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[Sun Myung Moon](#) and [Hak Ja Han](#) at the World Rally for Korean Freedom June 7, 1975 at Yeouido, Seoul

Red menace still haunting Asia as we witness the Abe assassination and South Korea and Japan moving leftward - the legacy of anti-communism warnings from Cold War-era resurfaces



**Yoido Island Rally
June 7, 1975
1.2 Million People**

[Sun Myung Moon](#) speaking at the 1.2 million rally at Yeouido Island June 7, 1975

Opinion

Rev Moon's Yeouido Anti-Communism Rally 50 Years On

By [Colm Ó Cionnaith](#), Universal Peace Federation Ireland Secretary General.

50 years ago this week, Rev. [Sun Myung Moon](#) rallied 1.2 million patriots concerned about the fate of Korea in an unprecedented [freedom rally](#) at Yeouido (Yoido) Island, near Seoul, Korea.

The [demonstration](#) was to play a large part in saving fragile South Korea, under military administration since the Korean War, from the atheistic Marxist ideology still threatening the South of the peninsula and Southeast Asia.

With the collapse of the Nixon Administration in the Watergate scandal and the US retreat from Vietnam, [Rev. Moon](#) was determined that neither South Korea nor Japan would become a Communist client like North Korea. A few years later he would be imprisoned for his convictions in a Congressional "KCIA" witch-hunt led by Democratic Senator Donald Fraser on trumped up tax evasion charges^[1].

As the fictional Roger "Verbal" Kint said about another character "Kaizer Soze"^[2] in 1995's "The Usual Suspects" movie, the biggest trick the devil ever played was to "convince the world that he didn't exist." Shades of today, when we hear guffaws from some on the left that the "red menace" is just a figment of conservative and populist imaginations or a straw man set up to distract everyone from President Trump's latest antics.

Similarly, today it's easy to believe that Marxism doesn't exist or that it somehow was defanged in the 1990s and is not making a comeback - not just in spirit through so called Woke values of moral relativism, or in substance, especially through its promotion by a Chinese Communist Party (CCP) devoid of any sort of higher purpose of value apart from selfish ethno-nationalism. One may well wonder if the masses there live off the opium of resentment for a century of Western humiliation. A century which should be long consigned to history given the modern economic success story that is China today.



[Sun Myung Moon](#) writing calligraphy at the founding of the International Federation for Victory over Communism (IFVOC) January 13, 1968 in Cheongpa, Seoul, South Korea.

Isn't it somewhat ironic then that despite the defeat of Communism and the Soviet Union in the 1990s, today we see the rise of threats to democracy and freedom similar to those which brought 1.2 million people to the above-mentioned [Yeouido Rally](#) 50 years ago?

[Rev. Moon](#) started the fight back in 1968 when he in his native Korea established a movement called International Federation for Victory over Communism (IFVOC). In 1980, at his suggestion, members of the [Unification Church](#) in the USA founded CAUSA, an educational anti-communist organization which became active throughout the Americas. Over time, this movement played an important role in the battle to win the Cold War on an ideological level, helping educate the public and especially politicians and policymakers about the dangers of the Marxist dialectic to a values-based society and to democracy and

freedom of religion.

50 years later it seems that the Communists have had the last laugh. We see this in the way they have infiltrated the media and governments, and especially in the chilling way that the [Family Federation](#) has been blamed by leftist media and politicians eager to kow-tow to the CCP for the assassination of former Japanese Prime Minister Abe in 2022. Abe was considered an anti-communist both in ideology and policy, and a supporter of [Rev. Moon](#)'s anti-communist work.



Tetsuya Yamagami, the man who killed Shinzo Abe, the former prime minister of Japan

Tetsuya Yamagami, the chief suspect behind the assassination, is the son of a [Family Federation](#) member and holds a grudge against his mother for donating to the [religious organization](#). He has been charged with the murder of Abe. However, a proper investigation has yet to take place, especially as to whether or not he acted alone or was part of a conspiracy to "take out" Abe. This is surely a credible line of enquiry given the victim's views on Marxist China and the subsequent shift to the left in Japan, and now South Korea since Abe's murder.

Today we face situation where the [Family Federation](#) is on the precipice of dissolution in

Japan pending an appeal because of this assassination. It seems like what passes for a legal system in Japan buries its head in the sand to any cries of injustice or religious intolerance or persecution. One wonders if the murder of Shinzo Abe and the subsequent events leading towards the dissolution weren't orchestrated by the very Communist forces that are now attempting to subvert and turn Japan into a client state of the People's Republic of China (PRC).



South Korea's new president Lee Jae-myung the day after winning the election on 3rd June 2025. According to Korea Times, experts see Lee as rejecting a binary choice between U.S. and China, opting for "equidistance." He believes South Korea has enough economic and military power to choose independently. Asia Times writes that U.S. policymakers, especially conservatives, express concern that Lee's tilt could signal a softer approach toward Beijing, and worry about Chinese influence in South Korean politics.

Those who have directly benefitted the most up to now, are long-time enemies of the [Family Federation](#) - the "National Network of Lawyers Against Spiritual Sales" (NNLASS)[3]. They've been lining their pockets with substantial earnings from numerous civil cases brought against the [religious organization](#), while at the same time riding a wave of media-generated hysteria and serving as convenient allies of a media determined to demonize the [Family Federation](#) as a "cult".

Eliminating religious freedom, especially for the [Family Federation](#) which preaches the sanctity of heterosexual [marriage](#) and family will allow Marxism to thrive in Japan and seriously hamper this coherent opposition to it there.

Korea similarly is under threat today by the same forces and has just elected a more pro-Beijing government than before. This follows on the impeachment crisis there earlier in the year and threatens to undermine all the good work done by [Rev. Moon](#) in his anti-communist activities the past 50 years and more.

If this trend continues, will we see the US military being banished even though it has been protecting the peninsula and Japan from the influence of these nefarious forces?

The [Yeouido rally](#) back in 1975 became synonymous with a patriotic nation, taking a

stand against subversion and potential destruction by a poisonous, Godless ideology.

Since his passing in 2012, [Rev. Moon](#)'s wife "[Holy Mother Han](#)" ([Hak Ja Han](#)) has also similarly taken a

stand against Communism with her Korean Unification "Rallies of Hope" and "Think Tanks".

Will Korea and Japan again respond patriotically to the message of [Sun Myung Moon](#) and [Hak Ja Han](#) for the sake of the world's freedom and peace, as well as a future unification of the Korean peninsula? Let's hope so.

Disclaimer: This is an opinion piece. The views expressed do not necessarily reflect the official position of the [Family Federation](#).

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Bags of ammonium sulfate being transported from the fertilizer factory to the harbour in Heungnam, North Korea. Picture taken in the 1930s when the large factory was run by a Japanese company – Nippon Nitrogen Fertilizer Co., Tokyo. Photo: Nippon Nitrogen Fertilizer Co. [Public domain](#) image

had a morning meeting. "You had a dream a couple of nights ago, didn't you?" asked [Sun Myung Moon](#). Pak was speechless. Later he arranged for the two to talk together on several occasions. [Moon](#) taught him many things.

One night, the old man dressed in white appeared again in Pak's dream and said:

"From now on you must follow him. Do not doubt him any longer."

As camp leader, Pak could move freely among the prisoners. Therefore, [Moon](#) asked him to find twelve others who could become disciples. Pak eventually got seven of the work leaders with him, after he had told them about his dream and what [Moon](#) had told him. [Moon](#) himself managed to get five others with him. Among the twelve, there was a priest, two military leaders, three public officials, three political leaders, two businessmen, and a fisherman. [Sun Myung Moon](#) later said that it was because he had a basis consisting of twelve disciples, that [God](#) managed to free him from the hell of the death camp.

"Amazing Attitude in Hell of Concentration Camp" – text written by Knut Holdhus based on historical materials.

More about Sun Myung Moon in the concentration camp: [Sent to Death Camp to Die](#)

How Sun Myung Moon was liberated from the concentration camp: [Liberated by UN Forces](#)

in Pyongyang. The hunger in the camp was about to drive him mad. Unaccustomed as he was to physical work, he could not perform the simplest tasks. But [Moon](#) helped him and showed him how to do it.

Because of his officer background, Pak was appointed camp leader and supervised the work leaders among the prisoners. One night he dreamed that an old man, dressed in white, in traditional Korean clothes, came to him and said:

"Do you know who he is who helped you recently? The young man is him you have been looking for since you were little. He is the Messiah."

The dream made a deep impression on Pak. For two nights he lay awake for a long time and pondered the dream. One day he sat right behind [Moon](#) when they