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**FICTION AND REALITY
ABOUT TAIWAN**

By Dave Chaddock

In his book *Challenging China* (2021), Sam Kaplan writes that most countries “more or less accept” the position of China that Taiwan is not an independent entity. But he adds: “It’s easy to forget that the world is accepting an illusion” (PP. 36-7).

But actually it is a fact that China is determined to recover its lost territory of Taiwan and it is supported in this endeavor by people all over the world. In 1895 Japan seized Taiwan after waging war with China. But at the end of

World War Two at Potsdam it was affirmed that an earlier Cairo Declaration “should be carried out.” The Cairo Declaration of November 27, 1943 stated simply that all Chinese territory seized by Japan, including Taiwan, should be returned to China.

The United States had been a signer of the Cairo and Potsdam agreements but then we had the Chinese Civil War in which the side supported and given massive aid by the U.S. ended up losing. New attention was focused on Taiwan. There was talk of using it as an “unsinkable aircraft carrier.” As Mao’s forces liberated the island of Hainan it looked as if his next target would be Taiwan. But on the first day of the Korean War Truman placed the Seventh Fleet in the Taiwan Strait. China has been struggling ever since to reverse this rude interference.

And now let’s talk about something that was really illusionary. We might call it the Big Illusion. This was the pretense that Taiwan, this little island just offshore from the mainland, was

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actually China. It was allowed to join the United Nations on the pretense that it actually spoke for China. Why, even Britain, which had inspired Truman to take a stand against left leaning guerrillas in Greece, blanched at the thought of recognizing a government of China which failed to control any part of the mainland.

When Nixon and Kissinger visited China in 1972 they wanted to talk about many things but China only wanted to address one thing, and that was Taiwan. In the ensuing Shanghai Communique Nixon took a giant step in reversing the Big Illusion. "All Chinese on either side of the Strait maintain that there is but one China and Taiwan is part of China" reads the statement, and it adds that the U.S. "does not challenge that position." Thanks to this straight talk I was able to visit China in 1973, walk on the Great Wall, and visit the pandas in the Beijing Zoo.

In January 1979 under Jimmy Carter the U.S. agreed to accept Beijing as the "sole legal government of China," sever diplomatic ties with Taiwan, and bring to an end its long standing mutual defense treaty with the island. And then, under Reagan, the U.S. pledged in 1982 that it would not pursue a long-term policy of arms sales to Taiwan; specifically, that it would not increase the amount of sales beyond the amount supplied in 1979 when it established full diplomatic relations with China, and furthermore that sales would be gradually decreased until the problem was solved. But there was a fly in the ointment, and that was the Taiwan Relations Act, which Carter signed into law on April tenth 1979. According to this law the U.S. would view with "grave concern" any economic sanctions or "aggression" against Taiwan, and the U.S. promised to make available such "defense articles and services" needed to "enable Taiwan to maintain sufficient self-defense capability."

American Congress members like to say that they are legally bound by the Taiwan Relations Act to keep arming Taiwan. But as China never tires of accurately pointing out, the TRA directly contradicts solemn international commitments and therefore it should be regarded as illegal. After severing a mutual defense treaty with Taiwan, the United States appears to be reincarnating it. After agreeing that the status of Taiwan is an internal affair of China yet the U.S. still insists it has a right to condemn China for possible "aggression" against one of its own provinces.

China will not surrender its right to use force to recover its stolen territory but it would prefer to use peaceful means if possible. In the past it has taken many successful steps of a peaceful nature. A landmark Economic Cooperation Framework was signed in Chongqing on June 29th 2010 which cut tariffs on more than 800 categories of Taiwanese products (Beijing Review 7-22-2010). In 2015, in Singapore , President Xi met with the President of Taiwan Ma Ying-Jeou, declaring "History will remember this day. We are seated together ... so that compatriots on both sides of the Strait ... can share a beautiful future" (NYT,11-8-15).

Years of military arming of Taiwan, however, in violation of the 1982 accord, in which the U.S. has "continued to expand the scale of the sales of more and more advanced arms" (Peoples Daily 9-26-2011) have given false hope to some Taiwan misleaders that they can with impunity call for independence. Even under the rebellious posturing of the present Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen, steps for peaceful re-unification continue. At the latest annual forum on exchange and cooperation between the mainland and Taiwan over 5,000 people from Taiwan traveled to Xiamen to take part. Some 300 Taiwanese have come to live in Xiamen and

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NOTES FROM ANDREA STEVENSON

ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans Washington Area Welfare Director

Do you have a change of address, phone number or marital status?

It is extremely important to keep your personal information up to date with the ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans office. You can get the forms you need to change your personal information online @ www.benefitplans.org, ask your local union hall or you can call the ILWU PMA Benefit Plans office.

Do you have Power of Attorney paperwork for yourself?

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From Medicare.GOV 6.3.22

Every U.S. household can get up to 3 orders of at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests at no cost!

Visit [COVID.gov/tests](https://www.covid.gov/tests) to place your order. You'll need to enter your name and mailing address. (You can also give your email address if you want status updates on your order.)

Each new order includes 8 free COVID-19 tests shipped to your home at no cost — 2 separate packages of 4 tests each.

At-home tests, or "self-tests," give rapid results and can be taken anywhere, regardless of your vaccination status or whether or not you have symptoms. Visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) to learn when to test yourself, how to use an at-home test, and what your test results mean.

From Medicare.GOV 8.3.22

It's especially important to stay up to date on your vaccines. Vaccines protect you from

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CONVERSATIONS WITH HARRY

By Ian Kennedy

The summer went speeding by with house guests almost back to back beginning in mid May through the first of August, beginning again mid August. When the two week break opened up, I decided to do some camping. I loaded the car and headed to the. Siskiyou.

By the tenth day, I was beginning to feel refreshed, and began to wonder how the negotiations might be going and wondered who I might contact to get a rundown. When no names popped into mind, I realized I hadn't made contact with Harry for some time. And seeing I was so close to San Francisco, I decided to call Sue and see if this would be good time to show up. Her response was, "It doesn't hurt to give it a try." So, the next morning, I threw my gear into the car and headed for the City.

I arrived mid afternoon and spent some time over a beer and sandwich. As I was finishing up, Sue sat down with me, refilled my glass, then informed me that Room and Board ain't free, and that I was going to help do the inventory, and it starts now. I spent three days helping Sue wherever I could and waiting for Harry.

I was beginning to think I would miss him this trip and wouldn't be able to return before the end of September. As the evening progressed, I decided I would head home the next morning, and let Sue know. She sat down to share some beer with me and get some rest, she had been going all day and into the evening. She is looking tired. "It looks to me like you need to hire more help." She responds, "I've been looking for someone but I

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WELFARE

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serious illness and can even keep you out of the hospital.

Talk with your doctor about which vaccines may be right for you, many of which Medicare covers:

- COVID-19 vaccines and booster shots. Staying up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines (including getting all recommended boosters when eligible) will keep you best protected from severe COVID-19 illness.
- One flu shot per flu season. The CDC recommends getting your flu shot by the end of October to stay protected throughout flu season.
- Two different pneumococcal shots. Medicare covers the first shot at any time and a different, second shot if it's given at least one year after the first shot.
- Visit Medicare.gov to see what other vaccines Medicare covers, and talk with your doctor about staying up to date on your vaccines.

Reporting Medicare fraud & abuse (From Medicare.gov)

Medicare fraud and abuse can happen anywhere, and usually results in higher health care costs and taxes for everyone. Some examples include:

- A provider that bills Medicare for services or supplies they never gave you, like charging you for a visit you never had, or a back brace you never got.
- A provider that charges Medicare twice for a service or item that you only got once.
- A person who steals your Medicare number or card and uses it to submit fraudulent claims in your name.
- A company that offers you a Medicare drug

plan that Medicare hasn't approved.

Remember: Medicare covers the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you, so if anyone asks you for your Medicare Number to get the vaccine or a free COVID-19 test, it's likely a scam.

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HARRY

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just can't afford it. So I just keep on filing in as I'm needed."

Just as she takes a breath, Harry appears at the door. He gets a big smile on his face as he sees me. "I didn't expect to find you here," He comments as he pulls out his chair and sits down. Sue jumps up, "I'll get a glass and a pitcher for you, don't tell him anything until I return," and she rushes off. "I've been hanging around for the last three nights, I was planning to head home tomorrow," I tell him.

Sue returns, sets out a clean glass for Harry, then fills all our glasses. "Ok, now you can tell him everything. And I won't interrupt except to get more beer." She sits down with a smile as

she toasts us.”Well, as neither of us have a lot of time to chat, why don’t we talk union?

Harry responds. “Ok.” I jump in, “ As you know, our contract expired at twelve AM July First, and we’ve been working without one. All I know is that MOB has been settled,” Sue interrupts, “What is MOB?” Harry responds, “MOB stands for MAINTENANCE OF BENEFITS. We always make MOB the first contractual item and we won’t discuss any other items until that is settled.” I continue, “The Coast has called for a one day caucus on October Third to bring the rank-and-file up to date on the negotiations. I suppose they could call for a strike vote just to give the employers notice.” I refill my glass as I think about what I’ve just said, “Remember that is just supposition on my part.” Harry nods. “I expect that would only happen if the negotiations are going nowhere.”

Recently, President Adams and his fellow officers met with several international Maritime leaders in San Francisco as a show of force.”

“On an other topic, Mediterranean Shipping Co. (MSC) has taken delivery of a mega container ship build by China’s Hudong Zhonghua shipyard. The vessel is approximately 400 meters in length with a beam of 61.5 meters and will carry 24,116 TEU’s. This is the second mega ship, with 2 more in the works. MSC has another 114 ships on order, for a total capacity of about 1.5 million TEU. MSC has a total of 665 ships that carry about 4,352,617 TEU.” Maintaining all these facts has been a great accomplishment and I feel relieved by sharing them. I smile, sit back and consume a full glass, refill it and again drain it.

Harry checks the clock over the bar. “If you’ve got anything more to tell, you’ll have to save it ‘till next time.” Harry gets up, give Sue a peck on the cheek and heads for the door with a few parting words, “Don’t forget the tip.”



BLAIR MOUNTAIN

By Kevin Castle

One hundred years ago a little known battle was fought in the hills of West Virginia. It was the largest armed labor uprising in U.S. history yet little is written about it. It was known as the “Battle of Blair Mountain.” In late August 1921, thousands of rifle bearing coal miners confronted a battalion of Logan County sheriff's deputies who massacred the miners with machine guns, and battered the hillsides with homemade bombs until the U.S. Army marched in to put a stop to what was the largest insurrection since the Civil War. It was a battle that lasted five days across 12 miles of southern West Virginia. Sixteen strikers were killed.

These were the coal miners who performed the perilous work of extracting coal from the black bowels of Appalachia. They were controlled by armed guards and paid not in wages but company scrip, their pitiful pay docked for costs of housing, medical care and even the tools they used in the mines. Their campaign was ignited by the brutal assassination of union organizers but had been building for years under the oppressive system of wage slavery that prevailed in the mines.

The miner's defeat was the culmination of a long series of losses for labor dating back to the mid-1800s. But through militant action over the course of 70 plus years, including bloody battles like the one on Blair Mountain and our own Bloody Thursday, major American workplaces were finally unionized. Today, we mourn those who lost their lives at Blair Mountain and all of the brave workers who came before us who set the table we now sit down to every time we are paid a living wage, each day we work safely, each year we draw a generous pension.

DREAMING OF THE CRANE

By Kevin Castle

Years after retiring as the first woman cargo crane operator in Seattle, I still dream myself into the crane sometimes. I can feel the rush of surging forward in my glass cab over the dock apron and across the ship's rail with seagulls swooping around me. In the brief lulls I look out over the city, near eye level with skyscrapers. I turn my head and see the massive freighters in the bay that carry all of the goods we consume, waiting for their turn to dock. I look down beneath the crane and see the hustle and bustle of a workplace in perpetual motion, the many machines that churn and growl, the men and women who turn to this monumental task of moving cargo over the Pacific and around the world with commitment and dedication, and who are fortified by a union that protects and advocates for them. It was a privilege to be a part of something so monumental.

TAIWAN

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1000 new Taiwanese investment projects have sprung up in Fujian, the province just across the Strait from Taiwan (BR, 12-23-21). A critical mass of Taiwanese friends has been established and this makes it difficult for Ms. Tsai to mobilize all-out support. Though there has been talk of arming Taiwan like a porcupine so that China would not dare to attack, the recent practice drills that China carried out in the wake of the Pelosi visit show that it would be easy right now for China to blockade Taiwan and induce a surrender, should it decide that other options were closed off. But does it really look like Taiwan is girding up its loins for a revolutionary battle? In a

recent report from Taiwan, a 32-year-old says he would fight if China attacked, but his 52-year-old co-worker says he would surrender (NYT, 8-6). In a recent poll at Chengchi University, 5.1% said they want independence as soon as possible, while 1.3% want unification as soon as possible (NYT, 8-8). Perhaps it is some comfort to supporters of independence that they outnumber the unifiers by nearly 5-1, but still they are a tiny minority of the total who seem to prefer the ambiguous status quo. Or as one 26-year-old testified: "I believe a war in the Chinese Strait is inevitable but I don't want to see it anytime soon" (NYT, 8-4).

One thing is certain. China overwhelmingly rejects Winkin Blinken's assertion that it is "over-reacting" after the Pelosi visit. It is not only that doubletalk defending its arming of Taiwan in violation of its international pledges has gone on for so long that it is becoming unendurable. Days before leaving office Secretary of State Mike Pompeo lifted rules that restricted contacts between American and Taiwanese officials. And one result has been that a Taiwan official was allowed to attend President Biden's inauguration. Nothing like this had occurred since Taiwan relations were severed in 1979 (NYT, 1-25-21). Moreover, the Biden administration is heavily staffed by the military-industrial complex, as was pointed out by a Peter Beinart editorial in the New York Times. At least 11 senior Biden foreign policy officials are alums of the Center for a New American Security, which gets more funding from defense contractors than any other Washington think tank. Blinken worked at a consulting group whose clients included defense contractors. And Secretary of Defense Austin served on the Board of weapons maker

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STEVEDORE

By Kevin Castle

They come every minute, the semis with their trailers dragged behind, topped by compact loads of cargo inside heavy steel containers. The drivers pull them up between the four legs of the crane which rise like monuments into the atmosphere above the asphalt. The thump thump of their eight tires moving over the pavement signals their approach, then the sharp sigh of their air brakes as they come to a stop. She grasps the lever that sticks out of the corner of the chassis and with it, turns the twist lock first on the port then on the starboard side. This is her job, this movement, to release the 60 ton can just before the heavy frame of the crane's rack slams down, grips all four corners and lifts it onto the deck of the dark vessel bound for China. She stopped wondering what's inside the 40 ft boxes years ago.

The loads come steady, like the intake and the out take of her breath, the drivers behind the big windows in the shadow of their cabs. They can see her hardhat, her reflective vest but her face is a blur. There is the rumble of the accelerator and blue smoke rises, settling around her after they pull away.

The next chassis is before her now, its rusted steel frame shoulder height, forty paces long, the container rising from it a story high. She steps forward quickly in the shadow of its bulk to pull the twist lock open while the heavy rack hovers.

One load comes forward then the next, the thud of tires like the beat of a drum, the hiss of air brakes, the diesel smoke. Her palm grasps the bar and snaps it back a hundred, two hundred times before the day is done.

She watches as a bit of grit on the ground is lifted by a breeze. She notices that her glove is getting greasy, just the one she uses to push the bars with. The line of semis behind the crane is growing. She wonders when the coffee wagon will be here and what kind of doughnuts it'll have. She thinks she'll close her eyes just for a minute because she knows that the sound of the cranes smashing down and the sigh of the air brakes and the thump of the tires, will pull her back, back to the twist locks. Her job, the one she does two hundred times a day.



RUSTY HOOK CORRESPONDENCE

By Mary Fuller

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TAIWAN (From Page 6)

Raytheon (NYT, 6-6-22), one of three defense contractors recently sanctioned by China for providing arms to Taiwan.

Just as I was completing this little essay, word was released that an additional five congress members were visiting Taiwan, and that China had just released a new White Paper on Taiwan. The congressional visitors were welcomed as a “heavyweight delegation” demonstrating “friendship without fear” but not so fearless that they dared to announce their visit until they had already arrived. China called it an “ambush.”

Right now a great deal of nonsense is being circulated about Taiwan and China. For example, here is how Sam Kaplan (mentioned at the outset of this article) describes China’s claim to Taiwan: “This is a bit like a court saying that a woman who long ago divorced her abusive husband is still married to him, even though she has her own house, job and life” (see page 181 of his book). And in another new book Today Hong Kong, Tomorrow the World (2022), Mark L. Clifford compares what he calls a potential Chinese “seizure” of Taiwan to “Nazi Germany’s annexation of Austria in 1938” (P.251). Congressional delegates attempting to learn something by chatting with Taiwan’s president Tsai and her illegal “foreign minister” Joseph Wu would only find themselves confronted by an additional bellyful of misconceptions and distorted superficial analyses like the ones that are already so common in the U.S. itself. They could have been of much greater service to their constituents if they had stayed at home reading the new Chinese White Paper.



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Brothers and Sisters, If you've been around long enough, you may remember that, in about 1991, at the request of Local 19, Doctor Ron Magden Published "A History of the Seattle Waterfront Workers, 1884 to 1934."

Around 2015, the Seattle Pensioners asked Doctor Magden if he would be willing to write a second volume, and he agreed. In 2019, with the book about 80 % finished, he suddenly passed away. After some grieving time, his daughter Kim came to us, "I want to finish the book, will you help me?" We agreed. Then President Carl Woeck assigned me to act as go between



SOURCE: THE DISPATCHER, JULY 21, 1950

so she wouldn't be inundated with calls. I thought it would be a snap. It wasn't.

Kim and her sister had boxed everything up and stored them at Kim's house and some went to the Labor Archives. After a couple of years where it seemed we were spinning our wheels, we brought in Andrew Hedden from the UW Labor Center to help with the organizing and writing. Once we had all but three chapters completed, we reached out to get these chapters written.

At this point, we have everything at the editor and we are now finding photos for the book. We are committed to have the book published and ready for distribution at the Labor Center annual Banquet on November 13th.

In Solidarity,
Ian Kennedy, Retired

IMPORTANT DATES

September 18th

PCPA Executive Board
Long Beach, California

September 19 thru 21

PCPA Convention
Hotel Maya
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The ongoing pandemic has affected each and every one of us in many ways. We know this is stressful and overwhelming, especially for those that are ill with COVID-19 or losBe well and stay safe.

ing their jobs. It is our hope that this website will provide the necessary information and support for our members and their families during this difficult time.

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