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New York, New York 10014
September 11, 1974

TO ALL ORGANIZERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

At the Asian-American workshop at Oberlin, a discussion was held concerning the possibilities for organizing protest actions against political repression in South Korea and against U.S. backing of the Park dictatorship. The discussion took place after a report by Caroline Lund on the Asian Youth Conference she attended this summer in Japan where a proposal for international actions against South Korean political repression was passed. Given the recent press coverage on the repression in Korea and given the strength and breadth of the resistance in Korea itself, it was thought that there would be openings for organizing effective protests in this country.

Since Oberlin, the Secretariat of the Asian Youth Conference has issued a formal call for international solidarity actions this fall to demand the release of all South Korean political prisoners. The call, which is enclosed, arrived here this week. It points out that mass actions, which have the support of the Japanese Communist and Socialist parties, are planned for Japan on September 18 and 19.

In response to this call, branches should think about whether anything can be done to organize around this issue in your area. Types of actions which might be considered include forums, teach-ins, campus meetings, or pickets. Since the days of September 18 and 19 set for the international actions are so close, actions in this country will in most cases have to be held on later dates, according to what is convenient in each area.

As was reported in the July 23 Militant, there has already been a picket against South Korean repression organized in New York by the Congress of African People (CAP). Black groups, Asian groups, student groups, foreign students, and many other groups and individuals will be concerned about this issue. We should also look into what kind of support can be gotten from the churches, since Christian groups in South Korea have been heavily involved in the resistance and hard hit by the repression. An article in the September 9 issue of Intercontinental Press describes this as well as other aspects of the situation in South Korea.

It will be of special importance in organizing the actions to make sure that any representatives of the Japanese press in your area be informed. Branches should also be sure to send in stories on the actions to The Militant.

Communications concerning this work should be sent to Malik Miah.

Comradely,
Betsy Stone
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SWP National Office

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'74 ASIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE
TOKYO

Tokyo, September 5, 1974

Dear Friends,

Enclosed you will find the resolutions of the First Asian Youth Conference held in Tokyo from July 24 to 26. Please forgive us for the delay of sending.

On the international solidarity action for South Korean political prisoners, the Secretariat of the Conference here have decided to propose September 18 and 19 as appropriate dates and would like to consult your opinions. Although we understand that there will not be enough time to prepare some big actions, we hope you to organize, at least, protest actions against South Korean and Japanese Embassies in your countries. On 19th this month, all the opposition parties including SP and CP will hold a rally on the question of South Korea, where more than 30,000 people are expected to participate. You will receive a separate letter and information in this regard. Please convey our proposal in your organization and give us reply soon.

Wishing best success for your group,

s/Koichi Muraki
For the Secretariat

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RESOLUTION ON THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY ACTION
FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOUTH KOREA

Resolution adopted at the
First Asian Youth Conference
Tokyo, July 26, 1974

Based on the general spirit of the Joint Communique adopted at the Conference and considering the emergent and critical situation with which the South Korean democratization forces are faced, we, the participants of the First Asian Youth Conference, decide to take up all the necessary works to help organize international solidarity actions on behalf of fighting South Korean people.

An Information Center for the Asian Political Prisoners, which the Conference has decided to establish in Tokyo, will provide necessary information on the repression in South Korea to all the concerned groups and organizations in each country and help to coordinate the successful international actions.

We, the participants of the Conference, will start preparation for the international campaign and actions in solidarity with South Korean democratization forces in each country, in coordination with other mass movements of each area and try with our best efforts to achieve the International Solidarity Action for the Release of All Political Prisoners in South Korea in the middle of September.