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At the meeting of leading personnel of the Young Communist League and the Anti-Imperialist Youth League held a few days ago, we confirmed the revolutionary lines, strategy and tactics which suit the concrete realities of our country. With the path of the Korean revolution clearly elucidated at this meeting, we have become able to lead the communist movement and the anti-Japanese national liberation struggle to victory, with confidence in the liberation of the motherland.

Today we, communists of a new generation, are confronted with an honourable yet heavy task of carrying out to the letter the revolutionary lines and policies put forward at the meeting.

The first step in carrying out this historic task is to form revolutionary party organizations.

Revolution can be conducted successfully only when it is led by a party. The revolution cannot be waged of its own accord just because its path is elucidated. However correct the revolutionary lines put forward are, the revolution cannot be conducted with success if there is no revolutionary party to lead the broad masses correctly to implement them.

Moreover, we are now faced with the task of accelerating preparations for organizing and unfolding an armed struggle against the Japanese imperialists, as well as developing the anti-Japanese national liberation movement onto a higher stage by firmly uniting the broad anti-Japanese patriotic forces of all strata under the banner of national liberation. To carry out this difficult and complex task properly, revolutionary party organizations must provide leadership.

Forming revolutionary party organizations is important for successfully promoting the cause of party founding.

Most of the people who organized the Korean Communist Party

in 1925 were inveterate factionalists or were people infected with factionalist ideas. Divorced from the masses, they proclaimed the founding of the Party centre without any preparations and were concerned only with factional strife to hold “hegemony.” Such being the case, the KCP failed to perform its function properly as the vanguard organization of the revolution, and due to the suppression of the Japanese imperialists it disbanded in 1928.

This breakup has taught us a valuable lesson. If a party is established by only a few people and has no organizational and ideological foundation for its founding, it can neither play its role as the General Staff of the revolution nor withstand the suppression of the enemy.

Drawing a serious lesson from this, we must not make haste to form the party centre without any preparations but, rather, make substantial preparations for party building. To form a party after sufficient preparations are made is the policy of party building which the leaders of the YCL and the AIYL confirmed at their last meeting.

In making preparations at present for party building it is very important to organize and expand the basic party organizations on an extensive scale. At the same time we must build up the core force that can lead the revolutionary movement with prudence in spite of the difficult situation we are facing as we fight against the villainous Japanese imperialists, achieve the unity and cohesion of the revolutionary ranks and lay solid mass foundations. These are fundamental problems which arise before anything else in the present struggle for party building.

To accomplish these goals correctly, we must develop the work of building party organizations by means of forming basic organizations first with the qualified hard core and progressive people and then expanding and strengthening them.

In order to do this work properly, there should be a vanguard,

parent party organization which can lead this work in a unified way.

If we form such a parent party organization first and steadily enhance its vanguard role we will be able to ensure the unity of ideology and action of party organizations, to say nothing of the work of organizing and expanding basic party organizations. In this way we will successfully establish unified leadership over the communist movement and the anti-Japanese national liberation struggle in our country.

Our struggle as young communists of a new generation trying to organize a truly Marxist-Leninist party started with the formation of the Down-with-Imperialism Union and made a fresh advance with the formation of the YCL. The YCL, which began with the hard-core elements of the AIYL, exercised unified leadership over all revolutionary organizations and played a prominent role in enlisting broad sections of the masses including both workers and peasants in the anti-Japanese struggle.

With the formation of the DIU and the YCL and through the practical work of guiding the revolutionary struggle, we have trained reliable hard-core communists and gained rich experience in both organizational and information activities; thus, today we have come to form a revolutionary party organization which can serve as the foundation of a working-class party. This is the brilliant fruition of the revolutionary struggle of us young communists of a new generation who from the time we raised the banner of the revolution up to now have made strenuous efforts, overcoming manifold difficulties. This is also an historic event of great significance in our struggle to build a revolutionary party.

The revolutionary party organization formed today will be the origin of our party which is to be founded later and so it can be called an organization with the importance of a parent body in forming and expanding the basic party organizations for the building of our party.

With the formation of a revolutionary party organization, we, young communists of a new generation, have acquired a genuine vanguard organization of the revolution, and under its unified leadership can more dynamically conduct the preparatory work of building a party and the anti-Japanese national liberation struggle.

Fully aware of the important mission entrusted to the party organization, we, young communists of a new generation, must wage a dynamic struggle to lay the organizational and ideological foundations for party building.

Committing themselves to the policy of party building, the members of the party organization must organize basic party bodies and expand them rapidly over vast areas. Furthermore, they must step up the work of establishing a system of unified guidance.

For the present, we must strive to form basic party organizations in eastern Manchuria along the Tuman River and in the northern part of Korea, which will be important bases of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, and expand them steadily. We must form them in every place by involving the YCL members, who are carrying out their revolutionary tasks with honour without yielding to the barbarous suppression of the enemy as well as progressive people who are awakened to our cause and tested.

It is important to take precautions against both impatience and slowness when establishing basic party organizations. This work must be conducted properly without any deviations. We should neither admit to them thoughtlessly people of whom we have no thorough understanding out of impatience nor fail to admit to them in time those who are prepared on the excuse of exercising prudence.

With the expansion of basic party organizations, we must set up a well-regulated system of giving guidance. First of all, we must form district party committees and county party committees in various parts of eastern Manchuria where there are revolutionary forces. Second, we must form area party

committees where necessary. In this way we will establish a system of giving unified guidance over party organizations and successfully put into effect party guidance over revolutionary organizations and the mass movement in the areas concerned.

The members of the party organization must concentrate their efforts on achieving firm organizational and ideological unity and comradesly solidarity within their ranks. Just as sand is trampled underfoot when scattered but rises into a mountain when piled up, so members of an organization will become impotent when divided in all directions but will be able to overcome any trials or hardships and advance the revolutionary struggle triumphantly when united organizationally and ideologically, with deep comradeship and sense of duty. To guarantee unity of ideas and action is the intrinsic requirement of a revolutionary party organization, an organized force.

Looking at the past communist movement in our country we learn that we can neither build a party nor blaze the trail of the revolutionary struggle without realizing the unity of ideology and will. "Let us unite with one ideology and will!"—this is the slogan we should raise aloft. Upholding this slogan, we must make every effort to ensure firm unity and cohesion in the revolutionary ranks.

In order to perform their lofty mission, the members of the party organization must lay a solid mass foundation for the revolution.

Without the active support and participation of the broad masses, a few communists alone cannot wage revolution, and a party cannot maintain its existence without striking its roots among the masses. One of the main reasons why the KCP which was formed in 1925 failed to perform its role and maintain its existence was that it did not enjoy support from the masses but was divorced from them.

Drawing a serious lesson from this, we must concentrate all our efforts on laying a solid mass foundation for the revolution.

We must educate the broad masses of various strata, awaken them to consciousness and rally them behind the revolutionary organizations on the principle of winning over to the side of the revolution even one more person. If a person is against the Japanese imperialists we should win him or her over to the side of the revolution irrespective of his or her position, property, education or religious belief.

In particular, we must pay deep attention to rallying the youth of a new generation behind revolutionary organizations. Educating and winning over to the side of the revolution the youth, who have a strong sense of justice and enterprising spirit, is of great significance in enlightening the broad masses of various strata and rallying them under the banner of the anti-Japanese struggle. In order to rally the youth of a new generation behind revolutionary organizations, we must take all precautions against the factionalists who are scheming, under the guise of being communists, to win over the youth to their side and prevent the infiltration of their ideology into the ranks of the young people.

There is every possibility for us to unite broad sections of the masses under the banner of the anti-Japanese struggle. The masses are in low spirits owing to the aftermath of the "Left" adventurist May 30 Uprising, but it is only a passing phenomenon. The harsher the colonial rule of the Japanese imperialists is, the larger the anti-Japanese force will grow as the days go by and the higher the anti-Japanese feelings will rise among the people. The point is how we, young communists of a new generation, unfold organizational and political work deep among the masses.

What is important in carrying out with success the task facing the revolutionary party organization is to hold fast to the stand of independence.

This is a sure guarantee for laying solid organizational and



ideological foundations for party building and carrying out our revolution with success. In strict accordance with the principle of party building and the line of the Korean revolution we have put forward, all the members of the party organization must make active preparations for building a party and organizing an armed struggle against Japanese imperialism by their own efforts in conformity with the actual situation in our country.

We must conduct the work of building party organizations in close combination with the revolutionary struggle against the Japanese imperialists. Only when we adhere to this principle can we lay, through struggle, the organizational and ideological foundations for party building and avoid repetition of the bitter lesson of the KCP, whose centre was formed by a few people of the top echelon and which thus failed to maintain its existence, just like a castle built on sand.

Only through the revolutionary struggle against Japanese imperialism can we bring up the hard core of the revolution, train a sturdy revolutionary force, realize the unity of ideology and will of the revolutionary ranks and make the situation favourable to the side of the revolution. The members of the party organization must never fail to combine the work of expanding basic party organizations and laying mass foundations for the revolution with the practical struggle of revolution—enlisting broad sections of the masses to the anti-Japanese struggle of various forms.

From the first day we started revolution until today, we have traversed a road full of severe trials. The road of revolution we have to follow is still long and tortuous, and our struggle has only just begun.

Fully aware of the heavy responsibility we have shouldered for the country and the revolution, we, the founding members of the revolutionary party organization, must brave the arduous road for victory in the Korean revolution.

