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Editor's note: Readers should be aware the following article contains graphic accounts of North Korea's atrocities.

WASHINGTON -- The martyrdom of Christians in North Korea, which U.S. taxpayers continue to subsidize, seems to be escalating as the crisis of the Stalinist-run country gets worse, United Press International has learned.

[Why would the US subsidize North Korea, propping the country up which claims to be our enemy?

If payments must be made, why would not some other country make the payments?]

Chinese authorities have rounded up and repatriated North Korean Christians who had sought refuge and been catechized on Chinese territory.

[Are we to understand the Chinese are targeting a particular group of North Koreans, that being Christians, or some of the North Koreans are Christians?]

"We have reports that these refugees had wires driven through their wrists and noses. By these wires they were led back into North Korea," said Thomas White, head of the U.S. section of the organization Voice of the Martyrs.

[Who puts the wires through their wrists? The Chinese or the North Koreans?]

Jeff King, president of International Christian Concern, told UPI that this forced repatriation was due to the worldwide attention North Korean escapees on the Chinese side of the border had received in the last few months.

"China evidently felt it lost face," he suggested, "hence the crackdown."

But White reported that clandestine Bible schools for Koreans still appeared to be in operation in Chinese caves. "Amazingly, some of their graduates then went back to their country to spread the message of hope."

[This seems to suggest the bulk of the North Korean escapees are Christians. It also seems to suggest there are a lot more missionaries in China than China thought there was. We've already been hearing how many Christians China impressions or martyr every day.]

White, King and other sources interviewed by UPI agreed that whether these Christians were forced to return or did so voluntarily, they faced a dire fate.

What Christian organizations such as VOM and ICC had been saying for years was confirmed last year by an eyewitness testimony before Congress: Hundreds of thousands of political prisoners are unspeakably mistreated in North Korea's gulags. But the **worst tortures are meted out to Christians.**

[Mistreatment in foreign countries. Is that any of our business?

What if they did not sign the UN contract?

What should we do?

What should our nation do about this?

Economic penalties seem pointless as why are we supposedly making monthly payments to North Korea?]

Soon Ok Lee, once a senior cadre of the ruling Communist Party, testified that while she was in the Kaechon political prison camp, **she observed the atrocious execution of five or six elderly Christians who refused to give up their belief in Christ.**

Their slaughter occurred at a cast-iron factory that was part of the prison compound. The Christians were lined up and **told to renounce their faith and accept instead the North Korean ideology of Juche (self-reliance).**

"The selected prisoners all remained silent at the repeated command of conversion. The security officers ... **killed them by pouring molten iron on them one by one,**" related Soon.

Human Fertilizer

Soon also reported that the **bodies of hundreds of prisoners served as fertilizer for orchards** that produced especially large and sweet apples, pears, peaches and plums reserved for senior party and police officials. She herself was there when **150 prisoners were buried under these trees.**

She said that in the meantime, **prisoners were kept starving to such a degree that they ate the raw flesh of rats they had caught coming out of their latrine holes.** She described special punishment cells, 24 inches wide and 44 inches high, where people were confined for seven to 10 days, without being able to stand up straight, or sit or lie down.

Such confinement was the penalty for "offenses such as leaving an oily mark on clothes, **failing to memorize the president's New Year message** or repeated failure to meet work quotas."

[Do you believe the world would be a better place if everyone was forced to memorize one of your 60 minute speeches every year?]

"When the prisoners are released from the cells, their legs are badly bent, with frostbite in the winter, and so they can hardly work," Soon went on. "Many victims are permanently crippled from lack of adequate exercise and eventually died as a result of the work resumed immediately after the lease."

It is hard to disagree with President Bush's assessment of North Korea as an evil place, if one reads Soon's account, much of which is too horrendous to be published. One of her most terrible recollections is about the murder of babies born to prisoners:

"In a medical room, I noticed six pregnant women awaiting delivery ... while I was there, three women delivered babies on the cement floor without blankets. It was horrible to watch the prison doctor kicking the pregnant women with his boots."

'Kill It Quickly'

"When a baby was born, the doctor shouted, 'Kill it quickly. The women covered their faces with their hands and wept ... The prisoner/nurses, with trembling hands, squeezed the babies' necks to kill them. The babies, when killed, were wrapped in a dirty cloth, put into a bucket and taken outside through a backdoor."

[Isn't that more humane than how the babies are burned to death in a saline solution before they come out of the womb? Why are we appalled with babies dying in this manner? Is this not just a different abortion method? Is the objection because the mothers may have been denied "choice"? Doesn't this method of abortion save money? It's cheaper!]

Soon added she witnessed such scenes twice while in prison. "In my nightmares, I still see the mothers weeping for their babies."

Soon, the daughter and wife of senior Communist functionaries, was released after seven years. As she said, she could have returned to Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, and led a quiet life there.

But she was determined to tell the world what she had seen. She fled to South Korea, risking recapture, torture and death.

Soon became a Christian.

[Does this article provoke any emotion in you?
Does this provoke a "call to action" within you?
If yes, what action(s)?
How does this issue rate along side all the other issues you have considered in the past 90 days?
Does this relate to you or is it just "over there"?

Can you deal with ALL the horrific problems in the world?
How do you put limits on which terrible things you will bend your energies towards?
How many United Nations "right" have been abused here?
How is it the United Nations would put China on its Human Rights board (*the one which goes after nations which touch and enslave their people*) along with Libya and Cuba?
Is it perhaps because if they are responsible for going after bad guys, they will reform so as to not appear hypocritical?
Is there a crime described here?
Who is responsible for these crimes?
List them in order.
Are there solutions?]



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