

Different Destinies

What will become of humans in different social systems?

We will see it through the destinies of two persons.

Peterson in the US

Last year, The New York Times carried an article about a man, who, while wandering by a three-wheeler in a street in Wisconsin, shot the president of a company to death.

The murderer is William Peterson, aged 52. Then why did he kill the particular businessman?

As a highly-skilled worker, he worked in the businessman's company for over 30 years, making a tangible contribution to helping the company earn much profit. Last year the CEO of the company summoned him and tasked him with finishing a project within a week with seven or eight men. Peterson suggested starting the project after removing the shortcomings at the workplace because of the poor working condition and many dangerous spots. Listening to what Peterson had to say, he said angrily that he would fire him if he would disobey.

At that time he was loaded with heavy burdens—to earn money for the medicine of his bed-ridden wife and for his eldest daughter who was studying hard with a hope to go to a higher school. He could do nothing but start working with his team. Two days later a big accident happened at the workplace, and it turned into an utter confusion and all other employees were killed on the spot. Peterson narrowly escaped death, but he lost his two legs. He received no indemnity, but took all responsibility for the accident and was fired. On hearing the news, his wife suffered mental agonies before breathing her last two months later. His daughter gave up her hope and tried to find a job, but she also died of economic distress.

Determined to revenge upon the president, Peterson sold the negligible amount of all family property and bought a firearm. Finally, he shot the drunken president, who was coming out of a nightclub.

At the court, he said: I am a murderer, but the real murderer is not me but the money-centred entrepreneurs and the American society, which forced me to act this way.

Kang Sun Yong in the DPRK

Born as the second of seven brothers and sisters in Osaka, Japan, in October 1950, Kang Sun Yong, together with her family members, were repatriated to the DPRK, her motherland, in August 1960.

In Japan her father had worked at a dispensing optician's run by a Japanese, living a hand-to-mouth life. But in his homeland he worked as a vice-chairman at an optical glass producer cooperative.

Her brothers and sisters and herself studied at primary and middle schools and then universities without paying any school fees.

She now works as the CEO of the Rungna Company.

Her father would say to his children, "I wonder if you would have grown up in Japan as you are today. It is unthinkable separated from the embrace of fatherly leader Kim Il Sung and motherland. Wherever you are and whatever you do, you must always bear in mind their benevolence and devote yourselves for the prosperity of the country."

Remembering her father's words, she, together with her husband, rendered material assistance not only to the major construction sites but also to the service personnel of the KPA.

Her children studied at universities including Kim Il Sung University, and after graduation, were appointed at the important sectors of the country.

Kang Sun Yong said, "Whenever I look back upon my life, I feel happy. Had it not been for the grateful socialist system, what would have become of me, I wonder."