

End the Korean War Now!

This July 27 marks the 66th anniversary of the military ceasefire agreement that halted the three-years of horrendous fighting in Korea--involving U.S.-led multinational forces, North Korean forces ("Korean People's Army"), and the Chinese forces ("Chinese People's Volunteer Army").

The temporary Korean War Armistice Agreement signed in 1953 was originally intended to be replaced soon with a political settlement to end the war officially. Unfortunately, the "Forgotten War" is still continuing today with constant arms race and periodic military tensions in Korea, because Uncle Sam has refused so far to sign a peace treaty to end the Korean War.

It is apparent that the U.S. military-industrial complex wants to keep selling more weapons to the Pentagon, South Korea and Japan, while maintaining the status of war in Korea. Moreover, the war profiteers also want to keep some 30,000 U.S. troops in South Korea and another 50,000 U.S. troops in Japan forever--wasting billions of our tax dollars each year. Our estimate of the total cost of the U.S. war in Korea alone has been about three trillion dollars so far. No wonder why the U.S. has accumulated such huge national debts today! When are we going to end this costly, senseless Cold War still left over in the Northeast Asia? It is about time for the people in Korea, Japan and the U.S. to cry out aloud, "end the Korean War now!"

While there are some encouraging signs for a new direction in our failed Korea policy, in view of the three inter-Korean summits and three U.S.-DPRK (North Korea) summits in recent years, it is still uncertain whether our hope can be realized in the near future. It is quite disturbing that the Trump administration is still continuing its economic warfare and "maximum pressure" campaign against North Korea today, while talking with the North Korean officials. Can we really build a mutual trust and confidence with each other under the current, confusing circumstances?

To induce North Korea to give up its nuclear weapon program, the U.S. government will have to implement the joint goals already agreed at the first U.S.-DPRK summit in Singapore last year. These goals included establishing "new U.S.-DPRK relations," building a lasting "peace regime on the Korean Peninsula," and working toward "denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

Thus, to realize permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula and a nuclear weapon-free zone in Northeast Asia, it is critical for the American people as well as Korean and Japanese people to raise their voice at this time--urging an official end to the lingering, costly Korean War first.

In observance of the 66th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, we are calling on the U.S. administration and Congress to take the following steps:

End the Korean War Now!

Sign a Peace Treaty Now!

Dissolve the Fake "United Nations Command" in Korea!

U.S. Troops Out of Korea and Japan!

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