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# Chronology: The Pre-War Korean Anarchist Movement

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#### **1919.2.8** – Japan

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATED: Tokyo Conference of Assoc. of Japan Korean Students in declares Korean independence in name of 'Young Koreans' Independence League'.

#### **1919.3.1** – Korea

DITTO: at Kyong Sung Dae Wha Park, Seoul, the Declaration is read out; further reading at meeting of students and others at Tab Dong Kong Park marks start of *Manse* (Long Life) movement.

#### 1919.4.17 - China

PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED: Provisional Government of Republic of Korea established in Shanghai; President Syngman Rhee.

## **1919.11** – Manchuria

'BAND OF HEROES' (*ElYULDAN*) FORMED: at Husain Men-wai, Kirin Province, new group formed to fight

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for national liberation; members mostly an archists and nationalists.

**1920.6** — Korea

FIRST 'BAND OF HEROES' INCIDENT: Pyungnam local government office; Shin Eiju station; Pusan and Milyang police station; Korean Governor-Gene-ral's office; Chongro police station; Dongchuk and Kyum I iron works all simultaneously exploded or bombed by members of the 'Band of Heroes'.

# **1920.10.19–22** — Manchuria

BATTLE OF CH'ING-SHAN-LI: Korean Independence Army under anarchist general Kim Joa-jin wipes out entire division of Japanese Imperial Army.

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1921.11.29 — Japan
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BLACK CURRENT SOCIETY (*KOKUTOKAI*) FORMED: Socialists among Koreans in Japan form this new anarchist group in Tokyo; main figure Park Yul.

# **1922.9.7** – Japan

SHINANOGAWA MURDER CASE: Korean and Japanese activists organize joint conference to protest atrocities against Koreans in Japan.

# **1923.2** — Japan

BLACK FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION (*KOKUYÜKAI*) FORMED: first all-anarchist body among Koreans in Japan; main figures Lee Si-woo, Chang Soung-chung, Kim Kun.

# **1923.5** — Japan

SOCIETY OF REBELS (*FUTEISHA*) FORMED: new anarchist group; main figures Park Yul, Ryuk Hong-kwun, Choi Kyuchong.

# **1923.8** — Japan

BLACK LABOUR ASSOCIATION (*KOKURÕKAI*) FORMED: first anarchist labour union among Koreans in Japan; main figure Lee Kang-ri.

# **1923.9.10** - Japan

PARK YUL INCIDENT: massacre of Koreans following

Great Kanto Earthquake; Park Yul and ten other Korean anarchists, with Kaneko Ayako and three other Japanese anarchists arrested on false charge of planning to-kill Japanese Emperor; Park and Kaneko given death penalty.

## **1925.3.10** – Manchuria

'NEW PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT' FORMED: Korean anarchists Kim Joann, Choung Shin, others help organize commune among Korean refugees.

#### 1925.4.17 - Korea

BLACK FLAG ALLIANCE (*HEUK KI YUN MAENG*) FORMED: first nationwide anarchist organization in Korea itself established in Seoul; main figures Seo O-sun, Seo Sang-kang, Lee Chang-shik.

#### 1925.4.18 - Korea

TRUE FRIENDS' ALLIANCE (*JIN WU RYONG MONG*) FORMED: new, powerful anarchist group established in Taegu by Shin Jae-mo, Bang Han-sang, Choung Myongkun, others.

**1926.4** – Korea

TRUE FRIENDS' ALLIANCE INCIDENT: on charges of planning to assassinate Japanese citizens and blow up government offices Japanese authorities arrest entire Alliance membership including two Japanese, Kurihara & Ryakumoto.

#### 1926.4.5 - Japan

BLACK MOVEMENT SOCIETY (*KOKUSHOKU UNDÕ SHA*) FORMED: plans to form blanket organization for all Korean anarchists in Japan launched by Won Sim-chang.

#### **1926.9.10** – Japan

EASTERN WORKERS' ALLIANCE (*TÕKÕ RÕDÕ DÕMEI*) FORMED: in Tokyo Choi Nak- chong, Choi Hak-ju, Yang Il-dong and others form most powerful organization of Korean workers in Japan at that time.

#### **1926.9.10** – Japan

BLACK BATTLE-FRONT (KOKUSHOKU SENSEN)

FORMED: Society of Rebels renames itself, begins to publish 'Black Friend' (Kokuyü) newspaper.

## **1927.2** – China

MEETING OF JOINT CONFERENCE OF OPPRESSED PEO-PLES OF THE EAST: Korean delegates to this conference in Nanking are 'anarchists Yoo Ja-myong, others.

# **1927.2.22** — Japan

CASUAL WORKERS' UNION (*JIYÜ RÕDÕSHA KUMIAI*) FORMED: the first union among Korean casual labourers in Japan; organized by anarchists Mun Seong-hun, Lee Si-woo, 0 Seong-mun, others.

## **1927.2.22** - Korea

KWANG SOH BLACK FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION FORMED: a Pyongyang organization designed to unify separate groups like Hanju Casual Labourers' Union, Pyongyang General Workers' Union, Social Livelihood Study Society, Free Youth Association, Village Movement Society etc; main figures Lee Hong-kun, Choi Kap-ryong, Lee Ju-seong.

## **1927.5.7** - Korea

DANJU BLACK FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION FORMED: alliance of Danju Black Fellowship Society, Danju Shin Heung Youth Alliance, Sun Duk Shin Heung,Youth Group, Kwangduk Tenants' Union, etc; main figures Jo Chung-bok, Kim Nak-ku, Kim Chul.

## **1928.1.15** – Japan

LEAGUE OF FREE YOUTH (*JIYÜ SEINEN REMMEI*) FORMED: main figure Han Ha-yun.

# **1928.1.15** - Japan

BLACK FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE (*KOKUYÜ REMMEI*) FORMED: main figures Won Sim- chang, Lee Dong-sun, Cheong Tae-seoung.

## 1928.2 — Japan

BLACK FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION INCIDENT: Mutual Love Society (*Sang Ae Hoi*), reactionary pro-Japanese Ko-

Ja-myong, other Korean anarchists take part in broad anti-Japanese front following the full-scale invasion of China. rean group, leads police to raid HQ of Black Fellowship Association and Black Fellowship Alliance.

#### 1928.3.21 - China

LEAGUE OF EASTERN ANARCHISTS (*TUNG-FANG WU-CHENG-FU CHU-I-CHE LIEN-MENG*) FORMED: Korean anarchists in China meet in Nanking to form this organization, the first of its kind; main participants Yoo Ja-myung, Lee Jung-kyu, Lee Eul-kyu, Baek Chung-kee, Shin Chae-ho, Chung Hwa-am.

## 1928.6.7 - Japan

STUDENTS' CLUB (*GAKUYÜKAI*) INCIDENT: Korean anarchists Won Sim-chang, Lee Si-woo, Han Ha-yun, Yang Sang-ki and others attack Gakuy5kai, communist-sponsored organization of Korean students in Japan,; fierce dispute follows between anarchism and bolshevism.

## **1929.4** – Korea

ANJU BLACK FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION FORMED.

## **1929.7** – Manchuria

GENERAL LEAGUE OF KOREANS (*HANJOK CHON-GRYONG HAPHOI*) FORMED: all Korean anarchists in Manchuria, including Kim Joa-jin, Kim Wan-jin, Lee Haebung Lee Eul-kyu, meet at Nan-tla-kuan-a-chleng to form a new commune-type organization.

## **1929.11.3** - KOREA

KWANGJU STUDENTS INCIDENT: trouble involving rival Korean and Japanese school students in Kwangju develops into nationwide patriotic student movement; 54,000 students in 194 schools strike, creating anti-Japan movement which continues until March 1930.

## 1930.1 – MANCHURIA

Anarchist organizer of Chong-yi Bu commune, Kim Joa-jin, murdered by communist agent.

## 1930.4 – CHINA

League of Eastern Anarchists (*Tung-fang Wu-cheng-fu Chu-i-che Lien-meng*) reorganized as South China Korean Youth League (*Nan Hua Han-jen Ch'ing-nien Lien-meng*); principal members: Chong Hwa-am, Kim Ji-gang, Park Kee-seung, Lee Eul-kyu, Hwang Eung, Yoo Ja-myong, Park Kee-byeung, Ryu San-bang, Lee Yong-kyu, Kim Kwang-ju, An Kyong-kun.

## **1930.5.30** – JAPAN

Anarchist Youth League (*Anăkisuto Seinen Remei*), Eastern Workers' Federation (*Tőhő Rődő Dőmei*) formed in Osaka by Lee Mee-haek, Kim Yong-su.

## 1930.6 - JAPAN

Black Flag Workers' League (*Kurohata Rődősha Remmei*) formed; Chung Chan-jin main figure.

# 1931.1 - MANCHURIA

Korean People's Self-Governing Joint Council (*Han-jok Cha-ji Ryong-hap-hoe*) formed, chaired by anarchist Chong Shin-won.

### $1931.7.11-{\sf MANCHURIA}$

Leader of Korean anarchist partisans, Kim Jong-jin, murdered by communist agent; total of six Korean anarchists murdered in 1930 and 1931.

## $1931.7-{\rm KOREA}$

KOREAN ANARCHO-COMMUNIST LEAGUE (*Cho-sun Mu-chung-bu Kong-san Zu-ui-ja Ryong-myung*) INCIDENT: Japanese authorities clamp down on few anarchists remaining in Korea in attempt at 'final solution': Ryu Hwa-yong, Choi Kap-ryong, Lee Hong-kun, Kang Chang-gi, An Bong-yong, Cho Tsung-bok, Rin Tsung-hak, Kim Dae-hwan, others, arrested.

## **1932.1.8** – JAPAN

In front of the Imperial Palace's Sakurada Gate, Korean anarchist Lee Pang-chang hurls bomb at Japanese emperor's car returning from military review.

## 1932.4.29 - CHINA

Korean anarchist Yun Pang-gil hurls bomb into Japanese emperor's official birthday celebrations in Hung-k'ou Park, Shanghai; General Shirakawa, several civil, military officials killed, hurt.

## **1933.3.15** – CHINA

Assassination attempt in Shanghai on Japanese Minister to China Ariyoshi; 3 Korean anarchists, Paek Chung-kee, Won Sim-chang, Lee Gang-hyon arrested.

## 1933.3 - KOREA

DAI-ICHI RO INCIDENT: police raid Chinese restaurant where reconstruction of anarchist movement in Korea is being discussed; anarchists Chae Yin-kok, 0 Nam-gi, Choi Hak-ju, Lee Jung-kyu, Lee Eul-kyu, others, arrested.

## **1934.1.21** – JAPAN

KOREAN GENERAL WORKERS' UNION (*CHOSEN IPPAN RŐDŐ KUMIAI*) FORMED: Korean Casual Labourers' Union (*Chosen Jiyü Rődősha Kumiai*) reorganized; main figures Lee Kyu-uk, Lee Chong-mun, Lee Yun-hee, Lee Chong-shik, Chong Kwang-shin, An Heung-ok, 0 U-yong.

#### **1934.5.1** – JAPAN

While reactionary elements participate in National Foundation Day celebrations held same day, total of 289 Korean anarchists, 298 'Bolsheviks', jointly organize boisterous May Day rally.

## **1935.10.11** – JAPAN

After Japanese universities decide to discontinue use of Korean language in teaching, Korean students, graduates in Japan resolve to launch opposition movement.

#### **1935.11.4** – JAPAN

JAPAN ANARCHO-COMMUNIST PARTY (*NIPPON MUSEIFU-KYŐSANSHUGI TŐ*) INCIDENT: terrorist party formed in 1933; spies reveal its plans to the police, several Korean anarchists, Lee Dong-sun, Han Kuk-tang, Lee Chong-mun, Chin Rok-chul arrested.

#### Autumn 1937 – CHINA

KOREAN REVOLUTIONISTS' LEAGUE (*CH'AO-HSIEN KO-MING-CHE LIEN-MENG*) FORMED: Chong Hwa-am, Yoo