

South Korea Says No to Obama's War, Yes to BRICS

by Mike Billington

Feb. 8—Although you would never know it by reading the Western press, South Korea has given a resounding “No” to President Obama and the British puppets at the UN who are trying desperately to start a war in Asia, ostensibly over North Korea, although everyone in Asia knows that the target is actually China. Most importantly, the South Koreans know this, and want nothing to do with the U.S. confrontation with either Russia or China. Rather, Seoul is taking dramatic measures to bring peace and reunification to the Korean Peninsula.

In the past weeks, South Korean President Park Geun-hye has:

- publicly rejected Washington’s demand that advanced high altitude weapons be deployed in the South, making clear that they are not needed against the North, and would only be intended for use against China or Russia;
- signed yet another major deal with Russia for collaboration on infrastructure projects in the Russian Far East and potentially in North Korea; and
- extended already close relations with China to include a military dynamic.

THAAD Missiles

On Feb. 4, Chinese Defense Minister Chang Wanquan, after meeting with South Korean Defense Minister Han Min-goo in Seoul, said publicly (for the first time by a Chinese official) that the U.S. intention to place THAAD (Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense) missiles in South Korea was viewed as a direct threat to China—just as the U.S. placement of missile defense systems along the Russian border in Europe is recognized in Moscow as a threat to launch a first strike nuclear attack, despite claims from Washington that they are only intended to defend against Iran’s (non-existent) missile threat. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei reiterated the concern the next day, saying that “countries should bear in mind the security interest of other countries as well as regional peace and stability in the pursuit of its own security.”



Republic of Korea, Office of the President

South Korean President Park Geun-hye welcomes Chinese Defense Minister Chang Wanquan on Feb. 4. Relations between the two countries are already close, but they now include a military element.

South Korea’s answer was unequivocal. A Defense official said that the South’s position “remained unchanged,” while Foreign Ministry spokesman Noh Kwang-il made clear that the THAAD missiles were not needed to defend against North Korea, whose border is only a few miles away from Seoul, and that “we will build our own Korea Air and Missile Defense (KAMD) suitable for the strategic circumstances of the Korean Peninsula.”

Reunification

The South Korean government has taken major steps to strengthen relations with both Russia and China, and in both cases the relationship includes the intention to solve the North Korean problem—not by threats and confrontation as from London and Washington, but by providing North Korea with a stake in real, physical, regional infrastructure development.

On Jan. 20, South Korean President Park released a sweeping plan to bring about reunification with the North

in the near term, including opening up the rail connections between North and South within the current year, including connections to Russia and China. This would effectively complete the “Pusan to Rotterdam” Eurasian Land-Bridge,” a plan proposed by Lyndon and Helga LaRouche in the 1990s as the basis for peace in Eurasia. The new reunification proposal was developed jointly by the Ministries of Unification, Foreign Affairs, and Defense. The target date for the rail connections to be completed is Aug. 15, South Korean Liberation Day, the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, which marked liberation from Japanese colonialism, but also the division of Korea.

President Park called on the government to “create an environment” in which the North can respond to the South’s proposals, and that starting government-to-government talks with the North was her government’s first priority.

It is of great importance that these offers to the North, like the development proposals being discussed among Seoul, Moscow, and Pyongyang (see below), come without any preconditions, like those demanded by Obama (such as shutting down the North’s nuclear weapons and missiles programs) before he will agree to talks with the North. The North even made an offer to Washington that if the U.S. would call off the annual military exercises with South Korea beginning at the end of this month, which they see as preparing for an attack on the North, then Pyongyang would suspend its nuclear weapons tests. The Obama Administration dismissed the offer out of hand.

It must be remembered that North Korea has taken careful note of the fact that both Iraq and Libya shut down their nuclear weapons programs as concessions towards peace with the West, only to be bombed back to the Stone Age by the Bush and Obama administrations. North Korea will absolutely not follow the same path,



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A test of the American THAAD anti-missile system at White Sands, N.M. The U.S. wanted to install these in South Korea, but Seoul has decided to build its own system instead. This corkscrew maneuver was required because the missile’s range is too large for the test site; the corkscrew trajectory prevents it from building up too much kinetic energy, and the missile falls to earth within the test area. Seoul has pointed out that such a powerful missile is not needed to defend against neighboring North Korea.

unless actual peaceful relations are established or set into motion, with both South Korea and the United States.

Russia and China

That is precisely what Seoul is setting in motion in relations with the North, in connection with Russia and China, two leading nations in the new BRICS initiative to forge ahead with great development projects internationally.

In addition to the visit of China’s Defense Minister in February, Vice Premier Wang Yang visited Seoul on Jan. 23, delivering a message from President Xi Jinping calling for a deeper Strategic Partnership, and working together on relations with North Korea, to form a “virtuous circle” involving North Korea’s denuclearization and steps towards unification. South Korea designated 2015 as the “Year of Visiting China.”

Russia has been even more vigorous in establishing “peace through development” policies to bring Russia, North Korea, and South Korea together in development projects. Last year, the three huge South Korean companies Hyundai Marine (shipping), Posco (steel), and Korail (rail) inaugurated a trilateral project with Russia and North Korea, by which Russian coal is shipped by rail to the North Korean port of Rason (over a rail line reconstructed by the Russians and through a port built by the Russians); then shipped to the South by Hyundai ships; and then by rail over Korail to a Posco steel mill. The three companies are in negotiations to purchase half of Russia’s share of their consortium with North Korea, giving each nation about a one-third share, for further rail, port, and raw materials projects.

On Feb. 5, the news agency Yonhap reported from Moscow that a memorandum of understanding was signed in Moscow between RusHydro, Russia’s largest hydropower producer, and the government-owned K-Water of South Korea, to work jointly on projects in

the Russian Far East, and eventually also in North Korea.

Russia's Minister for the Development of the Far East, Alexander Galushka, brokered the deal, and said that North Korean officials had agreed with their Russian partners, including RusHydro, on implementing trilateral projects with Seoul.

K-Water CEO Choi Gye-woon said that "through this cooperation, we have built up a consensus for participation in the Eurasian Initiative," referring to President Park's policy for cooperative projects in East Asia, centered on the completion of the Pusan-Rotterdam rail connection through Russia.

Insanity in Washington and New York

In light of this historic initiative to end the legacy of the Cold War and prevent a new war, consider the insanity of the policies coming from the White House and the U.S.-U.K. dominated "human rights" mafia at the UN.

The direct support from the Obama Administration for the hideous Sony film "The Interview," which portrays a CIA assassination of North Korean leader Kim Jung-un, and the unsubstantiated accusation that North Korea was responsible for hacking Sony's computer system, has been documented in *EIR* as a concocted justification for financial and cyber warfare against North Korea (already implemented), and potentially for military assault (see *EIR*, Jan. 9, 2015).

It is essential to take note of the fact that Obama's new U.S. Secretary of Defense, Ashton Carter, called for a preemptive attack on North Korea in a June 22, 2006 op-ed with William Perry in the *Washington Post*. "The United States should immediately make clear its intention to strike and destroy the North Korean Taepodong missile before it can be launched," they wrote, adding, "This could be accomplished, for example, by a cruise missile launched from a submarine carrying a high-explosive warhead."

In the past week, both Obama and UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in North Korea Marzuki Darusman (who has served as a hit man for the imperial regime-change policies of London and Wall Street in several countries) have called for the elimination or murder of Kim Jung-un. The threat itself, let alone the act, could well bring about war in Korea, which could quickly spark a thermonuclear World War III.

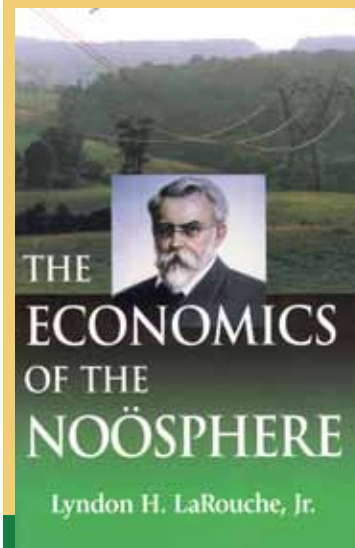
Darusman, on the basis of a UN "study" he headed which was entirely based on interviews of refugees from the North, compared North Korea to Nazi Germany. When his star witness was forced to admit that his testi-

mony was full of wild fabrications, Darusman not only stood by the fabricated report, but told the *New York Times* on Feb. 3 that the only solution to the North Korea issue was that "this cult leadership system be completely dismantled. And the only way to do that is if the Kim family is effectively displaced, is effectively removed from the scene, and a new leadership comes into place."

Obama also called for regime change against Kim, or his assassination, in the tradition of Obama's orchestrated murder of Libya's Qaddafi. In an interview with Youtube executives, Obama said about Kim: "Over time you will see a regime like this collapse. We will keep on ratcheting the pressure.... It is very hard to sustain that kind of brutal authoritarian regime in this modern world" (unless you are backed by the British and Obama, like Saudi Arabia—MOB). He said this is a process for which "we are constantly looking for ways to accelerate."

To hell with peace. To hell with the efforts of our supposed ally, South Korea, to bring conflicting nations together through mutually beneficial development. War is the only item on the agenda, unless the Wall Street-controlled government of Obama is removed from power, by constitutional means, and the United States is returned to its historic mission of global nation building.

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The scientific concepts of biogeochemist Vladimir Vernadsky—the initiator of the idea of the Biosphere—whose concept of the "Noosphere," has been cited and further developed by Lyndon LaRouche.

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