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■■ A few years after Japanese colonisers left the Korean Peninsula at the end of WW2, the South Korean government, under US occupation, began to round up & slaughter communists — figures range from 30,000 to 50,000, in merely months.



This caused the Northern forces to come to the rescue of their comrades stuck in the South, in 1950, or what is called in the West an “invasion”.

The US military then used this as an excuse to intervene, in an actual invasion whose actual goals were beyond maintaining US control of the South, and even beyond expanding US control to the North.

“If we have made the decision to use military force to solve problems, then we ought to use it, and use an overwhelming amount; use too much, and deliberately use too much, so that there are no errors”

Curtis LeMay, US General (1952, Korean War)

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The US army burnt forests, poisoned rivers, used white phosphorous, agent orange, and other chemical and biological weapons on civilians. Koreans moved entire farms & factories underground.

By the end of the war, 1 in 5 of the North Korean population had been killed, and the survivors lived underground. Today, North Korean mothers are still giving birth to deformed children, due to toxins left over from the massive US deployment of biological and chemical weapons.

China was planned as the next target, if US exploits in Korea were successful. This was part of the reason that the PLA, then largely a volunteer force only 3 years after 7 years after the long military struggle against Japanese forces, had to come to the support of DPRK.

3 years later, the US forces, with vast equipment and supply advantages, were forced to retreat and fly home.

The US POWs were treated with such humanity and compassion, that many of them defected, refused to return home, became communists and lived the rest of their lives in Korea and China.

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All information regarding this heinous episode of large scale egregious crimes against humanity remains to this day very much suppressed in the entire “liberal democratic” sphere, in order to prevent any kind of real understanding of DPRK.

The DPRK was born in the aftermath of this genocidal event; but the war did not end there. No peace treaty was ever signed, and in the following decades, until today, North Koreans lived in fear of being again invaded or worse, attacked with nuclear weapons.

But world events and situation did nor present another opportunity for a second US attempt to subjugate or destroy North Korea, so instead, their efforts continued in the form of ceaseless economic and propaganda war against the DPRK.

From 53/80s, industrial, productive & economic development of the North, assisted by USSR-PRC, surpassed those of US funded & puppet fascist dictator ruled South, even with overwhelming sanctions, embargoes & forced isolation which cut DPRK off from global supply chains & trade.

The collapse of the Soviets in 1991 coupled with intensified US strangulation in the form of newly imposed petroleum sanctions did lead to a few years of very difficult times in the North, during which famine did occur, even with help from the PRC.

This was the source of all the horror stories repeated ad nauseam in Western media, wildly exaggerated and made to seem like North Korea is in a permanent state of deficiency and misery.

In reality, despite devastation, constraints, and involuntary seclusion, despite having to spend very much on military and the development of nuclear weapons due to continued imperialist threats …

… DPRK built a robust and healthy society of near 100% employment rates, near 100% literacy rates, very low level of poverty, near 0 homelessness, almost free housing, free education, and a free healthcare system that is one of the best in the world.

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This was only possible, in the circumstances that the DPRK faced after 1953, with strong national unity and cooperation. The continuity of leadership from the same family for 3 generations is what made such unity possible.

The 3 generations of Kims was a symbol of continuity and consistency during very difficult and perilous times, especially during the 1980s when so many socialist republics around the world fell to imperialist meddling & aggression, succumbed to predatory neoliberalism.

The 3 generations of Kims have never had total control of the state, dictatorial power like how the West portrays them to have & are always the fronts of a well organised political entity with elaborate mechanisms for the people's democracy as well as centralised decision making.

But the US continued for 70 years, until today, to saturate global media & education with distorted, exaggerated, and fabricated slander against North Korea, using over-kill propaganda in the same way bombs were over used, fostering global hatred for the victims of imperialism.

What ever methods the DPRK employs to suppress those who, for lucrative payouts, betray their people to help the US undermine & sabotage their country, again wildly exaggerated in Western media …

… Can only be microscopic compared to the epic scale and continued crimes committed against North Korean people by the US.