

The Peace by God

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July 4th will always have a special significance with our church members. We remember July 4, 1955 and the sorrow it brought. History repeats itself. On July 4, 1972, the Seoul-Pyongyang Communique was disclosed and echoed internationally. But we must seek the true meaning.

We know from history, even the history of this specific conflict, that there are often different motives behind talks of peace and communication. This truth has fortunately been expressed for the press throughout the world. The President of the Republic of Korea, Park Chung Hee, has asked for his people to understand the deep reality of the situation. Then we, Divine Principle members, knowing the even deeper central significance, must remember the conflict between God and Satan. We must support the Republic of Korea government and pray that the principle for Victory Over Communism, the Unification Theory, can be adopted -and utilized. This, we know, is the only way that true peace and brotherhood can come to Korea and in fact any nation. We must -prevent the world opinion supporting the deep fallacy of North Korea. We must not let it be thought that North Korea sincerely wants peace.

Therefore, we have a great responsibility. The world must understand the deeper significance of this conflict, its deepest significance. The conflict arose even before Jesus. There were the two camps of God-centered Judaism, and the humanistic Hellenic thought of Greece. This has periodically reappeared since then and recently there have been three final stages. First in the 16th century, there was the Renaissance, a rebirth of materialism, and balancing this the so-called first Reformation of Martin Luther bringing a rebirth of religion. Two centuries later the Enlightenment, with such men as Rousseau and Voltaire, brought a humanistic revival and countered the so,-called second Reformation of religion of Wesley, Whitehead, Fox and others. Now the third and final stage has appeared with atheistic communism opposing the unified world religions under the Complete Testament Truth. From their birthplace in Europe these two -fundamental movements have spread across the world. The Middle ages and after saw the spread of Christianity by sea route to Africa, India and Asia. Then in the last 150 years, we have witnessed the growth of communism by land spreading eastwards to Russia, China and Korea. Now these two ideologies are encapsulated in Korea. A people, once homogeneous in tongue, religion and culture are now divided.

Then during the Korean War Communists covered almost all the land. The ideological conflict is uniquely expressed. The totalitarian and reputedly most oppressive Communist atheistic state in the North is held back by a happy, spiritual and deeply sensitive family based people in the South.

Our long cherished hope of unification cannot be fulfilled by desire alone, or by the talking of men. It can and will be fulfilled by the sustained tears, sweat and prayers in the daily life of God-centered international people.