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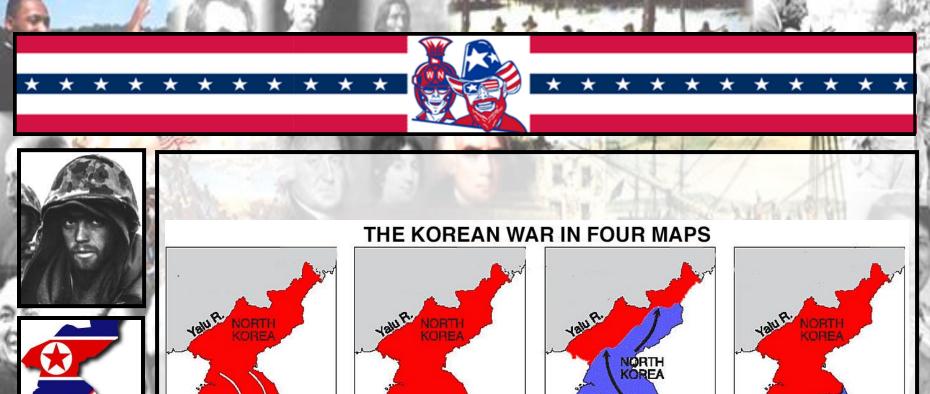
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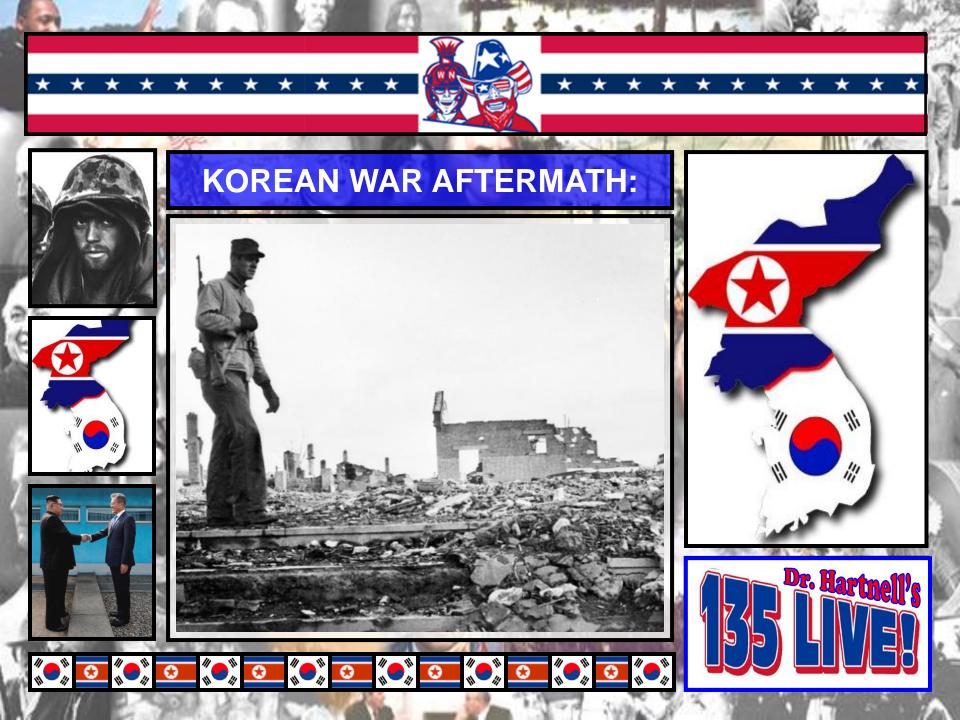
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Economic and social damage to the Korea Peninsula was incalculable, especially in the North, where three years of bombing left hardly a modern building standing.

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Most materiel used in the war was bought from nearby Japan. This gave the Japanese economy such a dynamic boost after the ravages of World War II that some have called the Korean War "Japan's Marshall Plan" (a reference to the U.S. plan by the same name that helped rebuild Europe).

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The Korean War had similar effects on the American economy, as defense spending nearly quadrupled in the last six months of 1950.

The war also helped establish America's chain of military bases around the world and its defense/intelligence system.

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The Korean War Armistice Agreement (signed on July 27, 1953 by the UN, North Korea, and China; South Korea refused to sign) set up the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) that stretches 2.5 miles wide across Korea.

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In 1953, the U.S. signed a mutual security treaty, promising to defend South **Korea from North Korean** aggression by stationing U.S. troops along the DMZ and including South Korea under the U.S. "nuclear umbrella" (where a country with nuclear weapons protects one without).

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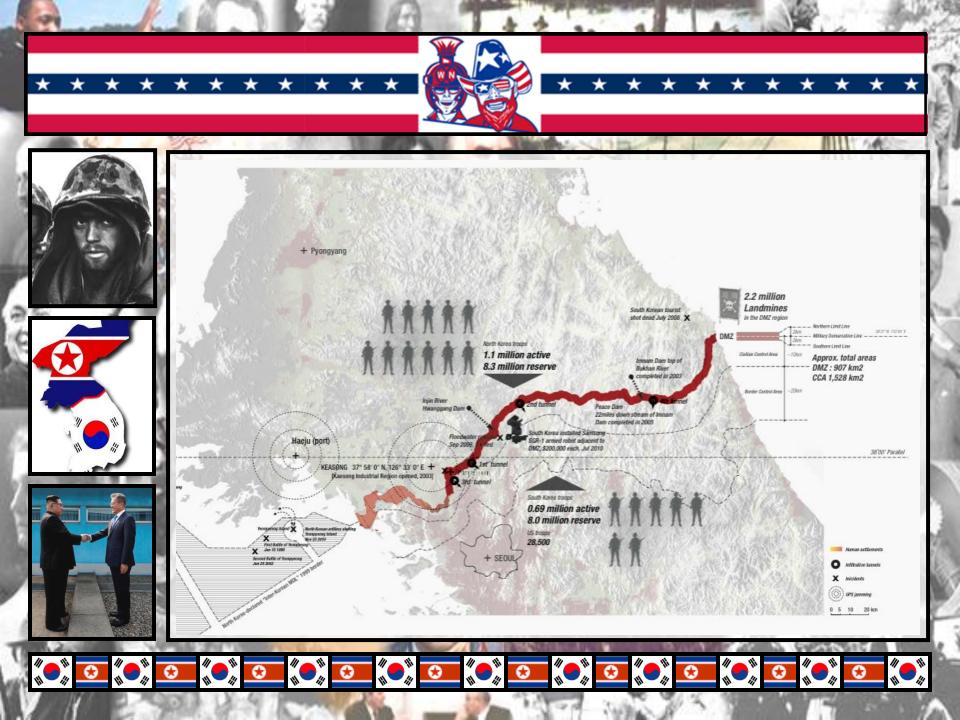


The U.S. pledged to use nuclear weapons to deter and prevail in any future attacks on South Korea.

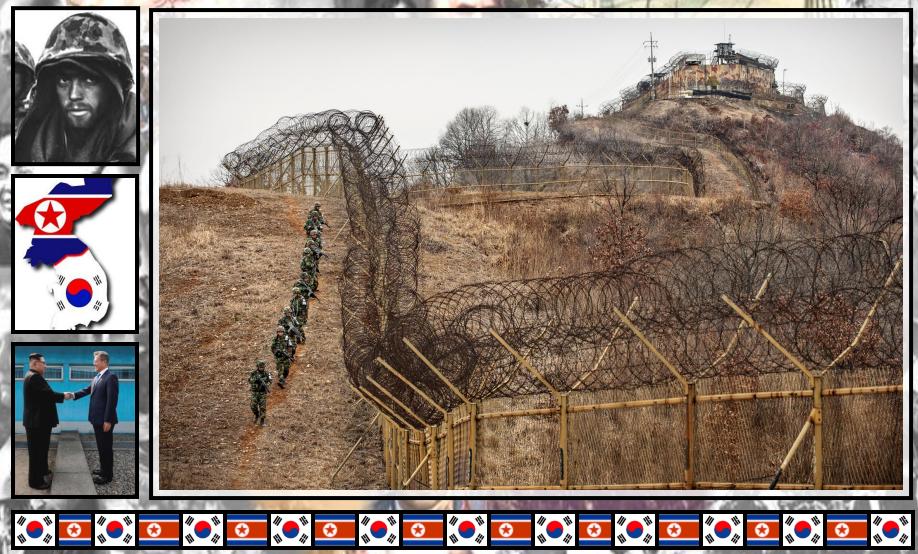
In 1991, the U.S. removed its nuclear weapons from the Korean Peninsula after North Korea agreed to international inspections. The U.S. still has 28,500 troops in South Korea.

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### **NORTH KOREA AFTER WAR:**

# What happened to North Korea following the Korean War?





Despite the Chinese having alienated North Korea's leader Kim Il Sung by hijacking control of the war, China remained in North Korea and helped rebuild a nation all but razed to the ground by bombing.

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**Following his ill-fated attempt** to reunite the peninsula by invading the South in 1950, Kim Il Sung began a process of political consolidation and brutal repression. He executed his foreign minister and those he believed were a threat to him in order to take control of the Korean Workers' Party.

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For example, at a meeting, a committee member named Yun Kong-hum stood up and denounced Kim...

...Yun was never heard from again, and his disappearance was the death knell for North Korean democracy.

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**Unlike many communist** leaders, Kim's personality cult was generated immediately the nickname "Great Leader" was used in everyday conversation in the North by the 1960s – and the initial lip service paid to democracy and multiparty elections was soon forgotten.



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The first decade under Kim saw vast material improvements in the lives of workers and peasants.



Literacy and full health care were soon followed by access to higher education and the full militarization of the state.

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However, by the 1970s, North Korea slipped into a recession, from which it has NEVER recovered.

Kim was a divine figure in North Korean society, and his son Kim Jong-II began to emerge from the nebulous mass of Kim's entourage.

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Kim Jong-II was designated hereditary successor to the "Great Leader", and in 1991 was made Supreme Commander of the North Korean army, despite never having served a day in it.

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From 1989-1994, father and son were almost always pictured together, praised in tandem and generally shown to be working in close proximity, preparing the North Korean people for a hereditary dynasty far more in keeping with Confucianism than communism.

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During the late 1980s, communism started failing throughout Eastern Europe.

As a result, North Korea's development began to differ strongly from that of other socialist nations.

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When North Korea's greatest sponsor, the Soviet Union, fell in 1991, it left Kim II Sung without the subsidies it needed to maintain its facade of selfsufficiency.





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North Korea, having always played China and the U.S.S.R. off against one another, turned to the Chinese.



In 1993, North Korea announced that it would withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

The NPT, sponsored by the UN, was signed in 1968 and was designed to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and to work for nuclear disarmament.





North Korea had (unwillingly) joined in 1985 but never came into actual compliance.

North Korea's actions resulted in the "1994 Nuclear Crisis" (March 12, 1993–October 21, 1994) that almost caused a war between North Korea and the U.S.

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President Clinton believed that North Korea was processing plutonium from a reactor to build two atomic bombs.

Clinton later recalled: "I was determined to prevent North Korea from developing a nuclear arsenal, even at the risk of war."

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The Clinton Administration had drawn up plans to strike the North Korean nuclear reactor that was suspected of processing plutonium.

Clinton-era documents show that the Administration had planned for a possible war with North Korea in 1994.

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The crisis cooled off when former President Jimmy Carter negotiated with Kim Il Sung.

North Korea agreed to cancel its controversial nuclear program in return for U.S. energy supplies (non-nuclear) in the short term.

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Midway through negotiations, Kim II Sung suffered a heart attack and died on July 8, 1994.

He had been inspecting accommodations for the visit of South Korean President Kim Young-sam, which would have been the first-ever meeting between leaders of the Koreas.

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The reaction to Kim II Sung's death inside North Korea was mass hysteria: the entire country turned out to mourn their dead leader, with crowds frequently being driven into frenzied wailing and screaming by the state television channel.

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Kim's death rendered North Korea weaker and even less predictable than before.

Many "experts", including those in South Korea's government, expected the collapse of the North Korea regime to be imminent without its charismatic leader.

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In a move that was to further derail the reunification process, South Korea's President Kim Young-sam did not send condolences for Kim's death to the North – something even then U.S. President Bill Clinton felt obliged to do.

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This slight to a man considered by North Koreans to be, quite literally, a living god was a miscalculation that set back any progress another five years.

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North Korea was more mysterious than ever, and in the three years following Kim II Sung's death, speculation was rampant that a military faction had taken control and that continuing power struggles between them and Kim Jong-Il (the successor) meant there was no overall leader.

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After a three-year mourning period, in October 1997, Kim Jong-II finally assumed the mantle of power when he was "elected" Supreme Leader of North Korea and Leader of the Workers' Party of Korea.

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Surprisingly, North Korea's **Presidency remained with...** 

... the very dead Kim II Sung. He was declared North Korea's "Eternal" President, making him the world's only deceased head of state.

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**Terrible floods in 1995 led to** disaster. Breaking with a strict tradition of self-reliance (one that had never reflected reality secret aid from communist allies and even South Korea two months previously), North Korea appealed to the United Nations and the world community for urgent food aid.

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In order to get this food, North Korea had to accept the UN's demands for access to the whole country. NK agreed.

UN aid workers were horrified by what they saw – malnutrition was everywhere and mass starvation was underway, which led to the deaths of 3.5 million people.

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Kim Jong-II's "matter-of-fact" nature and relative openness to change became apparent in the years following the devastation of the famine, and it actually resulted in a series of initiatives to promote reconciliation with both South Korea and the U.S.

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In June 2000, North/South relations peaked with a swiftly convened summit in P'yŏngyang between Kim Jong-II and South Korea's President Kim Dae-jung.



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The summit paved the way for U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's visit to P'yŏngyang later that year.

Kim Jong-II's aim was to have North Korea legitimized through a visit from President Clinton himself.

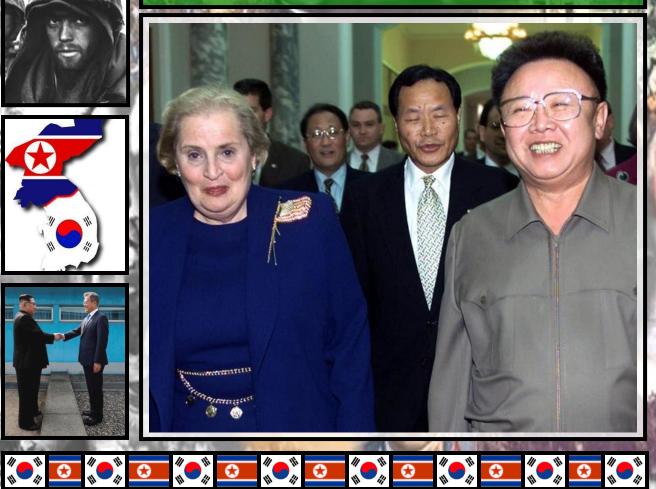
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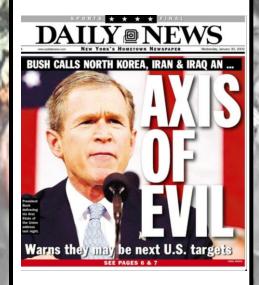
However, as Clinton's second term ended and George W Bush assumed office in 2001, the international climate swiftly changed... especially after the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

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In his 2002 State of the Union address, President Bush labeled the North Korea (along with Iran and Iraq) as part of an "Axis of Evil", a phrase that angered Kim Jong-II.



The following year, North Korea resumed its nuclear program.

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Frustrated at being ignored by the U.S. throughout the Bush Presidency, North Korea testlaunched missiles in July 2006.

To South Korea's horror, North Korea followed these tests with the detonation of a nuclear device on its own soil three months later.

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Kim Jong-II appeared to suffer a serious stroke in 2008.

Shortly after his stroke, Kim Jong-II began promoting his son (Kim Jong-un) to whom great feats were accorded and who was soon accompanying the "Dear Leader" on public appearances.

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Kim Jong-II died from a heart attack on his private train on December 17, 2011.

The announcement of his passing caused similarly dramatic scenes of public hysteria as when Kim II Sung died in 1994.

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Almost nothing was known about Kim Jong-un in North Korea (or internationally), but since becoming the Supreme Leader of North Korea in 2011, he has proven to to be a formidable figure, quickly dispatching (with swift brutality) anyone who threatens his authority.

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He has successfully cultivated a personality cult among a nation who had virtually no idea who he was.

Kim Jong-un has tested his nuclear arsenal, launching dozens of short- and mediumrange missiles and ICBMs between 2013 and 2017.

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# NORTH KOREA AFTER WAR:

In 2017, U.S. President Donald Trump, however, soon began calling Kim's bluff by referring to him as "Little Rocket Man" during speeches and on social media... quickly shifting U.S. military focus to North Korea.

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With the world holding its collective breath, Trump and Kim engaged in a bizarre "Twitter War", exchanging digs back-and-forth like angry teenagers.



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Just heard Foreign Minister of North Korea speak at U.N. If he echoes thoughts of Little Rocket Man, they won't be around much longer!

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8:08 PM - 23 Sep 2017







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Why would Kim Jong-un insult me by calling me "old," when I would NEVER call him "short and fat?" Oh well, I try so hard to be his friend - and maybe someday that will happen!

7:48 PM - 11 Nov 2017 from Vietnam







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North Korean Leader Kim Jong Un just stated that the "Nuclear Button is on his desk at all times." Will someone from his depleted and food starved regime please inform him that I too have a Nuclear Button, but it is a much bigger & more powerful one than his, and my Button works!

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**On June 12, 2018, Kim and Trump met on Sentosa Island in** Singapore. It was the first time a North Korean leader and a sitting U.S. President had ever met.





Kim agreed to cease missile testing in exchange for Trump not destroying North Korea (as he had implied on Twitter).



# **NORTH KOREA AFTER WAR:** Dr. Hartnell's #**\_**# 😥 #**\_**# 😥













The historic agreement to denuclearize the entire Korean Peninsula also sought "peace and prosperity" through cooperation on issues such as the recovery of POW/MIA remains from the Korean War.

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Thousands of U.S. soldiers went MIA during the Korean War.

From 1990-2018, North Korea returned the remains of 340 soldiers, but about 7,700 bodies were still unaccounted.

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One month after the June 12<sup>th</sup> summit, North Korea returned 55 boxes to the US.

Through DNA, chest X-rays, and dental records, 40 U.S. servicemen were identified by 2019.

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South Korean President Moon Jae-in described it as a *"miracle"*.

North Korea's state media declared a new era of peace following the summit.

Reports even emerged that North Korea was removing anti-US propaganda.

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While a promising start, **knowing North Korea's** questionable track record of keeping promises, Trump stated that the U.S. would maintain sanctions and keep any company, business, or individual from trading with North Korea until complete denuclearization occurred.





This resulted in some disgruntled remarks from North Korea that the Trump Administration was using "unilateral and gangster-like demand for denuclearization".

A second meeting between Kim and Trump was deemed necessary.

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The two met again from February 27-28, 2019 in Hanoi, Vietnam, but Trump walked away from the negotiating table rather than *"take a bad deal"*.

Without an agreement, North Korea immediately resumed rebuilding its long-range rockets on April 17, 2019.

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Kim's test firing of new tactical guided weapons was intended to serve as a warning to Trump that unless the "oncepromising negotiations" resumed, the two countries could again be on a collision COURSE.

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A week later, from April 24-26<sup>th</sup>, Kim met with Russian leader Vladimir Putin on Russky Island in Vladivostok in the Sea of Japan. Little came from this summit, although Putin appeared less than interested in helping mediate problems between P'yŏngyang and D.C.

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On June 30, 2019, Trump met with Kim along with South Korea's Moon Jae-in at the DMZ.

Trump briefly crossed the border line into the North Korean side of the DMZ, becoming the first sitting U.S. President to enter North Korea.

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(FYI: Former U.S. Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton had previously visited North Korea after they left office.)

Both Kim and Trump then recrossed into South Korea for their meeting at the Inter-Korean House of Freedom along the 38<sup>th</sup> in the DMZ.

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Both sides announced the resumption of nuclear talks, but that was the extent of it.

The meeting was welcomed by South Korea, China, and Japan. While celebrated in North Korea, it was criticized by Democrats as "granting legitimacy to the Kims".

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In 2021, the U.S. under President Joe Biden attempted a new outreach to North Korea, but they were unresponsive.

North Korea stated it would ignore such attempts due to the U.S. continuing military drills and maintaining sanctions against North Korea.

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On March 5, 2022, North Korea conducted its ninth weapons test of the year, shooting a suspected ballistic missile into the sea east of the Korean Peninsula... just days before the Presidential Election in South Korea.

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The launch was met with condemnation from South Korea, the U.S., and Japan, which continue to worry that North Korea is planning major nuclear tests in the future.

In response, Biden's Treasury Department imposed new sanctions and penalties.









Relations with North Korea have now slipped into a familiar pattern: missile launches by the North, economic sanctions by the South and U.S., condemnation worldwide... rinse... repeat.

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# What happened to South Korea following the Korean War?

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The Republic of Korea (also called South Korea) was proclaimed on August 15, 1948. **South Korea's first president** was Syngman Rhee, who was elected by a legislature formed by popular elections conducted in May of that year by the U.S. and observed by UN representatives.

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From the Republic's beginning in 1948 (called, simply, the First Republic), the main business of the government was the suppression of leftist (communist) groups, some of them independent but many supported by North Korea.

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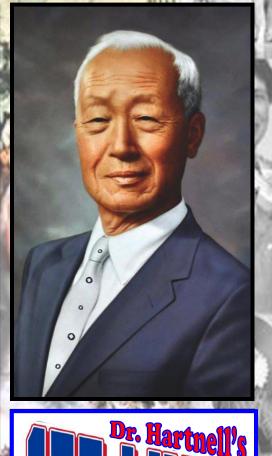




The Korean War disrupted South Korean life and politics, and Rhee began to lose the support of the legislature.

Rhee used troops to force the legislature to conduct a popular election for President, and he was then elected to a second term in 1952.

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Recovery from the war was slow. Rhee was unable to produce any significant economic development despite much U.S. aid.

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Rhee won re-election easily in 1956 and 1960, but blatant manipulation of the 1960 elections led to a nationwide protest that culminated in Rhee's forced resignation on April 27, 1960.

His resignation ended the First Republic (1948-1960).

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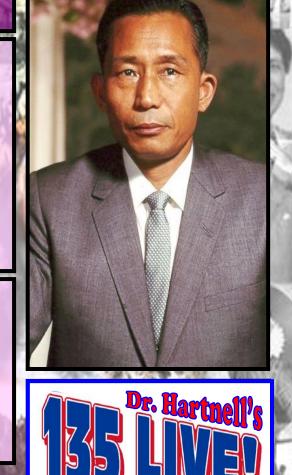
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Vice President Chang Myon (who took over after Rhee resigned) tried to liberalize reforms in many areas, but the economy still lagged.



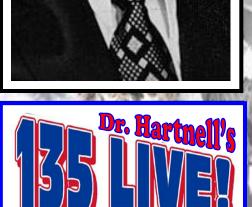
The military, fearing instability, staged a coup on May 16, 1961, ending the brief Second Republic (1960-1961).



The military ruling group, led by Park Chung Hee, governed by decree until October 1963, when Park was narrowly elected President.



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Park Chung Hee launched economic reforms and signed a treaty with Japan in 1965, dropping Korean demands for war reparations in return for economic aid.

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Japanese capital soon began to flow into South Korea and improved the economy.

During the Vietnam War (1959-1975), South Korea sent troops and contract workers to aid the U.S. This resulted in a major industrialization and export growth.

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Politics were dominated by Park's Democratic Republican Party. Thanks to their control of funds, they easily overwhelmed all opposition.



The Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA) carried out surveillance and intimidation of domestic dissidents.

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In 1972, Park declared martial law and introduced a new yushin ("revitalizing") constitution, which let him to stay in office indefinitely.



This ended the Third Republic (1963-1972) and began the Fourth Republic (1972-1981).

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Park continued to restrict civil liberties and removed political opponents.

While the economy continued to prosper, dissatisfaction with Park grew.

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In 1979, demonstrations in the cities of Busan (Pusan) and Masan were met with violent suppression.

Kim Jae Kyu, director of the KCIA (now the Agency for National Security Planning), assassinated Park on October 27, 1979, and plunged the country into political chaos.

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**Premier Choi Kyu Hah** succeeded Park as President. but General Chun Doo Hwan, head of the martial law investigating unit, emerged in a position of dominance.



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In December 1979, Chun took control of the army, and thwarted efforts toward constitutional liberalization.



In May 1980, leading opposition politicians were arrested and opposition demonstrations were suppressed with great violence.





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Chun forced President Choi to step down and secured his own election as President.

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A new constitution, providing for a single seven-year Presidential term went into effect in April 1981, creating the Fifth Republic (1981-1987).

SK Presidential terms: 4-years (1948-72); 6-years (1972-81); 7years (1981-88); 5-years (1988-Now); 1 term only (since 1981).

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President Chun's regime scored a diplomatic coup when the International Olympic Committee designated Seoul as the site for the 1988 Summer Games.

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Following a series of mass protest demonstrations in 1987, President Chun promised democratic reforms, including direct Presidential elections.

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Voters adopted a new, democratic constitution in a referendum in October, and Roh Tae Woo, the candidate of Chun's party, was elected President in December.

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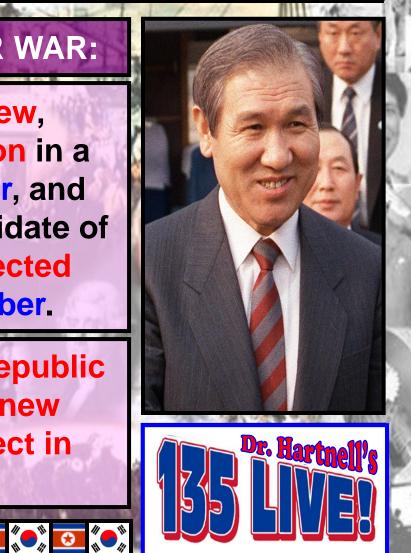
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In March 1991, the first local elections in 30 years were held. Candidates of the ruling Democratic Liberal Party (DLP) won a majority of posts even as anti-government demonstrations by students intensified.

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In September 1991, North and South Korea were admitted to the United Nations as separate countries.

Three months later, North and South Korea signed a nonaggression pact.

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In 1992, Roh stepped down as leader of the DLP amid allegations that his party had bought votes in the March elections.



In December 1992, Kim Young Sam was elected, a dissident who had joined forces with the DLP in 1990.

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Soon after taking office, Kim launched an anti-corruption program that publicized the assets of politicians, civil servants, judiciary, and military members.

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Resignations followed from many people whose publicized wealth was clearly disproportionate to their income levels.

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In December 1993, the government opened the heavily protected Korean rice market to imports.

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The resulting public outcry, which included violent demonstrations in Seoul, didn't stop the decision.

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In late 1995, Kim's anticorruption campaign resulted in the arrest of his predecessors, Chun and Roh.

Both former Presidents were subsequently indicted and put on trial for their alleged roles in the 1979 military coup that brought Chun to power and the May 1980 military crackdown.

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Chun and Roh were eventually convicted in 1996 of mutiny, sedition, and corruption. Chun received the death sentence while Roh received 22 years in prison. (However, in December 1997, both were pardoned.)

Kim also renamed the DLP the New Korea Party (NKP).

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In 1997, the South Korean government was rocked by further scandals, this time involving fraudulent loans.

An economic crisis soon developed when investors lost confidence in the debt-laden South Korean economy and the currency depreciated. The unemployment rate soared.

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The economic crisis occurred in the middle of Presidential elections in December.

Voters turned on the political alliance that had ruled the nation for decades and elected Kim Dae-jung, a longtime opposition leader and prodemocracy advocate.

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President Kim Dae-jung implemented his "Sunshine Policy" of offering unconditional economic and humanitarian aid to North Korea.

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In June 2000, Kim and North Korean leader Kim Jong-II held talks in P'yŏngyang and agreed to promote reconciliation and economic cooperation.

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This was the first face-to-face meeting between the leaders of North Korea and South Korea since 1945.

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In response, the North ceased all propaganda broadcasts against the South.

As a result of his efforts to promote reconciliation, Kim Dae-jung (served 1998-2003) won the Nobel Peace Prize.

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Improved relations led to family reunifications, the start of mail service between the two countries, and agreement by both sides to reconnect road and rail links.



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Additionally, South Korea gave amnesty to over 3,500 North Korean prisoners.

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Since 1991, the two Koreas have marched together during international sports competitions (including the Olympics) and under a unified Korean flag, although the athletes compete separately.

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However, after being labeled part of the "Axis of Evil" by the U.S., North and South Korean relations began to deteriorate.

In March 2002, a group of 25 North Koreans defected to South Korea by way of the Spanish embassy in Beijing, China.

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These 25 highlighted the plight of tens of thousands of North Koreans hiding in China after fleeing famine and repression in the North.

In June 2002, however, a naval battle took place in disputed waters. It left 4 South Korean and 30 North Korean soldiers dead.

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In the decades that followed, North Korea's testing of military weapons brought it into frequent conflict with the U.S. that only seemed to result in a "one step forward, and two steps back" sort of relationship with South Korea.

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# **Roh Moo-hyun**

## Served: 2003-2008









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# Lee Myung-bak

## Served: 2008-2013

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11<sup>th</sup> President



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## **Park Geun-hye**

## Served: 2013-2017

<u>NOTE</u>: Park was impeached and sentenced to 25 years in jail; later pardoned in 2021 by President Moon Jae-in; Her VP Hwang Kyo-ahn served out the rest of her Presidency (61 days)

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## Moon Jae-in

## Served: 2017-2022







On April 27, 2018, North Korea's Kim Jong-un and President Moon Jae-in shook hands over the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel before the Inter-Korean Summit Panmunjom, South Korea.

Kim Jong-un became the first North Korean leader to set foot in the South.

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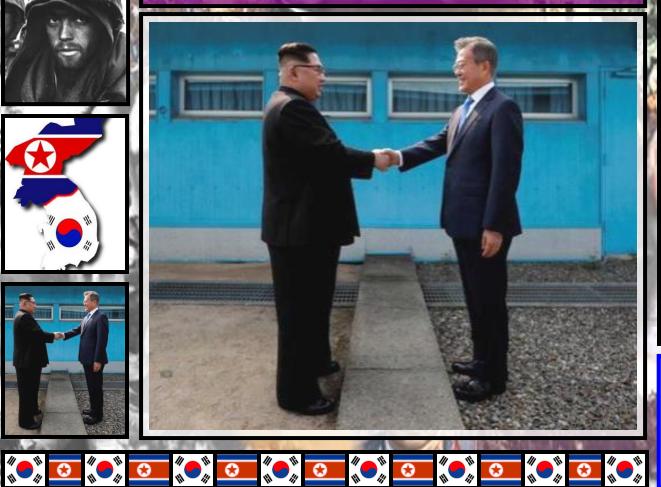








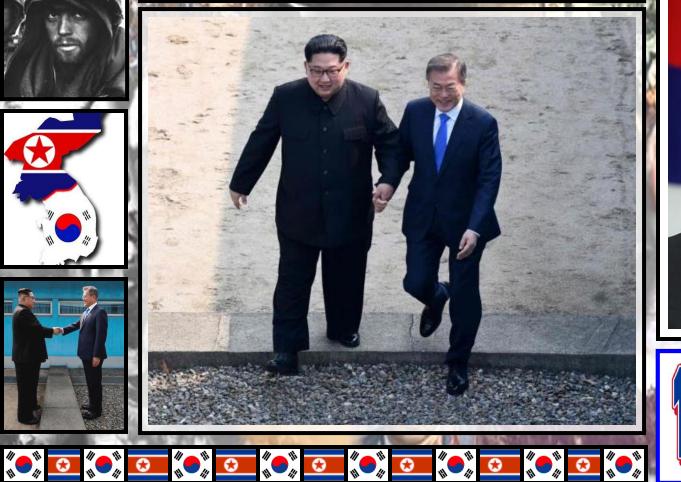


















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# **Yoon Suk Yeol**

#### Served: 2022-Present







Today, the U.S. remains in discussions with South Korea on ways to deter Kim Jong-un's regime from seeking the creation (and potential use) of nuclear weapons on the Korean Peninsula.

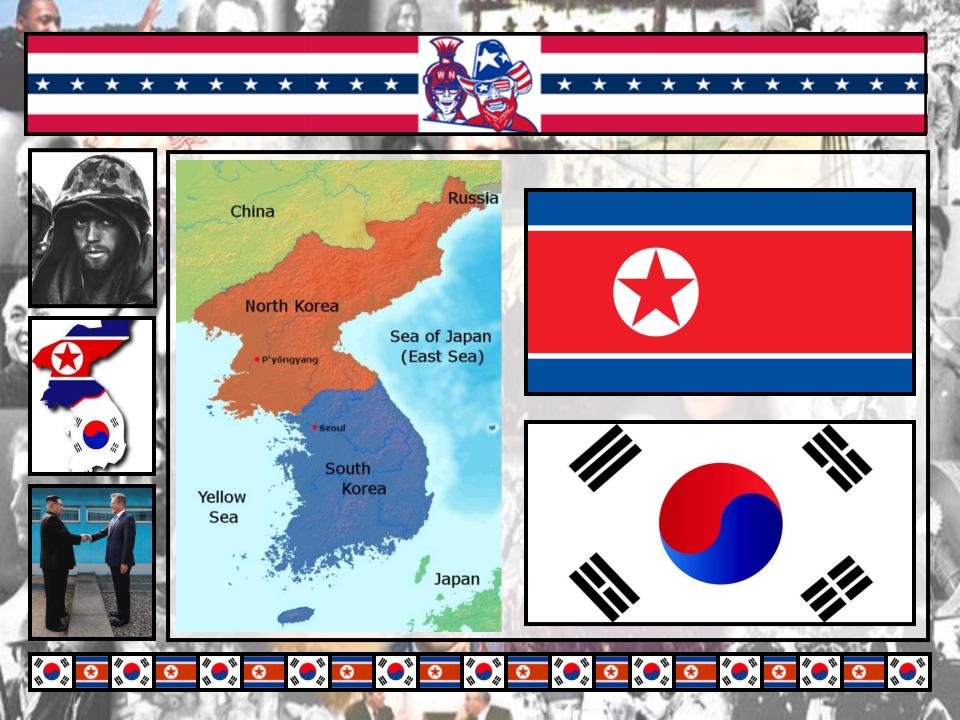
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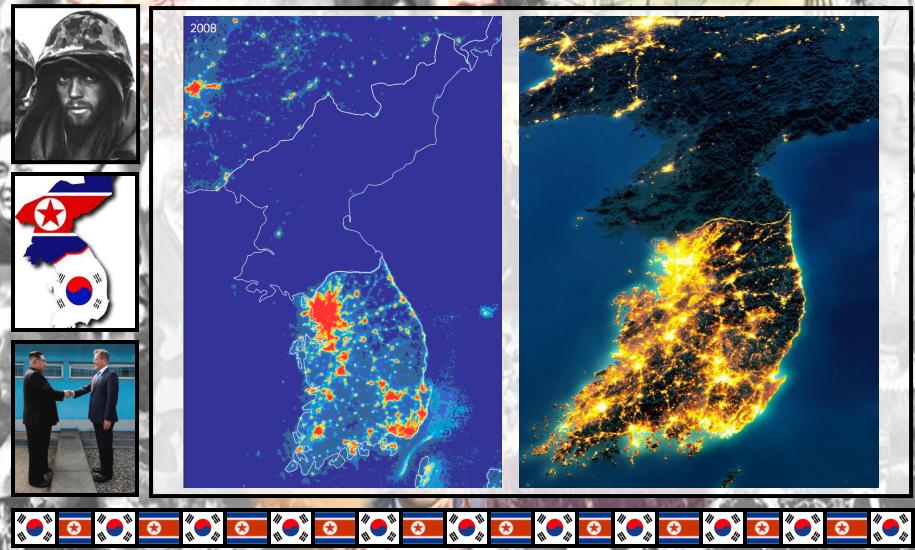






















QUESTION

 Who have been the three leaders of North Korea since its formation? What relation do they all have to one another?





QUESTION

2. How many Republics has South Korean gone through since its creation? Who is its current President?





QUESTION

3. Explain what happened during President Trump's "Twitter War" with the leader of North Korea. What came out of it as a result?





4. Answer these questions about South Korean Presidents:

QUESTION

- a. Who resigned?
- b. Who was assassinated?
- c. Who won the Nobel Prize?
  - d. Who was impeached?







5. Where do current relations stand between the U.S. and North Korea?



