

London uses food weapon to starve out North Korea

by Kathy Wolfe

Millions will die in the famine now ravaging North Korea, and food aid is being used to impose political conditions upon Pyongyang, Gerald Segal, head of the Asia Pacific Program at London's International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS), told a journalist on June 24. "It is like during the Great Leap Forward, when 30 million Chinese died," he said; "something similar" will happen in North Korea. "Large numbers of people will die," no large amounts of food will "pour in," and "there will be no blind aid" freely given. At least half of North Korea's 24 million population is at risk, but none may eat—until London's political conditions are met.

Meanwhile, "a bit more than 5 million people are in such a bad situation, that they will die shortly if they don't get food now, and also medical assistance," International Federation of the Red Cross official Ole Gronning said in Geneva on June 20.

Yet, despite President William Clinton's personal support for significant food aid, the Anglophile current of the U.S. Department of Defense and State Department, including U.S. officials trained by Her Majesty's London IISS, continued on June 25-26 to repeat their genocidal mantra: that 2.6 million dying children in North Korea cannot be fed, because of an alleged "communist threat."

"We don't have an obligation to do a huge, comprehensive bailout, a subsidizing, of a communist economic system, as long as this regime is a deliberate threat to our allies and to us," said a spokesman for Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asia Dr. Kurt Campbell on June 26. There will be "no Berlin air lift-style program," only token shipments.

Campbell, who led a seminar at the National Defense University on June 25 to discuss scenarios for a collapse of North Korea, was a Fellow at London IISS. He took his doctorate at Britain's Oxford University, and has been funded by the British-run Olin Foundation. Campbell's spokesman

flatly denied reports in the June 26 *Wall Street Journal* that the Pentagon was mobilizing food relief for North Korea, saying, "We are doing no such thing."

State Department spokesman John Dinger on June 25 also repeated his department's standing policy that "we are not going to bail out a communist regime." The United States, he said, thus far has agreed to send about 60,000 tons, but no more—when 600,000 is the minimum needed.

Yet, when *EIR* injected the reality of *genocide* in North Korea into the Denver Summit of the Eight on June 22, asking President Clinton about the Red Cross alert, the President confirmed that he is anxious to ship the food. "I discussed this personally one-on-one with a number of the leaders," President Clinton replied, "and I believe you will see more action on this, and I'm certainly committed to that. I'm very concerned. . . . I'm deeply troubled."

Genocide, and treason

What is going on inside the State Department, the Department of Defense, and other agencies blocking the food aid, amounts not only to genocide, but to treason.

Lady Margaret Thatcher and her sympathizers such as Sir George Bush have already decided to push confrontation on the Korean peninsula to a "flash point," as *EIR* reported on June 20, to further Britain's game to encircle China with hot spots preceding the July 1 reversion of Hongkong to China. Thatcher, Bush, and this group have made it clear that their gameplan is to wreck President Clinton's policy for cooperation with China and peace talks in Korea—and to carve up China.

According to Lyndon LaRouche, "The key figure in the imminent genocide against an estimated one-fifth of North Korea's population, is Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair. Blair appears to be the controlling influence in the South Ko-

rean President's blocking survival for the estimated 5 millions North Koreans now facing imminent death from famine." LaRouche said, after Blair met privately with President Kim Young-sam in New York on June 23, "I find it relevant, that Blair represents the same British Privy Council which is behind the holocaust still ongoing against millions of Hutus and others in Central Africa."

Segal at London IISS was the first to openly propose the partition of China in 1994. IISS fellow Campbell was a top influence in the DOD's February 1995 report "United States Security Strategy for the East Asia-Pacific Region," which identified China as a potential "hegemon" in Asia, and thus a supposed military threat to the United States. Unfortunately, the pedigree of the DOD's Campbell typifies the sort of London brainwashing through which so many U.S. officials have passed.

Thatcher's minions inside the DOD have even of late come out in public attacks against the President on trade with China. Dr. Peter Leitner, Senior Strategic Trade Analyst of the DOD's Defense Technology Security Agency, attacked President Clinton's China policy in testimony before the Joint Economic Committee of Congress on June 17. He charged Clinton with the "evisceration of our national security export controls," with exporting vast amounts of matériel to China, including "the open penetration of U.S. high-tech industries, national, and military labs by Chinese and other foreign nationals . . . the massive U.S. decontrol of supercomputers," and "wholesale transfer of military factories to China," including an entire B-1 bomber factory from Ohio.

This, in a world where China may not even buy a peaceful nuclear power plant from the United States.

This testimony was the immediate subject of a June 19 press release, "Leitner Blows the Whistle on Clinton," faxed throughout Washington by Frank Gaffney, an assistant secretary of defense in Sir George Bush's administration, who has been working closely with Thatcher, former Defense Secretary Sir Caspar Weinberger, and others who propose a U.S. military mobilization against China, North Korea, Iraq, Iran, and others that they label "rogue states."

Famine? What famine?

Segal made it very clear that the lie repeated by South Korea's Kim Young-sam government—"there is no famine in North Korea"—is emanating straight from London, as *EIR* has previously documented. "There are fears, that this is just another way of the regime to manipulate the international community," Segal said. North Korea's government is just showing pictures of starving children "to manipulate public opinion." In general, he said, there are widespread "doubts about the integrity and intentions of the regime."

What London wants, Segal said, is "political conditions" to be slapped on North Korea—which is a direct threat not only to the sovereignty of that country, but also to the national sovereignty of China, and meant to be seen as such in Beijing. "The discussion now among political leaders is about the

extent of political conditions put on aid. We need guarantees that aid is going to where it is needed," he said. One of the "conditions" Segal cited is that North Korea must agree to attend four-power talks among the two Koreas, the United States, and China. Another is that Western monitors must be allowed in to supervise food distribution.

The peace talks, which were proposed by President Clinton, are well and good, although they should be expanded to include Russia and Japan, *EIR* Founding Editor Lyndon H. LaRouche said recently. North Korea in fact wishes to attend them, diplomatic sources of all stripes have told *EIR*. Segal and his cohorts know that precisely the way to *prevent* peace talks, however, is to threaten North Korea with conditions, however ostensibly benign—because no nationalist government such as that in Pyongyang (or in Beijing) is going to do anything under threat of blackmail.

As to the right of Western agencies to "monitor" who eats in North Korea, not only is this less than Christian, but it is, again, a calculated attempt to raise hackles in Pyongyang, and make cooperation nearly impossible. "The regime is in a no-win situation: If they make no changes or if they won't, they are doomed," Segal said.

"The Chinese are in a most difficult situation," he said. The hope is that the North Korean regime will fall, and be forced under IMF-style free trade "economic reform." This would be an enormous threat to China.

"We are looking only at humanitarian aid" of the 60,000-ton scale already offered, Campbell's spokesman said. "We are not going to do large-scale overhaul of a communist system that's failing. We are not going in to feed everybody."

The aide went on, North Korean Premier Kim Jong-il is part of a faction "which contemplates the war option" by invading South Korea, in Campbell's view, confirming *Washington Times* reports of a press briefing Campbell gave on April 23. "There are some people in the North Korean regime that are very public and very outspoken about the fact that the only way they can survive is to attack and to be aggressive militarily. . . . As long as they will continue to be such a threat to South Korea, Japan, and the entire Asia Pacific area, we have no obligation to go in and bail them out."

Campbell's aide also threw cold water on efforts by President Clinton's representative, Rep. Tony Hall (D-Ohio), who urged a mobilization of food shipments after touring North Korea on April 4-7. "We have not had access, they won't let us travel over the countryside, we can't come up with an exact figure," the aide said. "Tony Hall will be the first one to tell you that he didn't get complete access. He has admitted that he was only shown what they allowed him to see."

Only "humanitarian assistance," which is too little and too late, will be permitted, the aide concluded. "There's a difference between going in and doing some humanitarian assistance to get them by the next 4-6 weeks, versus go in and do a one-year, two-year program—Berlin air lift-style. . . . We are not the remedy to their structural or systemic problems."