

## Footprints of the Abe Administration, a Group of Idealists

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August 15<sup>th</sup> is the day that the Pacific War actually ended. On that day in 1945, Japan, which was occupied by the Allied Powers based on the Potsdam Declaration, regained independence in April 1952, under the condition of accepting the holdings by the International Military Tribunal for the Far East (otherwise known as the "Tokyo Trial"). Japan accepted all holdings regarding Class A war criminals that committed international crimes, and acknowledged that Japan was an invading nation. In addition, Japan abandoned any attempts of war based on its newly enacted Constitution and was reborn into a peaceful nation having its base as a nation without an army.

Afterwards, there were several complications in the way forward for Japan, however, Japan has since developed into a sound democratic nation. However, at the end of 2012, after the commencement of the second Abe administration, Japan essentially betrayed the sound values it developed after the Pacific War, and started to speed up its attempts to return to the attitude that it had before the Pacific War. The allegations by the extreme right wing of Japan under the Abe administration have now become the allegations of the Japanese government. The Joseon invasion instigated by Toyotomi Hideyoshi in 1592 was an incident in which the Japanese pirates suddenly became an extension of Japan's military regime itself. The current situation is parallel to the Joseon invasion by Hideyoshi when considering that the allegations by the extreme right wing of Japan have become the erroneous belief of the Japanese government, which involves harassing Korea and China.

Prime Minister Abe does not hesitate to make false allegations that the 'definition of invasion' has not been defined, despite the fact that the International Criminal Tribunal under the UN has defined the 'definition of invasion,' and persists that Yasukuni Shrine, which worships war criminals as gods, is the equivalent to the Arlington National Cemetery, which has the graves of the unknown soldiers of the United States. He is not changing the allegation that there was no mandatory mobilization of comfort women, and induced a distorted confirmation result that the Kono Statement is the result of political compromise between Korea and Japan.

The only objective underlying the words and behavior of the Abe administration is in the revision of the Constitution and the restoration of a formal army. The first objective of the Abe administration is to establish the perception that Japan may be approved as a 'mini United States' by fundamentally overcoming its inferiority by continuing to obtain success through participating in wars together with the United States, thus restoring a formal army, and promoting the thought that Japan was not an invading nation but was merely unlucky to lose in the war. Thus, they are

not willing to stop their dangerous ambitions. That is because they believe that the Japanese public will become thankful to the Abe administration once a formal army is constructed.

Germany is still continuing to compensate the Jewish people, and expresses deep apologies and self-reflection for the evil conduct of the Nazi regime in the past whenever they have a chance. However, the Abe administration is enraptured in their own allegations that the Pacific War was a war liberating Asia, and is making efforts to avoid acknowledging that Japan was an invading nation. They deny the mandate in mobilizing comfort women and insist that all lands under territorial dispute belong to Japan. The right wing of Japan, which believe that all things would become advantageous to Japan once an army is built, does not have any intent to stop the absurd remarks which are being criticized as deception from other nations, by saying that such allegations are for the public education of the Japanese. Even when having conflicting opinions with Korea and China, the Abe administration is expecting that it can overcome the allegations of the two nations, once the United States ultimately supports Japan's allegations.

The objective of the Abe administration is to restore the entire Japanese public to having the mental spirit of pre-1945, when they were resolved to continuously engage in wars by raising the fighting spirit of the public opinion concerning wars and deeming all war dead into gods of Yasukuni Shrine, and the Liberal Democratic Party has prepared a bill to revise the Constitution which guarantees worshipping at Yasukuni Shrine by the Prime Minister or cabinet members, in order to support such objectives. The ultimate goal of all discourse and behavior of the Abe administration, such as the denial of the mandatory mobilization of comfort women, worshipping at Yasukuni Shrine by national leaders, aggressive attitude regarding territorial disputes, and denial of the history of invasion, is to resurrect a formal army through revising the Constitution. Prime Minister Abe is a person who inherited the beliefs of Kishi Nobusuke, who was his maternal grandfather that became a Prime Minister of Japan despite being a Class A war criminal. The belief of Kishi Nobusuke was to create Japan into a country that stands together with the United States. Thus, Prime Minister Kishi (at the time) risked his life to extend the period of the U.S-Japan Security Treaty in 1960, and even though 300,000 demonstrators sieged the National Assembly of Japan and Prime Minister Kishi was severely injured by an assassin, he accomplished his belief and succeeded in extending the U.S-Japan Security Treaty.

The young Abe Shinzo, who observed the incident from beginning to end, grew into an adult, and is carrying out a dangerous ambition by imitating the beliefs of his grandfather. The Abe administration is a group of idealists, rather than a group of politicians, thus, they only believe in their own allegations and do not know how to compromise. If this dangerous group is given a right to bear arms, they may start a dangerous provocation by adhering to the legitimacy of a dictatorial ideology. It should not be forgotten that the Abe administration is a dictatorial group that changed the interpretation of the Constitution overnight.

However, when seeing the news that the Abe administration, which strives to speed up efforts based on their own ideology, still has the hope to enter as a member of the UN Security Council, they seem like a young child who tries to take whatever he wants as his own, using whatever method available. Even though Japan is not able to become a member of the UN Security Council without approval by China, a current member of the UN Security Council, the Abe administration is not ceasing its challenge against China. Nonetheless, they still raise the issue of becoming a member of the Council. This is a conclusion that derives from an idea made available because Abe administration is a group of idealists, believing that nothing is impossible if you have belief. This behavior can only be considered to be absurd. Pure communism has disappeared from the world when Russia collapsed. Having a designated world view, such as communism, as a ruling ideology is called idealism. Idealism collapses over time because it is difficult to digest in the changing reality. As the Abe administration is a group of idealists, there is an ideal world they pursue. Thus, there can only be limits to the Abe administration which fundamentally advocates idealism. The future task of Japan may be only achieved when they will reach the limit. Abenomics, which brought an economic boom to Japan, is only able to carry weight at present because the United States is deferring to raise the interest rate. The economists of Japan started to speak of the limits of Abenomics.

As the Abe administration is a group of idealists, the force to bring change from inside the administration is weak. In that case, the force for leading change can only come from outside the administration. It is difficult to accurately predict what that external force yet may be. That force may come from the Japanese public or from a foreign nation. Or, the force may be a natural force or an incident difficult to predict. Nevertheless, an inflexible group can only collapse once change occurs. Of course, it would be more proper for the Abe administration to change by themselves after gaining realization rather than encountering a situation of having to forcefully change by external forces. The world's intellectuals will have to apply increased external influence so that the current Abe administration may walk through a path of change.