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## Time to End the Korean War

by Dave Chaddock

Wars generally end with peace treaties. But the Korean War, which began 56 years ago, was suspended three years later only on the basis of a truce, or a temporary cessation of hostilities. A formal end to this war, the longest continual conflict in US history, is way overdue. In the words of an old Korean proverb, it is time to "throw away the sword and hold up the rice cake." But not the Condoleezza Rice cake. It's no use to look for peace in that direction. "Truly evil regimes" like North Korea, as she said in a Voice of America broadcast a few years back, "must be confronted, not coddled." Looking for the Bush regime to resolve an international dispute, as Maureen Dowd recently put it, is even less productive than watching paint dry. At least in that case something is happening, albeit rather slowly. But with Bush there's "almost nothing to see...It's like watching dry paint." How did Bush observe the 56th anniversary of this war, which cries out in anguish for a resolution? He "celebrated" by initiating massive military exercises near the Korean peninsula with 19,000 US troops. Is it any wonder that North Korea fired off a few compensatory fireworks of its own with its rocket launch on the Fourth of July?

Actually the so-called "crisis" with North Korea could be resolved very simply. What North Korea wants is an assurance that it will not be attacked

by the US. It has been branded by Bush as one third of the "Axis of Evil." Another third (Iraq) has been subjected to US invasion and occupation, and the remaining third (Iran) is being threatened. For three decades the US deployed tactical nuclear weapons in South Korea, and at present it has nine ballistic missile subs on patrol at any given time, each of which threatens to launch the destructive power of 1,536 Hiroshima's.

Not so long ago Madeleine Albright had no problem going to North Korea for talks, and Clinton, on the next-to-last day of his administration, confessed to her that he wished he had accepted Kim Jong-Il invitation to visit. The opportunity awaited. But Bush declared that he would never allow himself to "get caught in the trap of sitting at the table alone with the North Koreans." And even his six-party talks have not convened for over a year because he outraged Pyongyang by imposing financial sanctions, accusing the North of drug smuggling and counterfeiting. These charges were based on the unreliable testimony of defectors.

As I write this article, incidentally, Israel is bombing Lebanon to smithereens, and Bush is rush-delivering 5,000 pound bunker-busting bombs to facilitate the process. Rice calls it "the birth pangs of a new Middle East." But we need look no further than the Korean War itself to see the unsound nature of this policy. Orders were given in 1950 for every

**In Memory of PAUL MC CABE**

By PJ

I first met PAUL in the 60's. He'd just transferred from Southern California. We were both night workers and would work together over the years. I got to know PAUL to be a strong union man and good guy. You could tell him from a distance by his Lumberg Stetson (white cap) that he probably started wearing when he sailed as a merchant marine. HARRY LUMBERG was the head of the sailors union and wore the white cap, which he made famous. In the old hall we were dispatched at 4 and started work at 7. You had time to get dispatched, go home and eat and be on the job by 7. Traffic was better in the old days. At times I'd bring my son to the hall and I'd see PAUL there with his daughter. They were either 6 or 7 years old. The kids would hang around the candy machine until somebody bought them candy, which usually happed. I don't know if I knew her name. PAUL called her "THE BULL" I lost touch with PAUL in the mid 70's when I went on days and into Local 52. We retouched when I retired and joined the Pensioner's Club. Where I learned that PAUL and his wife SHIRLEY were still strong union people, him being in the International officer and delegate. PAUL and SHIRLEY represented the pensioner's up and down the West Coast for years. He always gave a good and lengthy report on these meetings. I still think he got a little help from SHIRLEY. I guess we all need a little help now and then. It's called teamwork. Sadly PAUL passed away on July 16, 2006.

Talking to PAUL over the years I believe he would agree with these words I read somewhere.

If my passing has left a void  
Then fill it with remembered joys  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
O yes things I too shall miss  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow  
My life has been full  
I did it my way

**A Whale of a tale, Not so long ago.**

By Jon Halgren

Three longshore top pick operators, at East Waterway, take a fast look over the yard. "We can go out to the apron."

"BILL do you remember back in the mid 60's we would catch a good payday when the Calmar's came in."

"Yes, SAM I sure do remember. The dust in my eyes was so thick I could not see clearly for about three days after."

"ED, did you have that trouble with your eyes, or did you lay back for replacements and miss that pig iron?"

"BILL, and SAM, I liked to play horses at Longacres and when it came to work I would do the same. Go for the long shot. I hated pig iron. When it was working, it seemed like 40 workers were away from the hall so the work was easy picking. I could sharp shoot and not eat all that dust. Sure sometime I lost and had a small paycheck."

"It was not only the dust but you could wear out cloth gloves in four hours", said BILL.

"BILL, I did a unscientific test on durability of gloves. In the morning, I used cloth gloves. They were destroyed by lunch. I went out and got lunch and a pair of the fancy expensive leather gloves. I had not been around too long and I was surprised that the pig iron destroyed the leather gloves. I was amazed how sharp those pigs were."

"ED, when pigs went to the 20 ton size how did that impact your jobs?"

Tonnage was real high and the man-hours were reduced by at least 50%. I see a street rig over at 2116. I will take care of it." ED went on his way to 2100.

"SAM, look over to pier 25. There is nothing going on today. I have heard short stories about the catching of a whale by a foreman when it was the American Mail dock. Do you know the story SAM?"

The telling of that event is for another time; I am on my way to make coffee. BILL, are you coming into play crib?"

**Monthly Meetings**

The Pensioners Monthly Meeting starts at 10:00am on the first Monday of each month at Local 19's Dispatch Hall.

### Time to End the Korean War

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factory, city and village in North Korea to be destroyed. Not a structure was left above ground. Anything that moved was a target. 866,914 tons of napalm was dropped. However, in the end, the US could not conquer North Korea, but only increased its anger and its capacity to fight. It also caused a neighboring country (China) to come to Korea's aid.

Over the intervening years, there have been numerous trumped-up charges against North Korea, but the greatest one of all, I believe, and the one that has helped make all the succeeding ones more plausible, is the accusation that North Korea started the war.

In the portion of Korea where the US took over after the Japanese surrender, it created a military government using the same officials who had been brutally controlling Korea under Japanese domination. Reporter Mark Gayn found in 1948 "with shame and anguish, that under our flag, there had come into being a police state so savage...that it was difficult to find a parallel." ( Japan Diary, 429 ) It was an aggressive state. In the summer of 1949 a young officer admitted to the 3rd secretary of the US Embassy: "One usually hears that the Army never attacks North Korea and is always getting attacked. This is not true. Mostly our army is doing the attacking first, and we attack harder." On June 14, just eleven days before the start of the war, Syngman Rhee, the South Korean leader, wrote to a friend: "Now is the best time to take on the offensive...We will drive Kim Il-Sung and his bandits to remote mountains."

For US officials, the war was just what the doctor ordered. As they saw it, China had fallen to the Communists, and a red tide was advancing on Vietnam and the Philippines. An impetus was required to enable an intervention, which would save Taiwan. The US needed to build up its military forces. It desperately needed a jolt, a "Remember the Maine!" incident, a Tonkin Gulf attack, something to rouse the American populace. Senator Smith was ecstatic: "It was all very wonderful and an answer to prayer." Three days after the war began, the US moved the 7th Fleet into the Taiwan

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### Solidarity

By Art Mink

Picture this: It is about 10 o'clock on a cool Fall night at the old Seattle grain dock in September 1951. The little apron and its small bull rail are bathed in the glare of the lights from the dock and the ship alongside. The air is full of the rattle of steam winches.

An old man walks slowly toward the pay phone at the end of the dock. "Where you going, John?" the hatch-tender asks. "Son'a bitch fired me." the old man replies. The hatch-tender walks to the hatch combing and yells down, "They fired old John!". Eight young stevedores come boiling up out of the hatch as if he had said the ship is on fire. "Call me a replacement, too, John." the first one up says. "And me." "And me." It was a chorus.

The foreman hurries to John's side and taking him gently by the arm leads him away from the phone. Then the foreman pulls a sack of wheat off the waiting sling load puts it against the wall and helps John sit comfortably on it. The foreman then helps John's partner hook up the waiting sling load. Everybody goes back to work.

I was a casual working out of the local 9 warehouse hall and watched this little drama from the warehouse door, leaning on the handles of a hand truck loaded with 5 catch-weight sacks filled with 700 pounds of wheat for the ship alongside. That was an outfit I wanted to be part of!

I worked out of the Warehouse local for 6 years at many different jobs until I made the 1957 Pool. Then 1962 I made A. In 1973 I transferred to Local 52. In 1981 I retired.

It is 2006 and I still remember that night 55 years ago and the thrill of solidarity in action.

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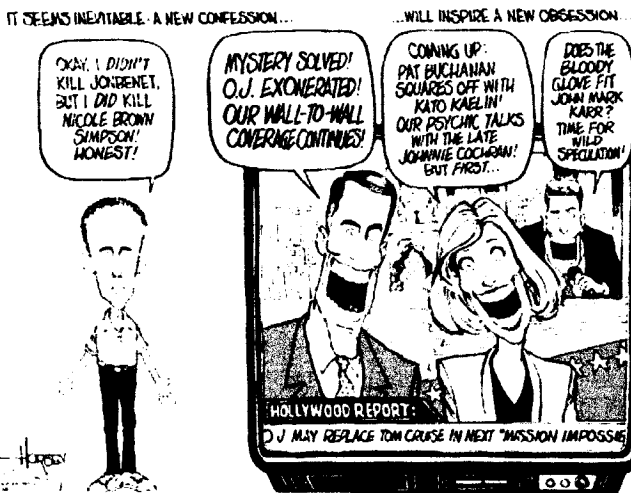
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Strait.

Was it Divine Intervention? Or did it have some thing to do with the visit of John Foster Dulles, who arrived in Seoul on June 17, eight days before the war began? We have two accounts, one from a South Korean source, and one from North Korea, which detail a key instruction of Dulles. The two accounts are in agreement. Channing Liem, a former ambassador to the UN from South Korea, testifies that he was told by a close confidant of Rhee that Dulles had stated that if the South was ready to attack, "the US would lend help" but that there was a "need to persuade the world that the ROK was attacked first." The other source was Rhee's former minister Kim Hyo Suk, who went over to the North's side when Seoul fell, and who quoted Dulles as saying: "The time is ripe. Attack North Korea along with the counter-propaganda that North Korea invaded South Korea first."

The rapid advance of the North helped create an impression that Rhee was an innocent victim. Actually the North knew it was about to be attacked, and it had had many discussions with its allies about how far it should go in response.

For many years after the war South Korea continued to be a threatening military dictatorship. When I visited Seoul in 1980, over 2,000 persons had just been killed in cold blood at Kwangju. The universities were closed and patrolled by armed soldiers. The legislature had been sent packing, and when I rode a bicycle too close to these empty chambers, a tank lowered its gun in my direction.

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**The \$5,000,000 Lift**

By Jon Halgren

It was one of the beautiful days, no rain and the sun just coming over the horizon. Everything is beautiful, a great day to be working on the waterfront.

As usual everyone wants to do a good job and have no injury to workers or damage to equipment, ship or cargo.

As I was going up the gangway I heard, "Mr. Boss, Mr. Boss," At the top of the gangway I allowed the worker to pass to get to their jobs. "Mr. Boss, I own that yacht that will be unloaded today."

"That is wonderful. It is not often the owners are concerned enough to come down and watch, or tell us what to do."

"Will you do my yacht first because I am here?"

"Sir, we want to make you happy, we are here to please. Our delay in doing your yacht is caused by containers on the starboard side of the ship. We will discharge 3 – 45 footers, then 9- 40 footers and then we will take off the 6- 20 footers. And with the in-shore deck clear we will rig the boat gear and lift your yacht, take it south to clear the ship and put it in the water. When it touches down in the water your crew can get in.

Sir, do you have any questions?"

"Yes, do you know my yacht is valued at \$5,000,000? What time will you get to my yacht?"

"First, Sir, we treat each item of work as if it is the most important, workers are trained, and equipment is tested beyond its limit and certified. The crew has worked together numerous times. You may think it is strange that we use hand signals, or yell at each other

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### The \$5,000,000 Lift

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as if we are mad. We are not. Second question, we will do your yacht at about 9:00, give or take 15 minutes either way. Now I need to get up to the hatch where your yacht is."

Things went very well, all lashings were removed, the twist lock were all in the open position and none hung up.

"OK, Bob that is the last 20 footer. Hawk is between the crane legs and ready to hook up the boat gear. The stevedores are straitening the work area so if you would call me when ready. Thanks."

"Hey, Jon, I am ready to take the boat."

"Come in at your own pace. We will set the boat slings as best we can; the owner said the center of balance might cause problems. OK, up a little, and a little more. Slings are starting to tighten, hold that, you have the weight. We will set the tag lines. It will not come out of the slings. Looks very good. The stevedores are coming off. Easy as she goes, to the dock. Hawk, will go south with you and give direction as it goes into the water."

"There is no hurry, care and consideration are keys. We got to the yacht before 9:00,

It will be in the water and they will be on their way to Lake Union for finishing touches before 10:00"

"Bob, this one for the books' the owner wants to buy you coffee. He said it was nice to watch the fine job that you did. He also said if his wife would let him he would buy another yacht just to watch you operate the crane. This is a fine way to start yachting life. Thanks."

Jon Halgren, 55817

June 25, 2006

### Conversations with Harry

By Ian Kennedy

In July, I headed south again. I'd skipped a couple of months because I just couldn't put out for the expense every month. After I checked into my hotel, I had time to kill, so I wandered the streets. It was hot and muggy and by the time I got to the bar I was in need of a good cold beer. I went to the bar and ordered, then took my drink to the table.

I was finishing my second beer when Bridges and company walked in, I ordered a round. Harry smiled,

"Well kid, it's been a couple of months. What's been happenin'?"

I tell them how I'd been to the convention in April and how mellow everything was. How there was no choice for International Officers, no disruptions, no nothing. "Hell, the international officers were elected by default." "Is this good or bad?" he asks.

I replied, "I think it's bad. It says to me that the rank and file aren't concerned about the future of the Union. They're to involved in there own little worlds. They are not questioning the leadership, on local or international levels." " you're being a little hard on your brothers and sisters." He smiles. "You are out of a contract fight that took a lot out of you. And you won. Well, the clerks didn't do so well. But, overall. you won that battle. A rest is deserved." He sits back, still smiling.

I'm upset, "That's the point." I signal the waiter for another round, " We were in one hell of a fight and by the skin of our teeth, we're still alive. In less than two years we go into bargaining again. People coming into the Union are not aware of what we went through in '34 so they would have all they have today. In both Seattle and Los Angeles/Long Beach, new pools of "unidentified" casuals are being formed. Within two years they will be in the Union, running up big debts and wont be able to afford a strike or lock-out. We need to educate them right from the get go."

I finish my beer and order another round. I continue, "The Bush people wanted to get us. We were lucky they got sidetracked when they figured out that the federal employees were a bigger and easier target. But they haven't forgotten us. If they still have the power, they'll come at us again."

"Any Democrats running for national office need to be elected, regardless of their stands on other issues. The Bush people must be neutralized." Jerry Bulcke added.

Harry looks at his empty glass, lifts it above his head to get the waiter's attention. "I expect the employers will go after, or at least settle for four items, 1. continued weakening of the clerks, 2. Steady men, (doing away with the hiring hall) 3. Making the job classifications broader, or doing away with them all together, and 4. Getting a co-pay on health benefits, at least for the pensioners and widows."

Henry Schmidt interjects, "The leadership has to

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**Report to the Seattle Pensioners  
from June 6, 2006 through Sept. 11, 2006**

I called and visited ROY MURRY at his home. His operation went well and is getting along at his home. He would like phone calls and visitors at home.  
206-935-3897

Called PAUL MCMCABE at home. He was not doing well. Sadly PAUL passed away on July 16, 2006. His Funeral was on July 17, 2006 at the Holy Rosary Church.

Called JOHN JOHNSON at 206-283-7982.

Called FRANK SCHUR at home.

Called ELIAS (DUTCH) SCHULTZ at home. He passed away August 29, 2006. It was very nice to visit him at different times at his home.

Called TOM BARRY at 206-417-3613.

Called GARY BOWEN at 253-862-6995.

Called THELMA MACKEY at 360-474-1239.

Called VAL SWEGAL at 425-284-0932.

Called ROBERT (BOB) Hein. He was at Oregon Health Center. He is in bad shape 206-604-4215.

Called DAVE BRENNAN at 206-720-1507.

Respectfully submitted, W.T. LASSITER #56349

PS If you know of anyone that would like a visit or a call, please call me at 206-938-3207.

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From LONGVEIW PENSIONERS.  
A \$50.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

Thank you LONGVEIW PENSIONERS

From STEVE GEHRKE  
A \$5.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK

Thanks STEVE

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A \$15.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK and a \$50.00 donation the general fund.

Thanks TED

From A. SMITH Chimacum, WA  
A \$100.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

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From KATHRYN ANDERSON  
A \$100.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

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From BEVERLY CLARK Seattle, WA  
A \$12.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

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From HERMANN MADSEN  
A \$100.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

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From BILL KENDALL Seattle, WA  
A \$100.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

Thanks BILL

From JOHN SCHNEIDER Seattle, WA  
A \$28.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

Thank you JOHN

From LEWIS LOVERIDGE Carson, CA  
I have enclosed a \$50.00 donation in memory of my good friend PAUL MC CABE. Our group also sent a donation to the HARRY BRIDGES CHAIR at the University of Washington in his memory.

Thank you very much LEWIS

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### CORRESPONDENCE

From CLIFF and IRIS VINGE Seattle, WA

Dear LOCAL 19 RETIREE'S,

We are pleased to send a donation of \$125.00 to the RUSTY HOOK and \$50.00 to help the picnic fund or whatever you need it for.

We would never be able to survive without our union.

So much illness the last 3 years or so. We say our retirement is as good as the president's.

Sincerely,

CLIFF and IRIS VINGE

Thank you CLIFF and IRIS

From FRED and VALETTA REDMAN Snohomish, WA

A \$50.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

Thanks FRED and VALETTA

From ROY LARSON

Dear SEATTLE PENSION CLUB,

Please take my dues out of the check and the rest where it is most needed. I miss the meetings because of my wife's bad health. I am thinking of all of you from afar.

Thanks,

ROY LARSON 55749

Thank you ROY for the donation and we all wish your wife the best and hope that her health improves.

From BOB HENSLEE

A \$145.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

Thanks BOB

From LOUIS SHEARER

A \$24.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

Thank you LOUIS

From JOHN WOLD Seattle, WA

A \$100.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

Thanks JOHN

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From RON SCHUH Orting, WA

A \$16.00 donation to the RUSTY HOOK.

Thank you RON

### Thank you

As a longshore function was coming to a close, one of the speakers said the following:

"We thank those who have gone before us, for if it were not for them, we would not have what we have. We, who are here now, work to achieve goals for those who will follow, and with those who follow, we share a common goal and a hope for the future."

I did not know how impacting this thought, was, until I lived thru a few contracts. I do believe the latest to arrive will do what is necessary for the protection of the "old-timers."

Submitter to Rusty Hook

July 3, 2006

JON HALGREN

### Time to End the Korean War

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But today South Korea has broken free from US domination. 80,000 South Koreans visited the North last year. The Korean nation, artificially divided, with family members separated for half a century, rejects the Bush policy of hostility. Our union recently called upon the Bush regime to "cease military operations in Iraq" and to seek a "diplomatic solution" with Iran. I am confident that, when fully informed, our members would like to see peace with the remaining member of the "axis of evil" as well, and to welcome North Korean vessels to our ports.

### Conversations with Harry

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make sure these people get the knowledge they need to keep the Union strong. Hit them with the history, start on day one, don't let up until they know, ya can't give anything back. Don't ever think you'll be able to get it back at the next time around, it doesn't work."

Harry is getting to his feet, "Thanks kid, we need to know what is going on. It's time for us to be getting on, hope to see you in a couple more months."

As they head out the door, the waiter rushes over with the tab. As a pay it, I wonder who paid it before I started showing up.



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