

# Who are the War Criminals? Truman's 1951 "Fire and Fury" against The People of North Korea

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Image: Truman and MacArthur on Wake Island

*"Fire and Fury" was not invented by Donald Trump. It is a concept deeply embedded in US military doctrine. It has characterized US military interventions since the end of World War II.*

*What distinguishes Trump from his predecessors in the White House is his political narrative at the UN General Assembly.*

President Truman was a firm advocate of "Fire and Fury" against the people of both North and South Korea.

What most people in America do not know –and which is particularly relevant when assessing the alleged "threats" of the DPRK to World peace– is that **North Korea lost thirty percent of its population as a result of US led bombings in the 1950s**. US military sources confirm that 20 percent of North Korea's population was killed off over a three period of intensive bombings. Every single family in North Korea lost a loved one in the course of the Korean War.



Pyongyang 1953

The criminal bombings of Pyongyang in 1951 ordered by president Truman, were opposed by General Douglas MacArthur who was commander of allied forces in Korea:

“A defiant **Douglas MacArthur** appeared before Congress and spoke of human suffering so horrifying that his parting glimpse of it caused him to vomit.

“I have never seen such devastation,” the general told members of the Senate Armed Services and Foreign Relations committees. At that time, in May 1951, the Korean War was less than a year old. Casualties, he estimated, were already north of 1 million.

“I have seen, I guess, as much blood and disaster as any living man,” he added, “and it just curdled my stomach.” (quoted by the Washington Post, August 10, 2017)

The DPRK’s Foreign Minister’s Cable to the United Nations Security Council confirms the nature of the atrocities committed by the US against the people of North Korea under the banner of the United Nations:

See original below.

“ON JANUARY 3 AT 10:30 AM, AN ARMADE OF 82 FLYING FORTRESSES LOOSED THEIR DEATH-DEALING LOAD ON THE CITY OF PYONGYANG. ...

HUNDREDS OF TONS OF BOMBS AND INCENDIARY COMPOUND WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY DROPPED THROUGHOUT THE CITY, CAUSING ANNIHILATING FIRES. IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE EXTINCTION OF THESE FIRES, THE TRANS-ATLANTIC BARBARIANS BOMBED THE CITY WITH DELAYED-ACTION HIGH-EXPLOSIVE BOMBS WHICH EXPLODED AT INTERVALS THROUGHOUT FOR A WHOLE DAY, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE PEOPLE TO COME OUT ONTO THE STREETS. THE ENTIRE CITY HAS NOW BEEN BURNING, ENVELOPED IN FLAMES, FOR TWO DAYS. BY THE SECOND DAY 7,812 CIVILIANS’ HOUSES HAD BEEN BURNT DOWN. **THE AMERICANS WERE WELL AWARE THAT THERE WERE NO MILITARY OBJECTIVES LEFT IN PYONGYANG. ...**

**THE NUMBER OF INHABITANTS OF PYONGYANG KILLED BY BOMB SPLINTERS, BURNT ALIVE AND SUFFOCATED BY SMOKE IS INCALCULABLE, SINCE NO COMPUTATION IS POSSIBLE. SOME FIFTY THOUSAND INHABITANTS REMAIN IN THE CITY, WHICH BEFORE THE WAR HAD A POPULATION OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND.”**

It was all for a good cause, the fight against “evil communism”. The doctrine of fighting communism acted as a powerful ideological instrument during the Cold War era.

Our message to US military servicemen and women at all levels of the military hierarchy.

Reverse the course of History. Abandon the Battle Field, Refuse to Fight!

For complete text of the cable addressed to the UN Security Council click [UN Repository](#)

UNITED NATIONS  
SECURITY  
COUNCIL



GENERAL

S/1980  
13 January 1951  
ENGLISH  
ORIGINAL: RUSSIAN

CABLEGRAM DATED 12 JANUARY 1951 FROM THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ADDRESSED TO THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONCERNING THE  
COMPLAINT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

TO THE UNITED NATIONS: TO CITIZENS OF ALL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAS ALREADY ON REPEATED OCCASIONS BROUGHT TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION THE SANGUINARY MISDEEDS PERPETRATED BY THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS IN KOREA, THE BESTIAL EXTERMINATION OF PEACEFUL CIVILIANS, WOMEN, CHILDREN AND AGED PEOPLE AND THE BARBAROUS BOMBING AND DESTRUCTION OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN KOREA WHICH DO NOT CONSTITUTE MILITARY OBJECTIVES. ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT AND ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE I WISH TO INFORM THE UNITED NATIONS, THE CITIZENS OF THE WHOLE WORLD AND WORLD PUBLIC OPINION OF A FURTHER MONSTROUS CRIME COMMITTED BY ARMED AMERICAN VANDALS AGAINST THE KOREAN PEOPLE. ON 3 JANUARY AT 1030 A.M. AN ARMADE OF 82 FLYING FORTRESSES LOOSED THEIR DEATH-DEALING LOAD ON THE CITY OF PYONGYANG. THESE HIGHWAYMEN, CRIMINALS IN THE UNIFORM OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, HAVE COVERED THEIR CRIMINAL DEEDS IN KOREA WITH THE FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS: THEY CAREFULLY PLANNED AND CALCULATED WITH COLD-BLOODED SADISM THEIR SANGUINARY BUTCHERY OF THE PEACEFUL CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF PYONGYANG. HUNDREDS OF TONS OF BOMBS AND INCENDIARY COMPOUND WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY DROPPED THROUGHOUT THE CITY, CAUSING ANNIHILATING FIRES. IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE EXTINCTION OF THESE FIRES THE TRANSATLANTIC BARBARIANS BOMBED THE CITY WITH DELAYED-ACTION HIGH-EXPLOSIVE BOMBS WHICH EXPLODED AT INTERVALS FOR A WHOLE DAY, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE PEOPLE TO COME OUT INTO THE STREETS. THE ENTIRE CITY HAS NOW BEEN BURNING, ENVELOPED IN FLAMES, FOR TWO DAYS. BY THE SECOND DAY 7812 CIVILIANS' HOUSES HAD BEEN BURNT DOWN. THE AMERICANS WERE WELL AWARE THAT THERE WERE NO MILITARY OBJECTIVES LEFT IN PYONGYANG: FACTORIES, PLANTS, BRIDGES, ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS, HOSPITALS, SCHOOLS AND ALL

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