

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’ (*EIYULDAN*) FORMED: at Husain Men-wai, Kirin Province, new group formed to fight for national liberation; members mostly anarchists and nationalists.

1920.6 – Korea

FIRST ‘BAND OF HEROES’ INCIDENT: Pyungnam local government office; Shin Eiju station; Pusan and Milyang police stations; Korean Governor-Gen-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.

1921.11.29 – Japan

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 (*KOKUYŪKAI*) 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 Kyu-chong.

1923.8 – Japan

BLACK LABOUR ASSOCIATION (*KOKURŌKAI*) 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 Myong-kun, 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 UNDO 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 (*TŌKŌ RŌDŌ DŌMEI*) 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’ (*Kokuyū*) newspaper.

1927.2 – China

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

1927.2.22 – Japan

CASUAL WORKERS’ UNION (*JİYŪ RŌDŌSHA 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 (*JİYŪ SEINEN REMMEI*) FORMED: main figure Han Ha-yun.

1928.1.15 — Japan

BLACK FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE (*KOKUYŪ 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 Korean 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 (*GAKUYŪKAI*) INCIDENT: Korean anarchists Won Sim-chang, Lee Si-woo, Han Ha-yun, Yang Sang-ki and others attack GakuyŪkai, 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 CHONGRYONG HAPHOI*) FORMED: all Korean anarchists in Manchuria, including Kim Joa-jin, Kim Wan-jin, Lee Hae-bung 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 (*Anākisuto Seinen Remei*), Eastern Workers' Federation (*Tōhō Rōdō Dōmei*) formed in Osaka by Lee Mee-haek, Kim Yong-su.

1930.6 – JAPAN

Black Flag Workers' League (*Kurohata Rōdōsha 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 – 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 – 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, O Nam-gi, Choi Hak-ju, Lee Jung-kyu, Lee Eul-kyu, others, arrested.

1934.1.21 – JAPAN

KOREAN GENERAL WORKERS' UNION (*CHOSEN IPPAN RŌDŌ KUMIAI*) FORMED: Korean Casual Labourers' Union (*Chosen Jiyū Rōdōsha Kumiai*) reorganized; main figures Lee Kyu-uk, Lee Chong-mun, Lee Yun-hee, Lee Chong-shik, Chong Kwang-shin, An Heung-ok, O 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-KYŌSANSHUGI TŌ*) 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 Ja-myong, other Korean anarchists take part in broad anti-Japanese front following the full-scale invasion of China.

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