

***ON IMPROVING THE WORK OF THE YOUTH LEAGUE TO MEET THE
REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEVELOPING SITUATION***

A Talk to the Officials of the Central Committee of the Democratic Youth League of Korea
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At its forthcoming 5th Congress, the Democratic Youth League will be renamed the League of Socialist Working Youth, as conceived and proposed by the great leader.

The LSWY will be a militant reserve for the Workers' Party of Korea. It will be a mass political organization of young people working to build socialism and communism under the leadership of our Party. Its main task will be to equip our young people with the revolutionary idea of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and organize and mobilize them to carry out the Party's lines and policies.

You comrades must work well among the young people and children in conformity with the character and mission of the LSWY.

First, you must intensify ideological education among the young people and children.

Through intensive ideological education you will be able to equip them with the revolutionary idea of the great leader and ensure that they work devotedly for the Party and the revolution, for the country and their fellow people, as well as for the building of socialism and communism.

An important aspect of their ideological education is to instil Party policy properly in them. You must inform them of the great leader's instructions and the Party's policies as soon as they are available, and then encourage them to study them hard, using various forms and methods, so that they acquire a clear understanding of the essence and validity of the Party's policies and apply them in their work and life. Class education for young people and children is very important in arming them with the revolutionary spirit of the working class and with the working-class viewpoint. Intensifying class education is particularly important because the country is divided and because young people who have not experienced exploitation, oppression and arduous revolutionary trials are emerging as the masters of society.

All the young people and children must be taught never to forget the past of their parents, who suffered exploitation and oppression under landlords and capitalists, and must be kept well informed of the present misery and suffering of the workers and peasants in south Korea. In addition, they must be made fully aware of the aggressive and predatory nature of the US and Japanese imperialists so that they will fight these enemies to the last.

Education in collectivism must be stepped up among the young people and children.

It is only when this education is stepped up that they will value their organization and the collective and fight for their society and fellow people.

You must ensure that, from their early years, the young people and children participate in an organizational and collective life in good faith, place the interests of their organization and the collective above those of any individual and work devotedly for the good of their organization and the collective.

Improving cultural education for the young people and children is extremely important in training them to be people of a communist type.

Some of them are living in a slipshod manner and the way in which they speak and behave is not decent. This is largely because they are not given sufficient cultural education. Various forms and methods must be employed in stepping up their cultural education so that they all acquire a high level of cultural attainment and live in a civilized manner.

The great leader gave instructions that students and schoolchildren should be encouraged to participate widely in mass cultural and artistic activities and learn, without exception, to play musical instruments. A campaign for every student and schoolchild to learn to play at least one musical instrument should be launched so that they all play instruments.

Great efforts should be put into work with students and schoolchildren.

The young people and children in our country all embark on a social life after passing through school. During their school years they grow quickly both physically and mentally and develop their personalities. If they are trained politically, ideologically and organizationally during their school years, they will be able to lead a sound politico-ideological and organizational life in society and perform their revolutionary duties with credit. You must pay close attention to work among students and schoolchildren, and see that they study hard and take an active part in an organizational life as well as in various extracurricular activities.

Close attention must also be paid to the work of the Children's Union. If this work is done actively, it will be possible not only to educate the CU members in a revolutionary manner but also to create a cheerful social climate. You must improve the work of the CU and ensure that all its members continue to display enthusiasm for studying, an organizational life and good conduct.

Your work with the young people's organizations of other countries must be improved. Strong support must be given to the young people of other countries in their struggle against the imperialist policy of aggression and war and for national independence and the construction of new societies. International solidarity with our revolution and our cause of national reunification must be further strengthened.

In order to develop work with the young people and children to the level required by the character and mission of the LSWY, it is

necessary to strengthen the ranks of its officials and enhance their role.

Success in the work among the young people and children depends on how the LSWY officials perform their duties.

All LSWY officials, from those of its Central Committee down to those of its primary organizations, must be selected from among the young communist hard cores who are unfailingly loyal to the Party and the leader, and then their role must be enhanced steadily.

The LSWY officials must improve their work method and style.

They must avoid standing on ceremony and a set pattern in their work among the young people and approach them in a way that is appropriate to the characteristics and psychological requirements of the young people, who are responsive to new things and vivacious.

Whatever they organize, they must be assiduous and decisive. Once they have started an undertaking, no matter how difficult, they must carry it through to the end in a militant manner.

The LSWY officials must work hard to improve their political and practical qualifications.

If they fail to do so, they will be unable to press on with their work with the young people as the developing situation demands, nor will they be able to improve their work method.

They must conduct a close study of the great leader's instructions and his works so that they are fully conversant with the Party's intentions and policy on youth work, and they must acquire the organizing ability with which to work skilfully among young people from different social backgrounds.

The officials of the Central Committee of the LSWY must be knowledgeable about philosophy, political economy and trends in modern science and technology, and they must be able to comment on works of art and literature. You must, for instance, read The Selected Works of World Literature, to say nothing of seeing Korean art and literary works.

The LSWY officials must be able to speak to a large audience, sing songs, recite poems and play musical instruments. In short, the officials engaged in youth work must be versatile people. Then they will be able to work skilfully among young people as their characteristics demand.

For the immediate period ahead, you must make good preparations for the 5th Congress of the Democratic Youth League.

The most important matter in these preparations is to write a good report. The report to the Congress should sum up the praiseworthy successes and brilliant achievements made by the young people in the revolutionary struggle and in the work of construction during the period under review, and set clear tasks for the future. This will inspire the young people with a high sense of pride in having contributed to the revolution and construction, and will encourage them to conduct an energetic struggle for greater success.

The report must also state clearly why the Democratic Youth League is being renamed the League of Socialist Working Youth.

The great leader advanced an original policy on reforming the

Democratic Youth League into the LSWY while retaining the mass character of the DYL, in order to develop the youth movement in our country to a higher stage.

The reorganization is a requirement of the developing situation.

Today the socialist revolution in the northern half of the country has triumphed, socialism is being built vigorously, and a great change is taking place in the life and personality of our young people.

The report must also clearly define the character and mission of the LSWY. Only then will the delegates to the Congress clearly understand the character and mission of the LSWY and work better than at present in accordance with its character and mission.

At the forthcoming 5th Congress of the DYL, the great leader will make a very important speech on developing the youth movement in our country.

The Central Committee of the DYL must conduct powerful organizational and political work to implement the very important instructions he will give at its 5th Congress.

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