

## WHAT IS NORTH KOREA DOING?

- I. During the month of June, 1999, the DPRK:
  - A. Embarrassed President Kim Dae Jung and put his "Sunshine Diplomacy" in political jeopardy by:
    - staging a naval confrontation in the West Sea,
    - Detained an ROK tourist during a visit to Kungang Mountains
    - Blocked North/South Dialogue
  - B. Has angered Americans by
    - delaying a response to Dr. Perry's proposal,
    - arrested a US citizen in Pyongyang,
    - shipped missiles to Pakistan.
  - C. Has ignored Japan's concerns by:
    - threatening to launch another missile, and
    - refused to open any channels of communication with Tokyo.
  - D. Why is North Korea acting this way?
- II. North Korea's priority goals are:
  - A. Survival of the regime:
    - National defense
    - Preserve purity of Juche ideology, and
    - Rebuild the economy
- III. DPRK's methods are:
  - A. Maintain strong military posture
    - Develop ballistic missiles to
      1. To coerce and frighten enemies of state and to impress friends and allies
      2. Earn foreign currency to pay the cost of maintaining a large conventional Military force.
  - B. Preserve people's subordination to the State through
    1. Inducing and coercing obedience to the ruler and compliance with the State's ideology.
      - those you serve the State, i.e. the military, party and bureaucrats, Benefit from the State by receiving food, housing, clothing, education and employment.
    - those whose service to the State is relatively unimportant, or whose loyalty to the State is in doubt are deemed expendable. Depending on

the extent of one's shortcomings, one may be banished to the country side, denied food rations, imprisoned or executed.

- C. Use diplomacy promote economic restoration by:
  - 1. Winning maximum gains for minimal concessions in negotiations.
  - 2. Dividing and disrupting any collective or coalition efforts against the State.

ASSESSMENT: Pyongyang therefore appears to be working to disrupt cooperation between Seoul, Tokyo and Washington by getting

- Seoul to stop talking to Pyongyang, which will anger Washington,
- threaten Tokyo with another missile launching to make Seoul and Washington unhappy with Tokyo if Tokyo again stops support for KEDO,
- Pyongyang will patch up relations with Beijing just in case it needs aid from China if the US stops supplying food aid.
- Improve relations with Australia and the European Union to open new avenues of foreign investment and trade to replace those blocked by US and Japanese sanctions.

#### IV. What can we do?

- A. Stop being afraid of North Korea.
- B. Strengthen trilateral US/Japan/ROK cooperation and extend it to other nations to make North Korea stop trying to divide and disrupt our cooperation.
- C. Begin with the missile issue:
  - It is useless for the US to seek a negotiated settlement to this issue so long as South Korea is trying to build its own ballistic missiles and refuses to join the Missile Technology Control Regime, and Japan pushes for the Theater Missile Defense System while selling North Korea the machinery needed to produce ballistic missiles.
- D. Continue Sunshine diplomacy. The Europeans support it and respect Seoul because of it.
- E. Draw China and Russia into the process of using diplomacy and economic inducements to convert North Korea from a nation dependent on coercion and the weapons of mass destruction to promote its national interests to a nation which relies on the international norms of diplomacy and trade to promotion its national interests.