

***CHILDREN OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MARTYRS MUST BECOME  
POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL BODYGUARDS PROTECTING AND  
DEFENDING THE LEADER***

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A Talk to Children of Revolutionary Martyrs Graduated from the  
Mangyongdae Revolutionary School  
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On a recent occasion you had the great honour of celebrating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Mangyongdae Revolutionary School in the presence of the fatherly leader.

The functions of this anniversary, celebrated in the presence of the leader, were all fulfilled excellently. He was much pleased with the impressive appearance of you the children of revolutionary martyrs who attended the commemorative functions, and spoke well of you as graduates of this school, stating that you are working efficiently at the revolutionary posts entrusted to you by the Party.

I have been told that you held a meeting today and resolved to serve the leader faithfully to the end. This is most commendable. You must accept the instructions the leader gave yesterday to the teaching staff, students and graduates of the school as your own convictions, and perform your work better from this day onwards, so as to bring him greater pleasure and satisfaction.

I intend to use my meeting with you today to emphasize a few matters which you children of revolutionary martyrs will have to bear in mind in your future activities and life.

You must become faithful bodyguards who will loyally fight to protect the revolutionary ideas of the leader and even give up your lives for him without the slightest scruple, just as your fathers and mothers sacrificed themselves.

Your parents were communist revolutionaries who showed their fidelity to the leader by offering up their youth and lives without hesitation. In the arduous days of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle they held firm to the conviction that the Korean revolution could emerge victorious only by firmly supporting and protecting the leader, they defended him at the cost of their lives and fulfilled the revolutionary duties delegated to them by the leader without fail under the most difficult of conditions. The unwavering fidelity of the revolutionary predecessors to the leader in the anti-Japanese struggle, the high sense of responsibility for their revolutionary duties and indefatigable fighting spirit, unyielding in the face of any difficulties, are the precious examples which everyone of us must follow nowadays. In continuing the fidelity and noble revolutionary spirit of your parents, you must fully prepare yourselves to be true revolutionaries, unfailingly faithful to the leader.

The children of revolutionary martyrs should constantly remember the benevolent affection and solicitude shown to them by the leader and regard fidelity to the leader as their revolutionary obligation.

Those who came to the Mangyongdae Revolutionary School wearing rags and straw sandals during the early days after the school's foundation have grown to be the core of our Party and the country's respected national cadres, entirely because of the leader's benevolent affection and concern. Even in the difficult national situation after liberation the leader first established this revolutionary school, seeking out one after another the sons and daughters of martyrs who had been killed in the revolutionary struggle against Japanese imperialism, so as to bring them there and educate them. Insisting that the children of revolutionary martyrs are a great treasure of our revolution which cannot be bartered for a thousand pieces of gold, the leader spared nothing for training you as revolutionaries who would continue the devotion of your parents. If not for the fatherly affection and care of the leader you would not have escaped the lot of orphans ransacking dust-bins with tins in your hands. The pains taken by the leader in order to train bereaved children to be revolutionaries are beyond enumeration. You children of revolutionary martyrs must always bear in mind the benevolence of the leader, the affectionate father who has raised you in his loving tutelage, you must show fidelity to him and repay him without fail.

In order to continue to show undivided fidelity to the leader from generation to generation, the children of revolutionary martyrs must thoroughly imbue themselves with the revolutionary ideas of our Party.

The monolithic ideology of our Party is the leader's revolutionary concept, consistent with principles of Juche in ideology, independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence. As defined by the leader, our Party's concept is the only idea aimed at bringing the revolution to its conclusion by relying on the strength of the popular masses. Our Party's concept is the most revolutionary idea, which aims to achieve national reunification by forcing the US imperialists out of south Korea and win the final victory of the revolution by our people's own efforts.

Your fathers and mothers, single-mindedly dedicated to building a new society free from exploitation and oppression after liberating their homeland, devoted their whole lives to the noble revolutionary cause. Only by imbuing yourselves with the leader's revolutionary ideas can you fight on to the end for the completion of the Korean revolution and consummate the desire conceived by your parents.

Unless you equip yourselves with the leader's revolutionary ideas, you will be half-blind and incapable of distinguishing what is revolutionary from what is counter-revolutionary, you will become unable to be faithful to the revolution. The lessons of the past demonstrate this clearly.

As demonstrated at the 15th Plenary Meeting of the Fourth Central Committee of the Party, the anti-Party, counter-revolutionary elements concealed within the Party in the past schemed to derogate the leader's great revolutionary ideas and high quality of leadership, in the effort to satisfy their own dirty political ambition. Anti-Party,

counter-revolutionary elements tried to prevent officials from giving wide publicity to the greatness of the leader's revolutionary ideas and his wise leadership, and spread many evil ideas extensively among Party members and other working people. They were also critical of our Party's line and policies, and hampered their implementation in various ways. Although this scheming by the anti-Party, counter-revolutionary elements continued for a long time, few among the children of revolutionary martyrs discovered it promptly and dealt with the issues correctly.

The children of revolutionary martyrs who have graduated from the Mangyongdae Revolutionary School are all working at important posts in Party and state institutions and in the People's Army, but they were not able to expose and smash the conspiratorial manoeuvres of the anti-Party, counter-revolutionary elements in time, because they had not firmly equipped themselves with the revolutionary ideas of the leader. These children of martyrs must repent bitterly of that they became half-blind to what was going on and were incapable of performing their duty properly as the sons and daughters of revolutionary martyrs, failing to defend the Party and the leader resolutely in the realms of politics and ideology.

The present situation requires the establishment of the Party's monolithic ideological system more strictly than ever before. US imperialists and the south Korean puppet clique are escalating their manoeuvres aimed at provoking a new war and infiltrating reactionary ideas and culture into the northern part of the Republic; Left and Right opportunists in the international communist movement are trying to force their false ideas and policies into other countries. Our Party therefore considers the most important problem at the present time to be the establishment of the Party's monolithic ideological system.

The children of revolutionary martyrs must endeavour to understand the intention and requirements of the Party correctly and to establish its monolithic ideological system. Above all, you must make enthusiastic studies of the works and instructions of the great leader and the Party's policies. In so doing, you must become faithful officials who make the leader's revolutionary ideas your own unswerving conviction and think and act in accordance with his revolutionary ideas at all times and in all places.

You must hold fast to the firm viewpoint that you acknowledge no one but the leader, and act only in keeping with his instructions and Party policy. You must not implicitly follow individual officials under the illusion of their authority. If you cherish illusions concerning individual officials, instances may arise of following them blindly and considering the statements of those in higher posts to be the Party's directives, as has happened in the past. You must approach the individual officials in a principled manner, basing yourselves on the Party's monolithic ideology, irrespective of their high posts and previous achievements. As to instructions from individuals you must inquire as to whether they accord with the revolutionary ideas of our Party and the unitary direction of the leader and, if not, fight against

them strenuously, no matter who gave the instruction on whatever issue. You must never make the slightest concession or compromise in defending the revolutionary ideas of the leader and ensuring his unified leadership.

Fidelity to the leader must be manifested in the practical issues of ideological acceptance of the leader's instructions and the Party's policies, and of fighting for their implementation under all conditions. At the moment there are quite a few officials who say they will faithfully support the direction of the leader, but do not actually do so in their work. Those who do not make an effort to be involved in implementing the leader's instructions and their embodiment in Party policy, to carry out their revolutionary tasks with credit, cannot call themselves truly faithful to the leader. You must carry out your revolutionary tasks responsibly to the end with intense revolutionary ardour and the consciousness of being a master of the revolution.

The children of revolutionary martyrs must not discriminate between various revolutionary posts but conduct their work faithfully at their own posts. Among the graduates of this school there are those who work as senior officials in Party bodies and administrative and economic organizations, those who train the rising generation in educational institutions, and those who bear arms, performing the duty of national defence in the People's Army. The various revolutionary posts and duties entrusted to us by the leader cannot be divided into good and bad. Those who distinguish between positions and posts or think first of the pay, like some salaried professional, cannot grow to be revolutionaries. You must place the interests of the revolution before those of individuals, as your parents did, and carry out your revolutionary duty responsibly at your own posts.

You children of revolutionary martyrs must never forget your origin, but must be able to protect the class principle under the most difficult and complex of circumstances.

The leader has been deeply grieved at the few instances which have occurred of the children of revolutionary martyrs failing to attain the proper class point of view and remaining oblivious of their class status.

In the past the anti-Party, counter-revolutionary elements attempted to slander the revolutionary traditions of our Party, by saying that the story about the arduous march or a bowlful of parched rice powder<sup>16</sup> included in the Reminiscences of the Anti-Japanese Guerrillas was irrelevant to the present day, and that there was no need to study these Reminiscences because one could understand them sufficiently simply by reading them once like novels. They thus hindered the study of revolutionary traditions. This was an intolerable defilement of the noble revolutionary spirit of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters who devoted everything they had to the struggle for the liberation of the country and the people, overcoming severe snowstorms and starvation and performing great feats in battle. In the past, however, the children of revolutionary martyrs were unable to fight resolutely against these elements speaking ill of or slandering the precious feats

for which your parents gave their lives under the direction of the leader, even though you watched them doing so, because you had failed to establish a firm, correct class viewpoint.

There were even instances of acting counter to proper class interests, in which compromises were made with the hostile class, among the children of revolutionary martyrs. Your parents were victims sacrificed in the fight against the imperialists and the landowner and capitalist classes. The children of revolutionary martyrs should hate the exploiting classes and their system more bitterly than anyone else, and adopt a resolute class stand. It is, nonetheless, lamentable to see you making compromises with the hostile class against whom your parents fought, instead of fighting them.

The renunciation of class principles signifies revisionism. Modern revisionists are making great efforts to paralyse the people's revolutionary consciousness by rejecting class struggle and preaching class collaboration. They deny the class nature of socialist society and talk of superclass 'democracy' and 'freedom', spreading illusions about imperialism, saying that the essential character of imperialism has altered. Among the social scientists of our country there were some who advocated that when the socialist system was established the transitional period would end, the class struggle would vanish, and the function of the dictatorship of the proletariat would gradually fade away.

It is a foolish delusion to imagine that socialism and communism can be built without the class struggle and the dictatorship of the proletariat. The revolution has not come to an end and the class struggle will continue in various forms in all sectors of society. The subversive activities and acts of sabotage by hostile elements who have sneaked in from outside and by the surviving elements of the overthrown exploiter classes will continue unceasingly, as will ideological and cultural infiltration by imperialists and the corrosive action of old ideas. The nature of imperialism and the exploiter classes has not changed and it cannot alter.

If you cannot see the serious realities of the class struggle and are infected with revisionism, you may make mistakes such as forgetting your class origin and making compromises with the hostile class, even though you are the sons and daughters of revolutionaries. The leader has said that sons do not become revolutionaries of their own accord because their fathers have conducted the revolution. Even though one's intrinsic nature is derived from a revolutionary family, if one neglects one's steady ideological training from the class point of view one's origin may be qualitatively altered. You must have a correct understanding of the class struggle and endeavour tirelessly to deepen and develop your class consciousness.

You have to take an active part in the struggle to eliminate the evil ideological influence of the anti-Party, counter-revolutionary elements and to establish the Party's monolithic ideological system on a Party-wide scale. In the past the anti-Party, counter-revolutionary elements spread a great deal of evil ideological poison among the people, including bourgeois ideas, revisionist ideas and feudal-

Confucian ideas, abusing their authoritative leadership positions in the Party. Unless the ideological poison spread by these elements is eradicated, it will be impossible for us to imbue Party members and other working people with the revolutionary ideas of our Party and to advance our revolution at a fast pace.

The leader has said that the children of revolutionary martyrs should play the pivotal role in the struggle to eradicate the evil influence of the anti-Party, counter-revolutionary elements. This is an expression of great trust in the children of revolutionary martyrs and great expectation of them. You must conduct the struggle to root out the evil ideological effects of the anti-Party, counter-revolutionary elements on a high political and ideological level, in accordance with the leader's thought and intention. The current ideological struggle must thus be made an epochal turning point in the imbuing of Party members and other working people with our Party's revolutionary idea and in strengthening the political and ideological unity of our society.

The children of revolutionary martyrs must acquire a communist moral character and lead their lives correctly. You must not assume an air of importance or behave haughtily on the pretext that you are particularly loved by the leader and given social preference. You must not hope for privileges, but live frugally and be modest in word and deed. If you expect special favours or take pleasure in wielding authority, you cannot enjoy the respect and affection of the people. If you fail to behave well both at work and in private life, people may talk about you, point you out and whisper about you scornfully. Then not only you will be disgraced, but the authority of the leader may also be injured. You must become examples for the masses of people in all fields, winning public appreciation for the bereaved children who have graduated from the Mangyongdae Revolutionary School. I am convinced that you children of revolutionary martyrs will be forever faithful to the leader, fulfil your revolutionary tasks with credit, unfailingly performing your duty as graduates of the Mangyongdae Revolutionary School, in a manner befitting the backbone of our Party, the cadres who have been raised by the leader himself.

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