

The Fascist is Rearing its Ugly Head Again in Japan

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Since Shinzo Abe returned to power as Japan's prime minister, he has, step by step, shown his stark ambition to whitewash the ugly history of Japanese aggression against China and other neighboring countries. He re-wrote the history books claiming that the aggression by the Imperial Japanese Military against other nations never happened. He entered the Yasukuni Shrine to pay homage, not once but twice, to those war crime offenders who were executed when Japan surrendered at the end of VJ day in 1945 against the world opinion that he should never do. He intended to change the Japan's post-war constitution against the will of the majority of Japanese people and the leaders of the opposition parties.

There is a "Japan Renewal Society" lead by the mayor of the city of Osaka and the Chief Administrator of the city of Kyoto. A member of this group has posted an article in the Japanese BBS website entitled: "**Why should the Superior Great Japanese people be aggressive against the inferior people of other nations by war**". In this article, he stated that, "in order to conquer the world, the Superior Japanese should first conquer Asia. In order to conquer Asia, they should first conquer China, of course using the United States of America, the super-power, as their willing partner." He also claimed that they could conquer China in thirty years. Obviously, this is a **Red Flag** that the world should not ignore. Here we need to go back to the history as it had happened before my generation passes away.

In 1937, the Imperial Japanese Army initiated the aggression against China at the Maco Polo Bridge near Beijing. Shortly after that date, the Japanese Air Force also initiated the **war of terror** in a number of cities including my home town, Zhang zhou, by constant air-raids against the civilian. The air-raid occurred daily and sometimes twice a day. Zhang-zhou has neither military nor political importance that deserved their attention. Thus the only reason for their daily air-raids was to terrorize the people so that China would surrender. This had become impossible for us to conduct normal classes in my school; so my school changed the schedules to have our

classes at 6-8 a.m. and then at 6-8 p.m. As a consequence, my schooling had suffered because we had to sacrifice some subjects as we did not have enough time each day.

I learned from my teachers that the Imperial Japanese Military proclaimed that they could conquer China, the paper tiger, in three months. This information has been burned into my memory. The Imperial Military commanders rushed into the war of aggression against China because they did not want to see China to become strong after Dr. Sun Yet-sen's revolution to topple the Qing's Dynasty and all the war-lords had come together to form a unified country. Used by a Russian General to defeat the invasion of Napoleon's strong army. In other words, indeed, China at that time was weak militarily and economically and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek knew it. Thus, to cope with the situation, Chiang used the strategy of trading space to buy time. This protracted war had weakened the Japanese conqueror. For four years (1937-1941), they took a city here, a city there, terrorizing civilians by rape and massacre against men, women and children. The most notorious one was the Nanking massacre that was well documented with photographs by the Japanese themselves. And yet China did not surrender. This might be why the Japanese air force launched a surprise air attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, out of frustration, that had drawn the United States of America into the war.

In February 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt received the misinformation from an intelligence agency that the Japanese Imperial Eastern Army (the Kwantung brigade) still had not been mobilized and he surmised that the allied forces could not win the war against the Japanese without the help from the Soviet Union. He called a secret conference at Yalta with Winston Churchill of Great Britain and Marshal Joseph Stalin of the USSR but without Chiang Kai-shek of the Republic of China. He asked Marshal Stalin to invade Japan's back-door. Stalin said, "USSR and Japan have a mutual non-aggression treaty; it would be unfaithful of me to do that!" Roosevelt pleaded, "What do I have to do to persuade you to work with us?" Stalin said, "Give me the commercial port of Dairen (or Dalian in Mandarin pronunciation) and the associated Chinese Eastern Railroad and the South Manchurian Railroad in the Chinese North-east." President Roosevelt said, "It shall be done!" At this moment, Churchill voiced concerns,

saying, "Is it appropriate as this is Chinese territory, and how can you explain to Chiang Kai-shek, a member of our allies?" "I can handle Chiang Kai-shek." Roosevelt assured him. Here, Roosevelt betrayed a 'friend'. However, in the communicate, it was written that **the Chinese-Eastern Railroad and the South Manchurian Railroad, which provide an outlet to Dairen, shall be jointly operated by the establishment of a joint Soviet-Chinese company, it being understood that the pre-eminent interests of the Soviet Union shall be safeguarded and that China shall retain sovereignty in Manchuria.** However, the word 'jointly' was a whitewash; it was a Soviet occupation, and I have an eye-witness who lived in Da-lian during Soviet occupation from 1945-1950.

My dear readers, you might wonder how I got this intimate information. I heard this from a high ranking general, in person, in Taiwan, in a special Education Committee where I was a member. I have no idea how he got that detail information, and how accurate is the information. Besides, I met a young woman who lived in Dairen (or Da-Lian) during Soviet occupation after the war ended. The Russian soldiers behaved just like the Japanese conqueror. By co-incident, both she and I ended up in Taipei working for the same company. She was a Chinese typist, and I was an English letter writer to help businessmen doing international trades. She told me that she had to cut her hairs and dressed as a boy, for her safety, to escape undue notice of the 'big-nosed Russian soldiers'. There were some funny stories too: The Russian soldiers never knew how to eat the watermelon. She said, "They threw away the red-fleshy part with seeds and ate the white skin." When the Soviet vacated the Chinese north-east, they took all the industrial equipments with them.

It is clear that Shinzo Abe is taking Japan into the war path again as signaled by his paying homage to the war crime offenders in the Yasukuni Shrine, and his claim that Japanese aggression against China and neighboring countries, that started the World War II, never happened, or a twisted explanation, and his intension to change the post war Japanese constitution so that she could build up a strong military might again, using self defense as a disguise. There are over majority of Japanese people as well as the opposition leaders opposing Ape's plan. Nevertheless, Ape's stark ambitious postures have emboldened an unnamed member of the Japan

Renewal Society to post an article in the Japanese BBS website stating their **real desire to conquer China and all of Asia and the world using the super-power of the United State of America as their willing partner.** I sincerely hope that the American people do not allow their leaders to fall into this evil trap. The price is too high for all concerned.

After the VJ day, the Japanese surrendered to General Douglas MacArthur of the United States of America and he also made Japanese leaders to surrender to Chiang Kai-shek of the Republic of China; but the Japanese ruler never apologized to China, and never paid restitution for the damages they had inflicted on Chinese people. Even today, the Japanese government still refused to apologize for their sins in the Nanking massacre. Chiang wrote in his memoir that he wanted to forgive the Japanese offender on his generous goodwill. Was it really or was he pressured to do so?

Recently, Shinzo Abe was invited to visit the United States of America, and was given a platform at the U.S. Congress, there he expressed **regret of starting the World War II, but he refused to apologize for its aggression against China.**

To add insult to the injury, in 1946 shortly after the VJ day, the U.S. government raised Japan up as their partner and helped them in their post war economic recovery. I recalled that there were uproars among students and protest marches were organized. Students of all schools of my home town took part and I was in the march in person together with all my friends. And now the United States and Japan have signed a treaty of mutual defense that has emboldened Shinzo Abe and his followers to take on the war path again using self defense as a disguise. **The article posted by an unnamed member of the Japan Renewal Society supported by Abe's followers should not be ignored. The fascist is rearing its ugly head again.**