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A partial translation of the manifesto written by Korean anarchists by Salamander724. *The declaration of Joseon revolution* (조선 혁명 선언), also known *The declaration of Organization of Righteous Bravery*(정당한 의용조직 선언) is a declaration written by Korean historian, independence activist, anarchist Shin Chaeho in 1923. Shin was opposed to diplomatic method for independence, and he asserted violent struggle. In this declaration, Shin's opinion is appearing on the surface. The Organization of Righteous Bravery (정당한 의용조직), Korean anarchist underground organization printed this and used it for the member's must book.

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It is only if the violent revolution of the people does not occur, and if it has already occurred, it is like a stone rolling on a cliff, and it will not stop unless it reaches its destination. In our experience, it is only the activity of special forces in the palace when the special forces fought against special forces, and the soldiers before and after the sacrifice are the ideology of the reading class, Behavior was fervent, but there was no basis for the capacity of the people, and the voice of popular unity was at first glance at the hail of the March 1 movement, but it also did not have a violent center. Even if one of them is extinguished, even though the act of giving a sound that shakes the heavens and the earth, it is also like lightning.

The causes of revolution caused by Japan the burglar are piled up, just like a mountain, in Joseon. If moving forward with the mottoes “No life without independence,” “Never retreat before outsting Japan,” we must accomplish an aim. This cannot be blocked up by a police saber or a military rifle or a gimmick of a crafty statesman.

Naturally, an archive of revolution must be gruesome and courageous archive. Taking a step backward, there is a dark snare behind. But taking a step forward, there is a bright vivacity. Thus progressing with archiving that gruesome and courageous archive is only thing Joseon nation ourselves will do.

From now on, let's start enumerating the targets of our violences, assassination·destruction·rioting,

1. Governor-General of Korea¹⁶ and the following public servants
2. Emperor of Japan and the following public servants
3. spies and traitors
4. All facilities of the enemy

¹⁶ See Governor-General of Korea.

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Japan the burglar removed the name of our country, snatched our political power, deprived all requirements for subsistence. As they plunder the factors of production such as woodlands·marshes·railroads·mines·fisheries and light industrial materials, the whole operations functions were hacked by a knife and chopped by an axe. The increasing of taxes such as land taxes·house taxes·population taxes·livestock taxes·birthday taxes·local taxes·liquor taxes·fertilizer taxes·seed taxes·business taxes·cleanness taxes·income taxes and other sundry taxes is sucking our blood. The decent merchants have become a middlemen who are mediating Japanese manufactures to Joseon people, and they are going to ruin under the principles of capital intensive step by step. The greater part of the people, in other words, general peasantries are plowing with blood and sweat. But they cannot reserve any of a year's income for themselves and their wife and children's bare livelihood. And they become just the horses and cattle which are fattening Japan the burglar, the enemy which is planning to devour us. Japanese immigrants are increasing every year not to let us make a living like even horses and cattle. Thus Japs¹ are so annoying that our race don't have any territory to step on. Then all of us are driven to the mountains or the waters, to west Gando or north Gando,² to a wilderness of Siberia and become starving phantom or roaming ghost,

Japan the burglar commits the rule of the saber so wickedly that our nation cannot do anything even a footstep. And there is no freedom of speech, no freedom of the press, no freedom of association, so if we have any resentments and resentments of agony, we can nothing but try touching dumb chest. We are

¹ The original word: “~~XXXX~~”, which means a person who wears wooden clogs. In those era, Japanese people commonly wear geta, Japanese clogs.

² See Jiandao

blind to the world of happiness and liberty. We are sending our sons and daughters to the slave training center whose name is 'school' saying "Japanese language is our language, Japanese alphabet is our alphabet." When reading Joseon history, we should read the distortions by Japan such as "Dangun³ is the brother of Hayasusanoo-no-Ohokami⁴," "The area south of Han River was Japanese territory while three kingdoms era."⁵ When we read the newspapers or the periodicals, they all say half-Japanized enslaved presses which are praising burglary government. If there are intelligent youngsters, they must be the backslider of pessimistic despair or be under detention by a pretext of "treason and plot" and be tortured with all sorts of severe punishments, which are not contained even the barbaric monarchy's penal code, such as leg-screwing,⁶ wearing a cangue,⁷ enchaining foot, torturing with red-hot iron-whip-electricity, picking fingernails and toenails with a needle, fastening the limbs, pouring water into the nostrils, hammering a wick in the crotch. And they must be dead by the torture. Even though they could step out a prison gate alive by good luck, they must be disabled cripple forever. If it would not be so, an inventive and creative instinct is ruptured by subsistence's suffering, a progressive and active spirit is vanished by an occasion's pressure. Being restricted-whipped-maltreated-oppressed, we are forced to be silence without "a whimper or tweet." Thus the whole land of Korea⁸ became no more than a gigantic jail, our nation lost not only an awakening, but also an instinct and became the

³ Dangun. The founding father of the Korean nation. God of Taejong-gyo.

⁴ God of Japanese mythos.

⁵ Three Kingdoms of Korea. the ancient times of Korea.

⁶ The original word: "拷", which means a torture twisting the victim's legs with two sticks inserted between them.

⁷ See cangue.

⁸ The original word: "朝鮮". Korean usually call their country this idiom.

posed to the forces of God, the gods and the gods, who is more arrogant, who is better, who is worse, . Thus, the only purpose of the revolution is to "take the neck of the king and comfort the people", and "the rice of the one lunch and the army of the king as the head of the cadre" became the only bitch of the revolutionary history. It is called the "People's Revolution" because it is the revolution that the people are doing for the people's self. It is the revolution of the people and the heat of the boiling and expansion breaks the notion of numerical comparison. The success and failure of the war breaks the judgment of the war of the Mangyang war, and it destroys the king who has no money, no army, and a million troops and billions of buoyant powers, and chases foreign robbers. Request.

How can people prepare themselves for?

The people are not determined to be a rookie, an adult, or a hero of a hero in order to lead the people, "Do not be afraid of the voice of such a furious cry."

The only way for the people to defeat the disadvantages of all complaints, unnatural and unreasonable public improvements for the people is to be the only way to defeat the people. In other words, soon the people who realize it become revolutionary for the whole of the people It is the first way of resolving the people.

The general public is hungry, cold, tired, painful, crying, crying, crying, paying taxes, prompting bribes, inconvenient behavior, all pressures, If the gospel is to be transmitted to the Dead Sea, the people will shed tears of sympathy, and every one of them will be given to the Asa "The courageous can not stand the rage, the weak can not withstand the pain, they are all gathered on this way and continue to progress and universally spread, When this happens, it will be a day when Japan is going to be forced to leave behind. Therefore, if we enlist our people and overthrow the rule of robbery, and pioneer the new life of our nation, 100,000 soldiers will not be thrown a single bomb, and a hundred thousand newspapers will not rival once.

These days, Japan the burglar is mistreating us by the politics and the economy, so that economics of our nation is growing more troublesome day by day and all the instruments of production are divested and the way how to eat something is dying out. During a period like this, How can we prosper the industry, expand the education? In addition, where and how much we can train the troops? And if we could, it can't be compared with Japanese combat power. All of these are such a bullshit.

Being based on the reasons as mentioned above, we declare renouncing the delusions such as "diplomacy" or "preparation", and taking a means direct revolutionary means by the people.

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To maintain Joseon nation's existence, we must eject Japan the burglar. And to eject Japan the burglar, we must do it by only the revolution. There is no method to eject Japan the burglar except the revolution.

To be engaged in revolution, which sphere should be commenced first?

In the case of revolution in the old era, the people were the slave of state and there were special forces who rule the people above them. Thus, the so-called revolution meant nothing but altering the titles of special forces. In other words, namely, it was meaning no more than changing the special force "A" to special force "B". Therefore, the people did not have a direct relationship with the revolution, only to see who is more op-

machinery from the slavery, so we become nothing but the burglar's supplies,

As Japan the burglar regards our lives as bits of straw,⁹ We cannot mention all of wicked acts done by Japanese army's in our 13 provinces where our righteous armies¹⁰ arose after Eulsa¹¹. Lately, after March 1st¹², Japan is massacring inhabitants, firing the hamlet, outraging women, cutting the head off, burying alive, burning at the stake, chopping the man into pieces, racking a child, ruining the vagina in everywhere, from internal places like Suwon·Sonchon, to the north Gando·west Gando·Russian territory¹³·Primorsky¹⁴. Thus they use disastrous method as far as they can, and they are pressuring our nation with terror and horror to make us the "living dead".

Being based on the facts as mentioned above, we declare that Japanese burglary politics, namely the rule by a different race is the enemy of our Joseon nation's existence. Concurrently, we declare that the revolutionary means which is slaughtering the enemy of our existence, Japan the burglar is our justifiable means.

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Who are the fellows persisting internal independence or political rights or autonomy?

Did you forget the dark history, the pledge which was taking "Oriental harmony", "Korean independent conservation" as security was consuming the whole land of Korea?

⁹ Korean idiom which means 'a worthless thing.'

¹⁰ The original word: "Righteous Army", See Righteous Army.

¹¹ 'Eulsa' means the serpent year on Chinese zodiac. In other words, A.D. 1905

¹² See March 1st Movement.

¹³ The original word: "Russian". "Russian" means Russian, and "territory" means a territory

¹⁴ See Primorsky Krai.

