

## Editorial

# *The hoax of the North Korean bomb*

For the moment, the manufactured crisis with North Korea seems to have been cooled down following former President Jimmy Carter's successful visit there. Nonetheless, the causal factors behind the previous buildup toward war with that country, on the flimsiest of pretexts, must be addressed.

Let's review the story. Why was there suddenly a crisis with North Korea over the issue of spent nuclear fuel, which is an issue of several years duration in any case? Why—just because the International Atomic Energy Agency has arrogated policing powers to itself following the military defeat of Iraq—should North Korea's unwillingness to comply with IAEA demands be sufficient grounds for war?

North Korean President Kim Il-sung told Carter that the North Koreans would be willing to get rid of their Russian graphite reactors, which produce plutonium—that's one of things which they were designed to do—if the United States would help them to get light water reactors to replace them. They have been saying this all year long.

There never has been a legitimate North Korea crisis. It has been created by British intelligence, with strong support from the George Bush-Henry Kissinger crowd in the United States. It is the Thatcher-Bush nexus which is trying to manipulate President Clinton into foolhardy actions against the North Koreans, to which the North Koreans might well react in ways which would then be deemed sufficient provocation to bomb them back into the Stone Age, as some circles are suggesting.

Take the case of Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.). Some time ago, McCain made a passionate televised appeal, not to get the United States "bogged down" in a military operation in the Balkans, where the issue is clear cut: defense of people who are the victims of Serbian genocide, i.e., *British-directed* genocide, aided by the United Nations Organization, which is allowing the genocide to go on, as it did in Rwanda. No, he said, we can't get involved. We can't expend U.S. lives in that process.

Now the very same Senator McCain turns around

and suddenly wants to bomb North Korea back to the Stone Age. You might ask how this apparent change of heart came about. McCain is being seconded by Sens. Daniel Moynihan (N.Y.) and John Kerry (Mass.), two Democrats who are strongly supporting a preemptive strike.

The aim of this geopolitical operation against North Korea emanating out of Britain is not to deal with a putative bomb threat, but to destabilize the political situation throughout Asia. Japan, South Korea, and particularly China would be on the chopping block. Since a 1961 agreement between China and North Korea is still in force, China might well come to the aid of Kim Il-sung's government, with logistical if not military support, making the escalation of the crisis incalculable.

In the May-June issue of *Foreign Affairs*, the magazine of the New York Council on Foreign Relations, Gerald Segal put forward a scenario for splitting up China into regions under the control of war-lords. Segal is very plain about this; he is the Asia head of the International Institute for Strategic Studies, which is, de facto, a branch of British MI-6. Not only would this lead to genocide against a population of 1.2-1.3 billion people, but it would rebound against Japan, which needs stability in the region.

Such a war would also lead the Clinton administration into the trap of having to fight a very nasty war, and, to boot, one which could not conceivably further U.S. strategic interests. The potential of a contained, small nuclear war would further the aims of that grouping led from London, which would like to use another nuclear exhibition, bigger than either Hiroshima or Nagasaki, *to terrify the world* into accepting a United Nations dictatorship, with Blue Helmets everywhere. That's the underlying game. It is a chaos game with an ugly nuclear twist.

It is not enough for us to defuse the present situation: We must see to it that these gameplayers, presently represented most publicly by the Thatcher-Bush-Kissinger crowd, are exposed, repudiated, and driven from political power—now and forever.