

# Five Eurasian Powers Study Korea Silk Road

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Neo-conservative U.S. Secretary of State for Non-proliferation John Bolton made a predictable attempt to derail the Six Power Talks on Korea, due for a second round in Beijing on Dec. 17-19, in his Dec. 2 speech demanding North Korea give up all nuclear arms *before* the United States will guarantee its security. The usually anonymous senior U.S. official repeated this to Associated Press and the *Washington Post* on Dec. 3, asserting that if not, talks must be postponed. And so, just when the talks had looked set to succeed, the neo-cons, with Secretary of State Colin Powell out of the country, flouted his cooperation policy, most likely in a bid to destabilize North Korean leaders.

Bolton and his neo-con overseer Vice President Dick Cheney know that this is a “deal breaker;” it is, in fact, the same non-deal they offered Iraq a year ago. But they don’t grasp the fact that, as *EIR* wrote in April (“Six Powers—Or Five,” *EIR*, April 25), either the United States makes peace in Korea, or the other five powers will do so without it.

“North Korea has said all along, that the point of the talks is simultaneous action,” a Russian expert said. A North Korean diplomat at the UN asked the *Korea Times*, “Why repeat a demand that we come out with our hands up? We checked to see if the U.S. would put down its guns at the same time as us, but the U.S. continues to demand that we disarm first. It makes no sense.”

Talks may now wait for January—by itself no great problem—and then, it may be the neo-cons’ turn to be destabilized. As Donald Gregg, who was Seoul Ambassador for President Bush “41,” often says, “The real problem is in Washington, not in Pyongyang.” Even the Japanese, along with the Chinese, Russians, and South Koreans, have begun to agree. “People are tired of debating who is in charge in Washington: is it the doves or the hawks,” a Tokyo diplomat scoffed. “The fact is, no Asian power will support a war in Korea if these talks break down.”

Rather than risk that, the five Eurasian powers are considering their own deals. Discussion is growing about the Eurasian Land-Bridge, the proposal to build high-speed rail, upgraded power systems, water projects, and new cities “from Pusan to Paris.”

## Land-Bridge: Build Our Way Out!

On an Oct.31-Nov. 18 trip to Seoul, Tokyo, Shanghai, Beijing, and to an international conference in Okinawa, *EIR*’s

Jonathan Tennenbaum and Kathy Wolfe urged that construction be stepped up on the Eurasian Land-Bridge, as a “hard economic alternative” to the diplomatic mess.

From the Korean and Japanese Transport Ministries, and from large private companies whose engineers are in North Korea, we heard that the rail project is well under construction. “We won’t stop on the ground, for diplomatic monkey business in the air,” as one official joked. *EIR* will soon publish a second interview by the Korean Transport ministry on the reconstruction of the Trans-Korean Railway, to follow our exclusive on the June 14 ceremony in the Demilitarized Zone. We also learned of plans for “demonstration runs of container block-trains along the Trans-Asian Railway Northern Corridor,” in which all the nations along the Eurasian Land-Bridge corridor are planning to ship train-loads of containers from one end of the mega-continent to the other, along six different routes—in 2004.

Taking the idea to the public, *EIR* representatives addressed almost 2,000 people at several events in the five cities. For example, in Seoul, we spoke to the Korea Trade Research Association, national convention of South Korea’s 2,000 graduate economics professors; a 200-student standing-room only LaRouche Youth meeting on the Eurasian Land-Bridge, at an academy; 30 peace scholars at the “People’s Participation” Non-Governmental Organization; and two graduate seminars at Konkuk University.

A graduate student who first encountered *EIR* six months ago has been studying the Land-Bridge so intently, that he organized a meeting at his private school, with a leaflet entitled “Eurasian Land-Bridge—Build Our Way Out of Pre-emptive Nuclear War!” This brought in the 200 students, after it was translated into Korean and spread around the Internet in Seoul. The leaflet calls for the founding of a LaRouche Youth Movement in Korea, and for the Korean anti-war movement to give up its negative anger, and to demand the positive solution of the Land-Bridge.

“I want to welcome Kathy and Jonathan, because this program has really made a difference in my life,” he said in opening the meeting. “When I first saw LaRouche’s Eurasian Land-Bridge book, with all the colored maps and world economic plans, and such a bright future for Korea, it made my heart beat fast with excitement.” “Finally, a leader with vision!” as one young woman said of LaRouche.

In Seoul, we ended with a portfolio of Korean-language articles on LaRouche’s critique of the neo-conservatives, his Presidential campaign, and the Land-Bridge, in popular weeklies such as *Economy21* and *Mahl* magazine. We announced LaRouche as the only serious opposition to the neo-cons inside the United States. Articles on LaRouche’s pamphlet “Children of Satan,” on the background of the Straussian “Leo-Cons,” and on *EIR*’s exposé on how Cheney cooked up the current confrontation with North Korea over uranium in the first place, were translated into Korean and spread everywhere. To all who asked about the 2004 U.S. election, we



The LaRouche Presidential campaign's drive against Vice President Dick Cheney and the neo-cons has been widely covered recently in Korean press, as in Sisa magazine for November (left); right, the English version of the mass leaflet which drew over 200 students to a LaRouche meeting at a Seoul academy.

said: "We will expel Cheney and Rumsfeld *before* the U.S. Presidential election," as one caption noted.

### The Land-Bridge and the Six-Power Talks

There were a dozen private meetings in each city on the Eurasian Land-Bridge and the Six-Power talks, with high-level officials, including present and former cabinet officials. Almost all indicated that the Six-Power Korea talks *must* be made to go well, in order to avoid war. Most had been presented in June with LaRouche's "Summary Memo on a Six-Power Plan," a proposal to put directly onto the table at the Six-Power talks, the "hard infrastructure" projects of the Eurasian Land-Bridge, including rail, electric power, fuel pipelines, and water projects.

LaRouche's memo also urges the *immediate* start of Land-Bridge project construction, without waiting for paper security treaties. It points to the Israel-PLO "recipe for failure," which for over 50 years focussed on paper treaties and arms control first, putting economic development second. The result was disaster, as all the "paper-only" treaties were ripped up. The major need of the Mideast region, LaRouche wrote, was water construction programs: Had water projects to green

LET'S BUILD OUR WAY OUT OF "PRE-EMPTIVE" NUCLEAR WAR !



Many Korean students are angry street-cries that U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney has called since 1996 for a "pre-emptive" first U.S. military strike against North Korea, as well as Iraq. Cheney and his "neo-cons" have pushed this for 13 years, since Cheney was Defense Secretary under Bush Sr. But Korean students have no idea how to effectively deal with such a horrible problem in Washington, since it's a global problem !

Many other Korean students are so frightened that this could result in nuclear war, that they are running away to video games, sports, or burying their heads in "career planning" statistics. U.S. media like "National Geographic" are now bragging that Korean youth are "fully brainwashed" into U.S. and Japanese "globalized" electronic Internet culture. They claim that U.S. culture has conquered Korean youth, and we don't care about the future of our country!

Is that you? Or, if you care - do you have a real plan, how to get out of this global crisis?

And do you smell the truth, that just mindless anti-American demonstrations, without a positive plan or creative alternative proposal, will only make this problem worse ?

Here is a positive, creative, proposal, to BUILD our way out of the global crisis !

On November 3 and 4, two spokesmen for U.S. economist LaRouche, the top American opponent to Cheney and Bush, will speak in Seoul. LaRouche is the original author of the Eurasian Land-Bridge, the plan to build high-speed rail lines "From Buenos Aires." This plan connects only Korea, and in the Korea into the "Asian Hub" for worldwide economic development.

Dr. Jonathan Ternsboem and Mrs. Kathy Wolfe will present LaRouche's book, "The Eurasian Land-Bridge: New Silk Road - Locomotive for Worldwide Economic Development." This is

the desert been built, new political solutions would have emerged.

"How can we make a 30-year investment without security first?" had been the response in June. But by November, LaRouche's "bold proposal" was under intense study, as it was already clear, even after U.S. Secretary of State Powell offered a security guarantee to Pyongyang in October, that some new economic policy proposal is needed to ensure a second round of Six-Power talks does not fail. Cognizant that failure of the talks means probable nuclear war, several officials in a position to do so in Seoul and Tokyo said they would take LaRouche's approach right to the top. "What is the point of empty talk about nuclear arms control, if we have no alternative?" one official said. "LaRouche is correct, we should apply the 'economy first' method."

Anger at the Washington neo-cons was so high, that in presenting LaRouche's Sept. 23 Moscow speech on a "Eurasian" community of "perfectly sovereign nations," we heard the first independent discussion of "the Eurasian idea." Increasingly, Asia sees Europe as its new partner. "The idea of a Eurasian union, as some economic unit based on the highest common denominator of mutual advantage, is now being dis-

cussed as a realistic vision in the foreseeable future,” one diplomat said. “The railways will be the backbone. At some point, this should remove the ability of the U.S. to dominate Northeast Asia, and allow Korean reunification. We would prefer for the U.S. to cooperate, and stay as an economic partner. U.S. companies and capital, naturally, are welcome.”

### Cheney Fraud and Paper Treaties

It is also becoming clear in Asia, that “physical economy first,” constructing the Land-Bridge now, is the only “insurance policy” against a Korean war. For example: The North Korean “uranium crisis” does not exist. Cheney cooked it up, as an excuse to rip up President Bill Clinton’s 1994 Treaty with Pyongyang. North Korea has enough plutonium to make bombs, but it’s not covered by the 1994 treaty—so the neo-cons needed to invent an excuse to scrap the pact. They don’t care about bombs.

U.S. Naval War College research director Dr. Jonathan Pollack documented all this in the Summer 2003 *Naval War College Review*, after doing weapons lab research.

This *EIR* exposé exploded into *Mahl* magazine in Seoul, and then was taken around to all the other cities.

It also became a focus of the conference on Peace, Disarmament and Symbiosis in the Asia-Pacific (PDSAP), a 12-nation gathering in Naha, Okinawa from Nov. 14-18, which was addressed by *EIR* twice, and where LaRouche’s “Six-Power New Silk Road Plan” was warmly received. The conference was attended by some 700 parliamentarians and scholars from Japan, the Philippines, South Korea, China, Russia, India, Pakistan, and other countries.

South Korean elder statesman Dr. Rhee Yueng-Huie, of Hanyang University—a famous former political prisoner—gave a devastating account of the history of the “Utopian” faction in Washington (today known as the neo-cons) breaking every treaty ever signed with either of the Koreas. “The U.S. has repeatedly ignored and violated every treaty, from the original 1953 cease-fire after the Korean war,” he said. “It illegally imported nuclear weapons into Korea, and has threatened a preventive nuclear first strike against North Korea repeatedly since 1956.” The United States, he documented exhaustively, has repeatedly violated the 1975 Kissinger accords, and a number of others, “so it is only natural that the Bush Administration summarily ripped up the 1994 Clinton Framework Accord with Pyongyang.”

“I represent Lyndon LaRouche, the only serious opposition inside the United States to the neo-cons, and Dr. Rhee is quite right,” said *EIR*’s Kathy Wolfe, who followed Rhee. “No paper treaty is worth the ink it’s printed on. The only insurance policy against nuclear war is our positive alternative for physical economic development.” There followed a series of large color slides of the New Silk Road. Next were slides of the October 2002 “LaRouche Says Cheney Must Resign” *EIR*, the “Children of Satan” pamphlet, a photo of Bush holding a book titled *Presidency for Dummies*, cartoons, and other pedagogical devices, which made it clear “that if



*LaRouche/EIR influence is reflected in this article on Cheney running the U.S. neo-conservative policy, in Korea’s Mahl magazine’s October issue.*

you impeach Bush, you’ll get Cheney, and a nuclear war.” It also gave the participants a chance to laugh at Cheney and Bush, and reduce the fear level. “We need a worldwide youth movement to make this policy revolution, and LaRouche is building it the United States,” she concluded.

“We are glad Mrs. Wolfe is here representing the United States, and I can personally tell you that she is right,” said the Korean moderator. “I saw LaRouche’s Youth Movement myself, in front of the White House, handing out leaflets promoting the Iron Silk Road!” *EIR* issues and Silk Road books went like hotcakes after that, as did the pamphlets. “Suddenly we realized that we do not have to be only anti-,” as one Indian professor put it.

An Okinawan organizing a demonstration against U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who was visiting the island, demanded a “Children of Satan” pamphlet to wave in his face, and got it. One Russian delegate took the *EIR* article on LaRouche’s Six-Power plan and read it to the conference as it was handed him, as though it were the official Russian proposal (which, in effect, it was).

A call for the positive alternative of the New Silk Road, and an item exposing the Cheney fraud on North Korean uranium, were also included in the “Okinawa 2003 Declaration,” the final conference statement.