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## Chancellor's Update

# Bully of Asia?

Those who follow current events or world history or the pronouncement of Our Lady at Fatima, expect that if a war should erupt, it would probably be Western civilization versus Russia or jihadists Muslim countries or North Korea.

However, a knowledgeable analyst of world events believes that a more probable provocateur would be China or North Korea. Another analyst has proposed that the Fatima message has been completed and that Russia has spread her errors throughout the world. The best examples are communist China and North Korea. (The following quote is from INSIDE THE VATICAN, December 2017 PG 55)

### AN AMERICAN SCHOLAR LOOKS AT CHINA By CHRISTINA DEARDURFF

In 1980, Steven Mosher was an up-and-coming social science researcher at Stanford University with no particular religious leanings. In pursuit of his doctoral degree, he was traveling in rural China, documenting the progress and social effects of China's one-child policy.

It was there that he saw firsthand the horrors of the brutal enforcement of that policy: the village commissars dragging pregnant women to the abortion facilities set up to thwart anyone who was trying to sidestep, often clandestinely, the one-child rule. He saw the screaming, pleading women, and the aborted babies, often near term, who were torn from them; there, he says, "I instantly realized that an abortion was the taking of a human life, and I became pro-life."

That realization was the end of Mosher's academic career - Stanford University kicked him out after he began exposing the horrors he had seen in China - but it was the beginning of a new phase of his life: he became a Catholic, and a pro-life, anti-population-control activist. Mosher went on to head, in 1996, the Population Research Institute, which combats population control efforts around the world - and at home (PRI has posted, for example, a series of clever, informative YouTube videos debunking the commonly accepted fallacies continually heard in population debates in the West).

A busy author and speaker, Mosher had just released another book on China, *Bully of Asia*, this time discussing not just its population-suppression efforts, but their place in the larger dream of China's leadership: world hegemony.

This Chinese national dreamscape is a series of tableaux: past and future. The distant past is a stirring collection of civilizational triumphs over uncultured barbarians. The immediate past is a series of greatly resented humiliations at the hands of technologically

advanced but culturally inferior Caucasians. The immediate future is a pleasant fantasy of Sinic vengeance upon the Western powers that brought China low. Looming in the distance is a return to the "Great Harmony" of centuries past, when a resurgent China rules the world to the benefit of all peoples. So goes the fantasy spun by the party-state's propaganda machine.

This all may come as a surprise to the majority in the West who have been lulled into believing that China's economic success, bringing with it participation in capitalism's tools of the trade - foreign investments, worldwide markets, a rising urban middle class is replacing its Communist quest for world dominion.

Nothing, says Mosher, could be further from the truth. Chinese hegemony in the world is the real "dream" touted by the Chinese government and that government is now synonymous with one man, says Mosher: Xi Jinping. "Since becoming military chief and general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party in November 2012 and president in March 2013, Xi has made it clear that the country is no longer ruled by committee, but by a man."

And one of the weapons in Xi's arsenal against the West is North Korea, says Mosher. China's recent announcement of cutting back trade with North Korea, which relies on China for 90% of its foreign trade, comes after a 40% *increase* in trade in the first half of 2011, according to President Trump.

In *Bully of Asia*, Mosher argues that China could easily cripple North Korea militarily and economically if it wanted to. But the reality is that North Korea is a Communist ally of China, and, says Mosher, "Aside from supplying economic and military aid to its ally, China has another equally important role to play... to buy time for its North Korean ally to further upgrade its weaponry. Each time North Korea conducts a nuclear test or fires off a missile, Beijing counsels the United States that the only way to resolve the tension on the Korean Peninsula is to exercise strategic patience, enter into negotiations, and gradually build trust."

It would be fatal naiveté, argues Mosher, to believe that there can be "engagement" with the People's Republic of China and a "peaceful evolution" toward democracy and freedom while it remains under the domination of Xi Jinping and the Communist Party. On the contrary, says Mosher, China "sees America as a power in terminal decline, exhausted from decades of imperial overstretch and war. It looks forward to building its World of Great Harmony on the ashes of the existing world order."

And, he adds, "it has made no secret of the fact that it is prepared to fight wars to achieve this end."

It's time for all good Christians, and particularly we Catholics who have been given that weapon of peace, the Rosary, to pray.

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