

On June 1, 1936, the National Salvation United Army of all China was organized and at the general meeting of its establishment they passed the "Elementary Political Principles of the Anti-Japanese and National Salvation." The details are as follows:

XIII, Elementary Political Principles of Anti-Japanese and National Salvation (June 1, 1936).

1. Fundamental organization.

As to the external resistance of the national revolution, some advocated, in the past, the general anti-imperialism; some insisted upon the separate anti-British movement at first; but others maintained that the anti-Japanese movement should be carried out separately at first. However, at present, all these divergent opinions have come to be united under the one principle of "anti-Japanese first." With regard to the measures of anti-Japanese movements, some said that war should be avoided while others considered it would be unavoidable. However, at present, all different opinions have come to be united under the one principle that an "anti-Japanese war is inevitable."

2. Common enemies:

Japanese imperialism and traitors are the common enemies of the National Salvation Front.

3. Political system:

The general meeting recognizes that the establishment of democratic system is the fundamental condition for the thorough-going collaboration of various parties and factions. The freedom of association, assembly, speech and publication is the demand of the United Front, which makes no concession in this respect. We oppose positively to any measures which may destroy the organization of the masses, although they are carried out under the pretext of leading such an organization, and also to those measures which may suppress public opinion, although carried out under the pretext of controlling it.

4. Diplomacy:

We must apply fully our talent of popular diplomacy to unite all influences of anti-Japanese and anti-war peoples' fronts of the whole world. We must develop the ability of our National Salvation Front and make sure of our victory over the war of resistance.

5. Education:

The general meeting considers that the present education which teaches academic technicalities by reading dead books and makes students self-intoxicated in reading obsolete books is a crime. We are in urgent need of many young fighters who would take leadership in the National Salvation movement, and take charge of the management of National Salvation. We cannot, therefore, waste even in the least degree, the intellectual power of young men other than for the purpose of National Salvation. We cannot afford to destroy the sentiment of National Salvation of young men.

6. Industry and commerce.

We must boycott Japanese goods on a large scale.

7. Soldiers:

We must improve the treatment of soldiers at once and strengthen their anti-Japanese consciousness.

8. Industrial workers:

We demand the immediate disengagement of the present workers' organizations. The reason is to strengthen, on one hand, the anti-Japanese and anti-betrayers fights by several hundreds of thousands of workers who are under the employment of the Japanese capitalistic organization in China, thus we intend negatively to prevent the expansion of the influences of Japanese capitalism, and positively, to train several hundreds of thousands of heroic fighters, and to emancipate the national industry from the oppression of Japanese capitalism. On the other hand, we must, by the power of the nation, improve the treatment of workers under the national capitalistic organization, guarantee their lives, and heighten their national salvation consciousness. In case of necessity, we must provide for the minimum wage, the maximum working hours and the highest and lowest ages of workers. We must do away with all inhuman treatments and unjust oppression and give workers the freedom of reading, talking and assembly, etc., which are required for national salvation.

9. Farmers:

The general meeting recognizes that the state should guarantee the reasonable lives of land owners in so far as their lives are founded upon the common anti-Japanese resistance.

10. Women:

We insist that women should be given an opportunity to join the National Salvation Front on an equal footing with men.

11. Chinese residents abroad.

The general meeting considers that the Chinese residents in the South Seas, Europe and the United States should strengthen their organizations and be engaged in international propaganda and be a powerful source to supply economic aid. Appropriate protection must be given to their legitimate interests. The general meeting recognizes the fact that the Chinese residents in Japan, Korea and Formosa are suffering from heavy oppressions of Japanese imperialism, and that they are the most daring elements of the anti-Japanese front, and they, therefore, should be grouped under some organizations, and relief must be extended to those who return home from these countries due to oppression.

The general meeting considers that the skilled technicians of the national defense industry should be urged politely to return home. Collecting workers in China by aggressive nations should be stopped immediately.