all my business appointments and flew directly back to Washington, D.C. Two days later, on November 1, 1976, I had a press conference at the Washington Hilton and fully stated my position.

It has been a long standing principle of mine to stand up and face a situation rather than run away from it.

I would rather face any charges against me and openly defend myself than run away in a corner and hide or withdraw. I have always lived according to this principle because I believe in the things I have done and I am not ashamed of any of them. I am proud of what I have done in my life.

However, I resisted this Committee's investigation all the way since I first discovered there is no genuine motivation in search of truth. Even if it were sincerely motivated and its concerns genuine, the pattern of conducting the investigation has been irresponsible and damaging so as to hurt and abuse many, many innocent people, particularly my revered spiritual leader, Reverend Sun Myung Moon and all members of the Unification Church throughout the world. So in this opening statement I cannot help but to take a little time to let you know, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee how much harm has been done already. But before I do that I want to explain my motivations, so you can see the facts in the right perspective.

Brief Testimony of My Life

On June 1, 1950 I entered the Korean Military Academy, equivalent to the U.S. West Point, for four years of high caliber military training. Here the best training was made available for the future military leaders of the Korean Army. I was 20 years old at the time, unmarried and burning with zeal and hope as a young cadet that "one day I will become a General." This dream, however, only lasted 25 days. On June 25th this young cadet found himself already in the middle of war without even knowing how to handle an M-1 rifle. North Communist Korea attacked that day and the Military Academy Cadets were the first troops committed to stop this overwhelming invasion, which was an impossible task. Within three days of battle our 330 classmates were reduced by two-thirds.

Of my classmates, 220 died without ever receiving even a rank or serial number.

Soon afterwards we were sent to Pusan, rushed through eight weeks of training, commissioned as Second Lieutenants and sent quickly back to the front line war zone as platoon leaders. At that time platoon leaders were consumed like Kleenex tissues and I lost more of my friends in the first week of combat defending the Eastern Sector of the front lines.

In 1951 the Red Chinese Army, entered the war. They launched what has come to be known as the "Spring Offensive of 1951." Our Division was totally outnumbered and instantly smashed by the enemy. Most of our Division Combat Team had no time to escape and were left behind the enemy lines. I, along with a few other soldiers, were hiding in enemy territory and knew that the end had come. I knew that it was just a matter of time before we were found and killed. I saw no hope. We were hiding in the mountains without food or a means of communication for many days. Then one day we saw a long line of enemy soldiers retreating back to the North, and many of them were wounded and limping. I instantly knew something was happening. I saw my first glimpse of hope. A couple of days later I heard a roar of tanks from the South coming closer and closer and there they were -- the U.S. Third Division had been pursuing the enemy to the North with tanks. God saved our lives.

When the U.S. soldiers greeted us, I literally kissed their tanks. I thanked God and thanked the savior of my life -- U. S. comrades in arms. This was my first personal encounter with the United States of America. America had become the savior of my life.

Since that time my respect, love and admiration for this great nation and people has continued to grow. I fought with American officers and soldiers in subsequent battles until the war ended in 1953. I pledged to God that someday God would give me the chance to repay America for saving my life.

Today, I am indeed a citizen of the Republic of Korea and I am an immigrant in this great nation of immigrants. Four of my six children were born in this country and they are American citizens. Certainly I have a loyalty to my heritage of Korea, but I owe my life to America. My loyalty to America is just as strong as that to my own country.

I became a follower of Rev. Sun Myung Moon in 1957. Since then I have been a faithful disciple to him and a member of the Unification Church for over 20 years. Rev. Moon opened up a totally new area of being for me. He gave me rebirth and purpose of life. Because of his teaching, God was made real in my heart and I know life is eternal. Through him I also gained vision and hope for the world in which we live. The teaching of Rev. Moon can be summed up in two words: "Love and Sacrifice" for God and humanity.

In addition, through Rev. Moon my love for America was amplified and deepened, and my heart bypassed national boundaries. In fact, as I learned of Rev. Moon's vision of America as the chosen nation to be a champion for God in this age of world crisis, my loyalty to this nation became absolute and my desire to serve this country was lit with burning zeal.

So, Mr. Chairman, the motivation of my actions come from an inner desire to serve God, humanity and my two beloved countries of Korea and America. From this strong sense of service the seed for KCFF

was born and founded; ROFA was launched; the Little Angels were organized; Children's Relief Fund was established; and schools were built.

From this same strong sense of service to God and humanity I witnessed and preached the gospel of Christ and love of God as revealed through Rev. Moon. My conscience is absolutely clear in making this statement. I may have made many honest mistakes, made many poor judgments, committed many foolish blunders, yet God is my witness that all I have done was from a motivation of service and love and I did nothing to destroy or harm anyone or any nation, least of all, Korea or America. And I violated no law, American or any other.

Here I am today, in the United States Congress, summoned by this august Subcommittee of International Organization, headed by you, Mr. chairman. I stand here not as a proud witness, but more as the accused; accused as an agent or spy of a foreign country; accused as a KCIA agent; accused as the running dog of a foreign government. Nothing could be further from the truth. I know I have been none of those things. Then why am I here today? Why am I singled out?

I do know one thing clearly. I am here today because I am a Korean, a disciple of Rev. Moon and member of the Unification Church, and a dedicated anticommunist. "Korean" is a dirty word these days and everything "Korean" is suspect. Also, to be a "Moonie" in this country is very unpopular and the cause for anticommunism is practically dead now. Yet, I am all of those unpopular things. I may look like a "fool" - even be treated as a fool. Yet, Mr. Chairman, I will not recant any of those qualifications. I am a proud Korean -- a proud "Moonie" -- and a dedicated anticommunist and I intend to remain so the rest of my life.

This morning I fervently prayed before I came here, and I thanked God for giving me such inner peace and tranquility during these last two years of suffering, harassment and persecution by your Subcommittee. Yet, Mr. Chairman, though I am at peace with God and myself, too many innocent people are being hurt and damaged. Too many good works are being hampered. This must be stopped for God's sake.

Now let me report to you just how much harm has already been done.



Congressman Donald Fraser, chairman of the Subcommittee

Destroying the Lives and Reputations of Others

For more than two years the Subcommittee on International Organizations has been ostensibly pursuing a probe of the KCIA. However, in those two years this Committee has given the impression to the world through the press that the United States Congress is investigating the Unification Church of Reverend Sun Myung Moon. The Washington Post stated this clearly in an article on March 19, 1977 that the Fraser Subcommittee "plans to examine further ties between the South Korean government and the Unification Church of the evangelist Sun Myung Moon."

This Subcommittee has allowed unsubstantiated allegations and so-called evidence to receive wide press coverage while the sworn testimony indicating the innocence of Rev. Moon and the Unification Church has been totally ignored. By taking this openly prejudiced position, this Committee has publicly

discriminated against the Unification Church and has needlessly damaged the worldwide work of the Unification Church. Because of this Committee, the Unification Church already stands accused, judged and condemned in the eyes of the world without a trial, even though no substantial evidence of any wrongdoing or any connection to the KCIA has ever been proven in this Subcommittee or elsewhere.

Here in this Committee, Mr. Chairman, you have stated that you are not investigating the Unification Church, and you say that this Committee is going to honor absolute individual rights on the First Amendment of the Constitution. However, once allegations of this Committee have leaked out and reached the public via the press, the allegations become a matter of fact rather than allegations. Out there, in the eyes of the public, I am already condemned as a KCIA agent. Bo Hi Pak is no longer an alleged KCIA agent, but is an agent. You may have heard one speech by Dr. Jeffrey Stein, Institute for Policy Studies, at the Conference of Japanese and U.S. Parliamentarians on Korean Problems because you were a member of that conference. Even a scholar such as he said "Bo Hi Pak, Reverend Moon's right hand man and a KC/A agent, according to former KCIA Director Kim Hyung Wook." You know Kim Hyung Wook said in his testimony to you that I am "not a KCIA agent." Did you ever bother to correct him? All over the world people understand already that I am an unmitigated KCIA agent. In all the world capitals it is being repeated as fact, and they refer back to this Committee as the source.

You have absolutely no idea how this kind of character assassination damages the individual lives of the members of the Unification Church. I am indeed one of the victims of this Committee and my family has been condemned also. My honor and my livelihood have already been destroyed without my having even gone to one trial.

Yet this is not all. I am particularly anguished over the fact that the noble work of a man who came to this country to preach the Gospel has been so misunderstood and mistreated. Reverend Sun Myung Moon preached in every state and most major cities of America numerous times in the last several years. I believe his work is unparalleled by any religious leader in this country. His vision ignited so many disillusioned American youth, and he became a symbol of hope to them. But now his divine work has suffered under this unfounded, vicious attack. The damage is all the more serious because since it is happening in America, its impact is not confined to America alone. American news travels everywhere. Reverend Moon's disciples and missionaries in 127 countries are being falsely accused due to these false allegations.

If this climate continues you have no idea how many innocent and precious lives will be martyred. And this Committee's investigation is certainly adding fuel to the fire. All in all, I am anguished and concerned because the work of this Committee is hampering the work of God and the coming of His Kingdom and righteousness is being delayed. Without firing a single bullet or even shedding one drop of blood, this Committee may be proven in history as the worst disservice to God and this great country of America.

Destroying the Reputation of Our Church

March 15, 1978 was a disastrous day for the Unification Church. This Committee made the headlines by releasing U.S. Intelligence reports of 1970 from Seoul to Washington. I was utterly dumbfounded when I read in one report that the Unification Church was founded in 1961 by Jong Pil Kim, Director of the KCIA, as a political tool of the Korean Government. You know deep in your heart that this is not true, Mr. Chairman.

Rev. Moon received a revelation from God in 1936, about 25 years prior to the creation of the KCIA. That was the spiritual founding of the Unification Church. And the Unification Church was officially chartered in Seoul on May 1, 1954 by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, seven years prior to the time President Park and Honorable Jong Pil Kim came into power in 1961.

I myself joined the church in 1957. By 1958 we had our Church established in Japan and in 1959 it was established in the U.S.A.

The early members of our Church struggled long and hard, at great personal sacrifice. The first missionaries to America came here, as I have said, in 1959, years before the world ever heard of Kim, Jong Pil. Ask these early members if they endured so much for the sake of anyone other than God Almighty. What an insult to their faith!

A noted theologian and scholar, Dr. Frederick Sontag, recently made an in-depth study of the Unification Church for the Methodist publishing house, Abington Press. To get the real story of the founding of our church he visited Korea. Let me quote here from his book Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church. Speaking of the founding of the Unification Church in 1954, Dr. Sontag writes: "In my travels, study and interviews, I came to firm conclusions: The movement is genuinely spirited in its origins.... "(Page 195) And, "As nearly as I could determine from my tour in Korea, the story of humble origin, imprisonment, and suffering is substantially true."

And I want you to know why wasn't the evidence from Dr. Sontag's study included with the documents released by this Subcommittee? Why wasn't the testimony of others, Korean and American, balanced against this one, unverified CIA report? Why wasn't other CIA material released as well? I am sure there are documents at the CIA, perhaps even in the possession of this Subcommittee, which repudiates this allegation.

You know, Mr. Chairman, that this accusation of Jong Pil Kim founding the Unification Church is not true. It is the same thing as saying that Christianity was founded by Julius Caesar. Or better still, can you, in your wildest dreams, imagine William Colby or Richard Helms, former Directors of the CIA, setting up a religion as a vehicle for American foreign policy? Would the followers be called "Colbyites" or "Helmies"? Nothing in the world could be more incredible than to suggest that the Director of the KCIA, or your own CIA, could ever establish a church like the Unification Church. I am shocked that you even entertain the notion. And if anything destroys your credibility in the eyes of the world, then this surely will.

I will bet that even the U.S. CIA would not dare to come before this Committee and swear that the report you have released is true and accurate. You know it is a lie. Then why is the U.S. Congress, in the person of Honorable Donald Fraser, giving this pseudo lie authentication? Why is this kind of lie unleashed to the world without checking its validity? Do you have any idea how much damage this kind of lies does to the Unification Church and each and every one of its members?

The very next day after you released this material newspapers all over the world made front page headlines similar to the Washington Star -- "Moon's Church Founded By Korean CIA as Political Tool Panel Says."

Now, just look at what the New York Times did to us in an article on March 16, 1978 by Richard Halloran titled: "*Unification Church Called Seoul Tool* House Panel Releases Documents Linking Sun Myung Moon to Korean Lobbying Efforts" It says: "A House investigating subcommittee today released intelligence reports asserting that the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church was founded by a Director of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency, Kim Chong Pil, as a political tool in 1961" There are two steps involved in this process:

Step #1 -- This Subcommittee, in the powerful name of the U.S. Congress, gave unqualified authenticity to a so-called Intelligence report, which is trash, total lies, distorted and vicious in nature.

Step #2 -- It was carried in papers like the New York Times which has never treated Reverend Moon objectively; yet the New York Times is quoted throughout the world like the Bible, thus giving the reports legitimacy. All the papers of the world need to print is one line... "The New York Times said."

Mr. Chairman, now much more must we suffer because of this Committee. Tell me Mr. Chairman, why did you do this to us? On March 15, 1978 this Committee did such harm, you cannot begin to imagine. The U.S. Congress literally christened us as KCIA tools. When any genuine religious organization is associated in the public eyes as a tool or the KCIA or any CIA, that is the ultimate blow -- there is nothing more you can do to try and destroy it.

Mr. Chairman, the Unification Church was founded by God, not by man. Rev. Moon is just His chosen instrument. It may appear to the world that our doomsday has come, but just as Jesus flourished ever more after the resurrection, and the Christian Church became stronger than ever, so will the Unification Church. How do I know this -- because I heard the voice of God. And the Unification Church is founded by Him and God and His truth is eternal and no man can put it asunder.

Rev. Moon Is the Target

As one reads the public memorandum of April 14, 1977 of this Committee, it becomes obvious that this Committee's main target is Reverend Sun Myung Moon. I quote in part: "1) Operational ties between the Korean Central Intelligence Agency and organizations headed by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon."

In spite of the potential breadth of the investigation, the majority of the allegations and so-called pieces of evidence in the memorandum are written in such a way that they point directly to Reverend Moon. Even when it is obvious that it is actually other people who are in question, the memorandum leaves out their names and leadingly refers every time to "associates of Reverend Sun Myung Moon." Thus, all allegations are designed to ultimately blame Rev. Moon. It is clear from the slanted wording that the Subcommittee is trying to bring all focus upon this one innocent man of God, even when the implications have no real relationship to him. I as a person and members of the Unification Church as a whole, resent and abhor this lack of courtesy toward one of the great spiritual leaders of our time.

Certainly the spirit of American law does not hold Pope Paul responsible for all the actions of his Cardinals and all Catholics.

Rev. Moon is the man who awakened to the Divine call of God at the age of 16 years. He is a man who toiled and sweated his entire life in search of truth; a man who, without the help of God, would have been dead many times by the worst kind of Communist torture in the worst kind of concentration camp in North Korea; a man who has been outspoken as a modern-day prophet without fear for the wickedness and ungodliness of nations and people and was in fact tormented and persecuted by his own government of Korea for so many years.

Rev. Moon obeyed the message of God to come to this country in 1971 and ignite the hearts of the people of this nation and openly proclaim the message of the Kingdom of God on earth. Will you and Christians of this nation deny that God is alive and still able to speak through His prophets? Will God's prophets still be persecuted for speaking truth which is unpopular? The answer is yes! Rev. Moon, being a prophet of God, speaks God's truth without fear. He demands repentance, as God demands. His message is painful to accept, but therein lies salvation. America has shown mixed feelings toward this great man and his message. America has rejected, yet some have accepted. Yet one thing is sure. Rev. Moon has created a whirlwind in this country, rekindling the American dream. And many notable theologians have been compelled to admit about the Unification Church, as stated by Dr. Sontag: "We have witnessed in our own lifetime the birth, growing pains -- and will see the maturity -- of a new religious movement."

Is the Unification Church Political?

By trying to connect Reverend Moon and the Unification Church to the Korean CIA, this Committee is actually trying to deny that the Unification Church is a bona fide religion. You are trying to reduce it to a mere political organization. Whether or not one considers the Unification Church heretical, it cannot be disputed as a genuine religious organization. If one claims the Unification Church is political, then he must add that all churches and religions are political as well because the Unification Church is really no different in practice than the Roman Catholics, the Protestants or the Jews.

If we really look at the record, we'll see that the Unification Church has been far less political than all other American religious organizations. Then to be fair, one would have to investigate many other religious organizations as well. Perhaps he should start with the United Church of Christ and all the religious groups who demonstrated against the Vietnam war, or those groups who actually sent aid to North Vietnam. And he should perhaps investigate all the Jewish groups for potential ties to the Israeli government. And what about the Roman Catholic ties with the Vatican or Anglican ties with England, or the ties of the Moslems to Arab states or of Hindus to India?

If this discriminatory treatment goes unchecked it will set a dangerous precedent for future governmental prosecution of any religion which happens to have membership ties to any foreign country, or which may find itself connected through race or national origin to any scandal, no matter how unrelated.

This is the worst kind of jingoism. It has nothing to do with the faith of a true patriot, since it is based on narrow-minded nationalism and race prejudice.

The danger is not limited to the Unification Church in scope. As long as the religious rights of any people are being infringed upon at public expense through thinly disguised vendettas called investigations there is danger for every religion.

So far I have spoken in defense of Rev. Moon and the Unification Church. Now let me dwell on the defense of Korea and my own activities in the Korean Cultural and Freed om Foundation.

In Defense of Korea and My Activities

The Korean peninsula is primarily bordered by Soviet Russia, vast Red China and of course half of Korea itself is under what is probably the worst kind of communism headed by the Kim Il Sung regime.

Outside of this perimeter is the island of Japan. As you know, Japan has no self-defense capability and the Communist Parties are strong in the Japanese Congress. The North Korean factions are also quite strong in Japan.

Little South Korea, with a population of 35 million people, stands imprisoned in the midst of all these overpowering communist forces and is just trying to survive.

We are scared of the communist takeover. We fear this happening so much that we would give very lives to stop it. We saw our small country practically overrun by Communists in 1950. I fought that war. We have had millions killed and taken to the North. We cannot afford to have the same situation happen again. Too much blood -- too much tragedy. Our hearts bleed as we remember such things. With any amount of sacrifice necessary we cannot allow another invasion from the North.+

With the above situation, the Korean Government must have been concerned and irritated by the planned withdrawal of U.S. troops, announced in 1970. Of course the Korean people were disheartened by the prospect of a U.S. withdrawal. The government, as well as the people, know that the U.S. presence is vital for our national security. Both the government and the people have become very desperate and they want to do something about it. This is the natural instinct for survival.



Col. Bo Hi Pak presenting his statement to the House Subcommittee on International Organizations, March 22, 1978

So when the U.S. withdrawal became definite, everybody jumped on the bandwagon to do something to hold the friendship and attention of America. Practically a hundred different public relations campaigns were launched, not only by the government, but by many private organizations who have some connection to the U.S. There may have been some misjudgments; there may have been some overzealousness, and to me the key of today's tragedy of the so-called "Korea-gate" is a result of "overzealousness and misjudgment."

Some businessmen captured the opportunity. They enjoyed a field day. All they had to do was show to the Korean government their power of influence in the U.S. Some officials might have clutched at this the way a drowning man clutches at straws. I don't know what they actually did, but I do know one thing: I do not condone any illegal activities; my principles will not permit me to resort to methods such as buying influence with money. So I have never engaged in such activities.

But promotion of goodwill and friendship between Korea and the U.S. on a people-to-people level, yes, I certainly did, and did my utmost best. I believe in it. That was the sole purpose of KCFF and projects like the Little Angels. I genuinely wanted to see a closer tie, closer cooperation, closer friendship on a people-to-people level between Korea and the U.S. I brought the Little Angels, a Korean children's' folk dance troupe, to this country eleven times. That was one of the most beautiful examples of promotion and goodwill between two countries.

Former Senator Fulbright, a harsh critic of ROFA, came to see them two times and his heart was melted. Millions of Americans have seen the Little Angels through the live performances and through T.V. I have not yet received one single negative comment.

In fact one U.S. Senator wrote this to us in 1976: "The program was beautiful. It was well done and it was inspirational. I am sorry that it wasn't produced on television so that every citizen of my country could have seen it. I want to thank you, your country and all who were involved in this wonderful performance."

One of the high officials of the State Department wrote: "On behalf of the Department of State and the American people I wish to thank you for bringing your group to America and giving us such a fine salute to our Bicentennial."

I was surprised one day to receive a letter from the U.S. ambassador to Australia: "In my opinion, this performance did more for Korean-Australian relations than anything the Korean Embassy has done.... Since this was sponsored by an American Foundation, I have been wondering whether anything comparable is available from your Foundation or any other organization in the United States."

In 1971 the Little Angels were invited by the Queen of England for a Command Performance in London. The delighted Queen Elizabeth invited all the troupe to a Royal Reception after the performance, which has never occurred in the British protocol. The Little Angels have given 1600 live performances on the world stages, appeared on 200 T.V. programs and appeared before over 30 heads of state as their guests.

Radio of Free Asia (ROFA) was organized in the same spirit -- to promote goodwill and friendship upon the common spirit of freedom and to provide some critical service via broadcasts to the oppressed millions behind the Bamboo Curtain. From the very beginning, ROFA set out to be a citizens radio for freedom, seeking no subsidy from any government except moral support. General Eisenhower gave us the slogan for ROFA -- "Bridge of Truth". ROFA has broadcast truth of the free world to, victims behind the Bamboo Curtain from transmitters leased from Korea, the Philippines, Laos and Vietnam before the fall of Saigon.

When the U.S. put the first man on the moon ROFA made sure people behind the Bamboo Curtain knew about this historical achievement. When the POW/MIA plight became great, ROFA launched a spectacular humanitarian crusade to arouse the world protest against inhumane treatment of POW's. And ROFA made sure North Vietnam knew the angry world opinion through 225 special programs into North Vietnam. Many Senators, Congressmen, government and civic leaders and POW/MIA families voiced their anger from the ROFA microphone. It was one of the most righteous humanitarian crusades in modern history. And we received "king size" thanks from the families of the POW/MIA's.

Understanding our goal, the Korean Government and people supported this program of ROFA. They believed in our sincerity and knew our objectives were good for.

Mr. Chairman, today you are rehashing the same old material and trying to make a scandalous new case out of what has come to be "old-hat." If this poor Korean man committed even one single wrongdoing, one illegal act, or made any trivial amount of fraud, I would be in jail now. I would never have survived such total bombardment. I survived only because I have not done anything wrong or illegal.

The IRS instituted a most comprehensive investigation, the Justice Department certainly launched a full scale investigation by both the FBI and the Criminal Division. They evaluated information from the CIA and the Department of State as well and came to the conclusion that there is no basis for any of the put forth allegations.

These investigations were not only looking to find guilt concerning the Foreign Registration Act, but also to see if there had been any criminal wrong-doing. The Criminal Division found no evidence of fraud anywhere. They came up empty-handed -- they concluded there was no case.

Mr. Chairman, let me invite your attention for a moment to a memorandum to General, Internal Security Division, Justice Department, from James C. Hise, Chief Registration Section dated March 16, 1972: "also enclosed with Mr. Johnson's letter was a secret memorandum of information regarding subject's (ROFA) background and its alleged connection with the South Korean Government.

"It is clear from Mr. Johnson's letter that the State Department considers subject a thorn in the flesh and a potential source of embarrassment... it seems quite clear that what Mr. Johnson has in mind is a suggestion of some means by which to put an end to subject's activities.

"The information in the secret memorandum indicates that the persons associated with subject are men of questionable reputation, that they are believed to be members of the Korean CIA, and the subject is devious, not to say deceitful, in its activities. This information also suggests that subject is a feature of the Korean Government, but this allegation is not established by competent evidence.... There is no information of any relevance to this inquiry in other material."

If Mr. Donald Ranard, of the State Department Korean Desk at that time, was so certain of wrongdoing, why didn't he produce some "competent evidence" to support his allegations. Also, Mr. Chairman, am I to understand from this memorandum that the State Department is asking the Justice Department to do its dirty-work? Is not the State Department asking the Justice Department to find "some means" to accomplish the predetermined both the U.S. and Korea. I said "support", but NOT MONETARY support,

and not control. They gave us their blessing, they gave us their moral support and we were flourishing until the State Department zeroed in on us as part of a pre-determined plan to destroy ROFA and KCFF as a whole.

In 1971 hell fell upon ROFA and myself. Upon the persistence of the State Department, a full-scale investigation of the F.B.I. and the Justice Department was launched. They literally brought me before the judgment seat. Simultaneously the IRS launched their full scale investigation.

Mr. Chairman, no one could survive such investigations by two of the most powerful federal agencies, FBI and IRS and the pressure of two almighty Departments, State and Justice all at the same time. If I had done anything at all wrong or illegal, however slight, I would not have survived the 1971 ordeal. And if I had not faith in God I would have been broken during those judgment days. Then after a year long investigation what did they find? NOTHING. ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. I was cleared from the FBI, IRS and Justice Departments. The IRS found nothing and sent me this letter of a "clean bill of health" referring to KCFF: Dated: September 29, 1971 "After reviewing your activities and examining your financial records for the above year(s) we find that your Federal tax-exempt status continues. The return(s) for the year(s) indicated are accepted as filed."

District Director

On March 16, 1972 Acting Attorney General, Richard Kleindienst wrote a final letter to Secretary Johnson of the State Department: "... you advised that the Department of State would have no objection to the Federal Bureau of Investigation instituting a full scale investigation of the organization known as Radio of Free Asia....

"The FBI investigation of that organization has been completed. Based on a review of the information made available by the CIA, the Department of State, and the FBI... the evidence is insufficient to constitute Radio of Free Asia as an agent of a foreign principal.... It has also been determined that there is insufficient evidence to establish a violation of the statutes on fraud or the mails or any other federal law which I am chosen to enforce....

"... This Department is contemplating no further action in the instant matter."

Richard Kleindienst Acting Attorney General

The case was dropped. I, KCFF and ROF A all survived the worst test and were proven innocent.

Goal -- "put an end to subject's activities." If the State Department is misusing its power and playing some sort of underhanded trick, then this Subcommittee should investigate the State Department instead of me. This is a blatant violation of human rights. Certainly President Carter's conscience cannot overlook such a matter.

My Feelings Toward President Park's Government

On February 27, 1978, the Washington Post reported: "S. KOREA ECONOMY OUTSTRIPS THE NORTH'S, CIA STUDY SAYS."

"South Korea has far outstripped North Korea in economic growth in the past decade... according to a new (U.S.) Central Intelligence Agency study.... If Seoul's export markets hold up as anticipated and there is no large-scale war on the Korean peninsula, the CIA predicted South Korea should emerge in the early 1980's with an economy nearly three times larger than the north's.... Some U.S. observers have interpreted South Korea's growing economic strength as proof that Seoul can take care of itself."

These faces are certainly not well known to the American public. In a few more years North Korea would not even dare to plan an outright attack on South Korea because the power difference between North Korea and South Korea would be so staggering. Was not the U.S. looking forward to the day when Korea would be totally self-sufficient and danger of war would be totally eliminated? Korea has made great achievements toward that goal.

I, as a person belonging to a religion which sees Communism as an enemy of God and mankind, and as a person who regards Korea as the Holy Land of my faith, can appreciate what President Park has done more than most. It is my feeling that it is a blessing in God's will that we have such capable leadership in Korea. The last thing I want to see is for Korea to become another Vietnam.

However, I want you, Mr. Chairman, to know that President Park's government has not in any way favored me or Rev. Moon or the Unification Church. Instead, we have had our programs harassed many times and delayed by mediocre government bureaucrats. Our burden has been great and our heart has

been heavy under President Park's government.

The Korean Government is keenly aware of the Unification Church's controversy overseas and bends over backwards to prove to the world that they have nothing to do with the Unification Church. They always want to keep at an arm's length away from us, so we are actually fighting just to get equal treatment as other religious organizations are normally entitled to. Sometimes they go out of their way to torment us in a political gesture to show the world that the Korean Government is not a friend to the Unification Church. Such an innocent and brilliant program like the Little Angels tour has been halted. This is such a great loss for Korea and I deeply abhor such a shortsighted policy very much.

Some might say I speak well of the Korean Government in order to win their favor. Nothing is further from the truth. Let me quote once again from Dr. Sontag: "Now, with the church's rising negative press in the United States, the Park government has pushed it to arm's length again and put their relationship on hold. Church members have trouble getting visas to leave the country now, they say, and they now talk darkly of expected repression. As this book went to the publisher, these fears were confirmed by the arrest of some of the church's leaders in Korea on the charges in income-tax evasion. It is hard to see the church as joining the Park government in secret schemes at the same time its leaders are being arrested." {pages 198-199}

Rev. Moon and Unification Church members could become rebellious against the Korean Government and believe me, it is very tempting to do just that. However, Rev. Moon always insists that we stick to our principles and says: "We are not working for any government, we are serving God and we must support Korea because God cannot afford to lose Korea to Communism. This is our religious conviction."

Many people may say "if you are a Christian why don't you oppose the Korean Government?" But I tell you, it is not for gain or favor, it is because we are Christians that we support the government of South Korea, as long as the freedom to worship remains. The most fundamental human right is the right to worship God. Winston Churchill once said that there is no perfect government and democracy is the worst, except for the others, but man has not yet developed anything better. No one could ever think the U.S. experiment is perfect. However, we have to choose the best and work to make it better. In the case of Korea, we must choose between Park Chung Hee and Kim Il Sung.

Do we have freedom of religion in South Korea? YES! Is there any freedom of religion in North Korea? NO! NONE AT ALL. In fact there are no other freedoms in North either. There is no comparison between the North and South. Then our responsibility, and the responsibility of Americans as well if you truly believe in human rights, is to oppose Communism.

So even if we receive persecution from one government, we shall remain faithful to our religious principles. This is my position as well as the position of the Unification Church toward the Korean Government.

Conclusion

Mr. Chairman, in conclusion I would like to make one final plea. Anything I have said today, however slight, that disturbed your peace, please forgive me. I said I have nothing against you personally.

For a moment let's forget about this investigation. Forget about the KCIA. Forget about Radio of Free Asia. Let us think for a moment about "Destiny". Destiny of two countries -- USA and Korea. It has been a special destiny that America liberated this one small peninsula from the hand of foreign imperial powers in 1945 and gave birth to a new nation in 1948. In 1950 the U.S., in the person of Harry S. Truman, committed to the defense of Korea from North Korean Communist aggression. In three years America lost more than 30,000 gallant men and many more tens of thousands were wounded. America invited 15 nations to join together under the banner of the U.S. to defend this seemingly insignificant peninsula in the Far East.

All these years since 1945 America has invested 160 billion dollars in war and peace. Indeed, this indicates a special destiny. It is truly beyond human comprehension and no man could have mapped out this course. It is God inspired and pre-ordained destiny.

Meantime, the U.S. and the world suffered tragedy in the name of Vietnam. America lost 56,571 lives in combat and civilian personnel; another 303,650 were wounded. Over 200 billion dollars were poured into Vietnam. Today it is a lost cause and America's sacrifice was made in vain. This infamous war constituted America's first war defeat in history.

Korea is different. She has not only survived from the ravage of war, but in just one decade she performed a miracle in building a nation right in front of a hostile enemy. Exports surged from a meager \$30 million to \$10 billion in a little over 10 years. Korean people are confident that this nation of 35 million people is now emerging as one of the most industrial nations of the world.

America's 30-year old child is becoming strong, self-reliant, and is now ready to share with the parent -- America -- world responsibility. After all, the son has grown up strong and ready to give a genuine "thank you" indeed.

On the other hand, there are international forces dedicated to see to it that Korea would become another Vietnam. There are people and nations who are dying to see free Korea destroyed. These people are not just sitting around waiting, doing nothing. They are doing everything possible to guarantee this would happen. Ambassador Graham Martin, testifying before a congressional committee in regard to some of the anti-war leaders of the Vietnam era, stated they have already mapped out the global strategy saying they "... clearly indicated that the next target would be Korea."

If they should ever succeed, Korea would become another Vietnam -- this would be a tragic day for the U.S. and for the world. Yes, Korea cannot survive without the U.S. because Korea's enemy is not just Kim Il Sung, but Russia and Red China as well.

But ultimately the U.S. would not survive without Korea either. Why? For two reasons. Korea is in a geographically strategic position and essential to the future freedom of the world. If Korea turns into a second Vietnam, there would be a third Vietnam and that may very well be Japan. Then who would be the fourth Vietnam?

Secondly, Korea exists as a microcosm of the world conflict. What happens to Korea will happen eventually on a worldwide scale. The destiny of the U.S. and that of Korea are interlocked. I believe, one cannot survive one without the other. I say this not because I am trying to just save Korea, but I speak this as one who sincerely wants to see God's will succeed with the least amount of bloodshed and suffering as possible.

It is God's will that His Kingdom come on earth, as Jesus said: "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven." And God cannot bring His Kingdom through communism. God has strategically placed Korea in such a position interlocking the destiny of Korea and America together. God devised this way. It is not man-made.

Mr. Chairman, this special investigation on the Korean-American relations is very much like a two-edged sword. It can do a lot of good in contributing toward future Korean-American relations, or it can do great harm. We have been gaining tremendous lessons through this investigation. Both governments and people alike will become much wiser. Through these common lessons the bonds of the two countries will be stronger.

On the other hand, this investigation has a quality to be used and exploited by our potential enemy and it might permanently cripple the relationship of the two nations, thus pushing Korea one step closer to another Vietnam. And you are holding that two-edged sword in the palm of your hand, Sir. Future history will record just how you used this two-edged sword.

Mr. Chairman, there is an American saying: "You may win the battle, but lose the war." For God's sake, please uphold the God-inspired destiny of our two nations. I plead with you that you must win the battle and the war.