



The Media War at the UN and the DPRK

Why Netizen Journalism Matters

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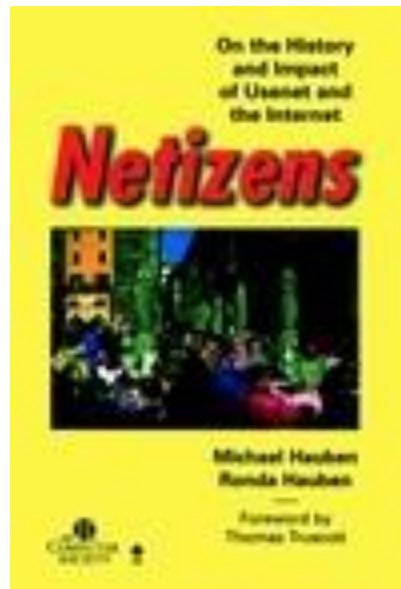
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<http://www.columbia.edu/~hauben/netbook/>

English and Japanese Print Editions, 1997
*Netizens: On the History and Impact of Usenet and
the Internet*

Michael Hauben and Ronda Hauben

English Print Edition
May 1997



Japanese Print Edition
October 1997



1992-1993

The Internet spreading
What will be the impact of the Internet?

Michael Hauben

**The concept of net.citizen
or
netizen**

This new media makes possible the participation of a broader set of people in reporting the news and the range of news is also considerably expanded.

Michael Hauben noted that,

"The collective body of people assisted by Net software, has grown larger than any individual newspaper."



Surprisingly for
Some

Roh Moo-hyun

Won Presidency

December 2002

Participatory Government
Netizens

OhmyNews - Korean version
2000- present

OhmyNews International – English Version
2004-2010



The World Summit on the Information Society

(WSIS)

Was Held 16 to 18 November 2005
in TUNIS

Ban Ki-moon
8th Secretary General of the UN
Approved by the UN General Assembly
Oct 13, 2006

“Important to listen to all states
and hear all views”

Security Council Resolution 1718

October 14, 2006

North Korea not given chance to speak
until after sanctions voted

“Urgent problem facing the UN...is the breakdown reflected by the lack of participation and investigation by the international community ...and whether the concerns...of those involved in the crisis will be considered....

From “The Problem Facing the UN”, OMNI,
October 17, 2006

TOP VIDEOS

RCP POLL AVERAGES

President Obama Job Approval

RCP Average

Approve 40.0

Disapprove 55.8

Spread -15.8

Generic Congressional Vote

RCP Average

Republicans 43.5

Democrats 41.0

Republicans +2.5

Direction of Country

RCP Average

Right Direction 24.6

Wrong Track 66.2

Spread -41.6

Congressional Job Approval

RCP Average

Approve 9.1

Disapprove 84.6

Spread -75.5

2008 Polls

National
GOP | Dem

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General Election
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January 19, 2007

United Nations Dictator's Program

By **Melanie Kirkpatrick**

Saddam Hussein managed to pull off the \$100 billion Oil for Food scam right under the noses of the United Nations officials charged with administering it.

Now another dictator with nuclear ambitions has succeeded in a similar trick, this time manipulating the United Nations Development Program in North Korea.

The story of the UNDP's lack of oversight of its operations in North Korea is revealed in previously undisclosed documents and an exchange of letters between U.S. and U.N. officials. American officials have been pushing for months for more transparency in UNDP operations in North Korea, while the UNDP has resisted.

In a Jan. 16 **letter** to UNDP Associate Administrator Ad Melkert, Ambassador Mark Wallace of the U.S. Mission to the U.N. lays out what American digging has found so far: The UNDP's program in the Democratic People's Republic "has for years operated in



from THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Christopher Hill
Assistant Secretary of State of US

Kim Kye-gwam
Deputy Foreign Minister of North Korea



Background

September 19, 2005 - Six Party
Agreement

North Korea, South Korea, US,
Japan, Russia, China

US Announced Financial Sanctions against North
Korea

US Treasury Department Freezes Assets of the
Banco Delta Asia (BDA) in Macao, China

\$25 Million of North Korean Funds

North Korea Left 6 Party Talks
in Nov 2005
Until \$25 Million Returned

North Korea Advised to Hold Bilateral Talks with US

US Refuses to Negotiate

July 2006 – North Korean Missile Test

October 9, 2006 -- North Korean Nuclear Test

January 17-18, 2007 – Talks in Berlin

Chris Hill and Kim Kye-gwan



Break the Deadlock?

February 8, 2007 – 6 Party Talks Resume

February 13, 2007 – Agreement Announced

March 5 and 6, 2007– bilateral talks in NY
Chris Hill and Kim Kye-gwam

March 19, 2007 – Treasury Department
Finding against BDA under Section 311 of
Patriot Act

6 Party Talks Again Deadlocked

Chinese Bank asked to make funds transfer
afraid it will be frozen out of
International Banking System

McClatchey Newspaper Company

Statement by Stanley Au

BDA Appeal of US Treasury Department Decision



“North Korea’s \$25 Million and Banco Delta
Asia”

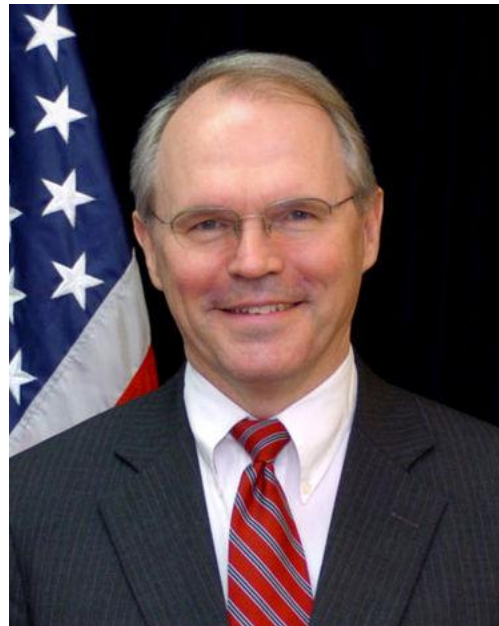
Use of Section 311 of Patriot Act

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Political Act Not Based on Criminal
Determination

Chris Hill
50th Anniversary Korea Society
May 2007

Determined to Return \$25 Million
Banco Delta Asia



China Matters Blog

- To date, America's China policy evolves with relatively little public information, insight, or debate.
- In the Internet age, that's not desirable or justifiable.
- So, China Matters.
- The purpose of this site is to provide objective, authoritative information and comment on matters concerning the People's Republic of China.

http://chinamatters.blogspot.com/2005_04_01_archive.html

China Matters

Life is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel, and an open book to those who read. You are welcome to contact China Matters at the address chinamatters --a-- prlee.org.

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Stanley Au Makes His Case for Banco Delta Asia

As sharp-eyed reader David pointed out, the owners of Banco Delta Asia group are petitioning the Treasury Department to rescind its final rule against BDA.

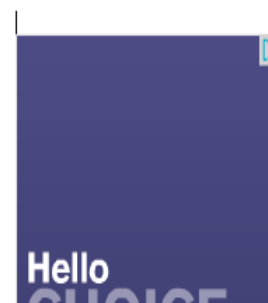
In a China Matters exclusive, I've obtained and posted the files for Delta Asia Group's [petition](#) and the [personal statement](#) of DAG's largest shareholder, Stanley Au.

Au's petition, in particular, provides some interesting detail on BDA's operations, describing it as a small bank with 8 branches and 150 employees, handling deposits for 40,000 local account holders (about 10% of Macau's population).

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"Banco Delta was a symbolic target. We were trying to kill the chicken to scare the monkeys. And the monkeys were big Chinese banks doing business in North Korea...and we're not talking about tens of millions, we're talking hundreds of millions."

David Asher,

architect of Washington's North Korea initiatives

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o28pSyNyA0k>

**CHINA'S PROLIFERATION TO NORTH KOREA AND
IRAN, AND ITS ROLE IN ADDRESSING THE NUCLEAR
AND MISSILE SITUATIONS IN BOTH NATIONS**

**HEARING
BEFORE THE
U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY
REVIEW COMMISSION
ONE HUNDRED NINTH CONGRESS
SECOND SESSION**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

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WASHINGTON : November 2006

The Commission was created on October 30, 2000 by the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for 2001 § 1238, Public Law No. 106-398, 114 STAT. 1654A-334 (2000) (codified at 22 U.S.C. § 7002 (2001), as amended by the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for 2002 § 645 (regarding employment status of staff) & § 648 (regarding changing annual report due date from March to June), Public Law No. 107-67, 115 STAT. 514 (Nov. 12, 2001); as amended by Division P of the "Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003," Pub L. No. 108-7 (Feb. 20, 2003) (regarding Commission name change, terms of Commissioners, and responsibilities of Commission); as amended by Public Law No. 109-108 (H.R. 2862) (Nov. 22, 2005) (regarding responsibilities of Commission and applicability of FACA).

The Commission's full charter

**<http://www.uscc.gov/about/charter.php> and Statutory Mandate
<http://www.uscc.gov/about/overview.php> available via the World Wide Web**

“...there’s an old saying in Chinese. We didn’t go out and cite a Multitude of Chinese financial institutions that have been Publicly identified as working with North Korea over the years.”

Instead:

**“You kill the chicken
to scare the monkeys”**

David L. Asher
U.S. Government Hearing
Sept 14 2006

“You kill the chicken to scare the monkeys.”

“We didn’t go out and cite a multitude of Chinese financialWe need to designate one small one though...I do think...some pressure...is effective”

David Asher,
Hearing Before the US-China Economic and Security
Commission, 2006



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Behind the Blacklisting of Banco Delta Asia

Is the policy aimed at targeting China as well as North Korea?

Ronda Hauben (netizen2) CONTACT REPORTER

[Email Article](#) [Print Article](#)

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U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, speaking at the Korea Society's 50th Anniversary dinner in New York City on May 15, said that he was determined not to "allow \$26 million or \$25 million get between us and a deal that will finally do something about nuclear weapons on the Korean peninsula." He promised that Kathy Stevens at the Korea desk at the State Department was working on the problem and that "we are going to keep after this problem till we solve it." His statement didn't give further details about how this problem was to be solved, a problem that had interrupted the progress that seemed at last possible in the Feb. 13 six-party agreement.(1)

Just two days later, on May 17, the U.S. Wachovia Bank announced that it is exploring a request from the State Department to transfer the funds from the BDA (Banco Delta Asia) to North Korea. Wachovia Bank reported that it would require the necessary approvals from bank regulators to do the transfer.

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[US sticks with North Korea nuclear deal](#)

China Post, Taiwan - May 21, 2007

Experts say the **BDA** impasse is particularly dispiriting because it was supposed to be the easy first phase of the Feb. 13 agreement when, after **North Korea ...**

[Despite criticism, US sticks with North Korea deal](#) Reuters

[US sticks to NKorea deal despite criticism](#) Khaleej Times

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[Koreas to hold talks on swapping of raw materials for light industry](#)

Yonhap News, South Korea - May 21, 2007

SEOUL, May 21 (Yonhap) -- South and **North Korea** will hold talks this week to work out details for boosting cooperation in light industry and natural ...

[Bolton on North Korea](#)

ArmsControlWonk.com, MD - May 19, 2007

That issue involves **North Korea's** widely publicized demand that approximately \$25 million frozen in Macau-based Banco Delta Asia (**BDA**)

[Behind the Blacklisting of Banco Delta Asia](#)

오마이뉴스, South Korea - May 18, 2007

North Korea has said that the denuclearization and other aspects of the six-party agreement that it has been part of can only go forward when the **BDA** ...

Email from VOA News

- June 11, 2007
- “Valuable Points”
- Asked for Interview by Phone
- Editors Recommended Speaking with her

Questions from Reporter VOA News

- How came up with idea for story
- How you prepared it,
- About your sources
- Summarize your main points/findings
- What you are trying to accomplish
- What needs to be done to resolve BDA issue

What is this new form of news

and

What are its characteristics?

Netizen Journalism

Serious research into the background, context and political significance of conflicts

Writing of articles in online discussions in response to both mainstream and alternative media articles.

By revealing the actual forces at work, netizens are making it possible to have a more accurate grasp of whose interests are being served and what is at stake in the events that make up the news.

If a netizen journalism can provide a more accurate understanding of conflicts, it can help to make more likely the peaceful resolution of these conflicts



South Korean Naval Ship Broke and Sank March 26

Naval Exercises with US Military

No Sight of any North Korean
Submarine or Torpedo

Apparent Explosion cause ROKS “Cheonan” to break apart
and sink—March 26, 2010, app. 21:22
–1 mile SW of Baengnyeong Island
–Stern sank few min. later, bow 3 hrs. later
–104 crew / 46 dead or missing



Raising the Cheonan

Sea crane Sama 2200
(capable of lifting 2,200 tons maximum)

Wire rope
3 to 4 centimeters
(1.1 to 1.5 inches)
in diameter

3,000-ton barge

Baengnyeong Island

Yeonhwa-ri
Jangchon port

2.4 kilometers (1.4 miles)
183 meters
4.6 kilometers
1.4 kilometers
1.1 kilometers

Daecheong Island

Explosion site

1 Wreck is lifted to sea level and drained of water

2 Wreck is lifted to sea level and drained of water

3 Stern is placed on barge. Search for missing sailors and examination of severed section proceeds.

A The initial location of the stern on sea bottom (45 meters in depth)

B The second location of the stern on sea bottom after it was moved on Monday (25 meters in depth)

C The location of sunken bow (24 meters in depth)

25 meters (82 feet)

Two metal chains were secured to stern as of Tuesday. Salvage will begin after securing the third chain

1 Third chain is tied around stern.

Metal chain

Missing parts on the stern

Sharply severed section

Stovepipe is missing

Radar room

Harpoon missile launch pad

A harpoon missile and light torpedo launcher are missing

Right part of torpedo launcher is missing

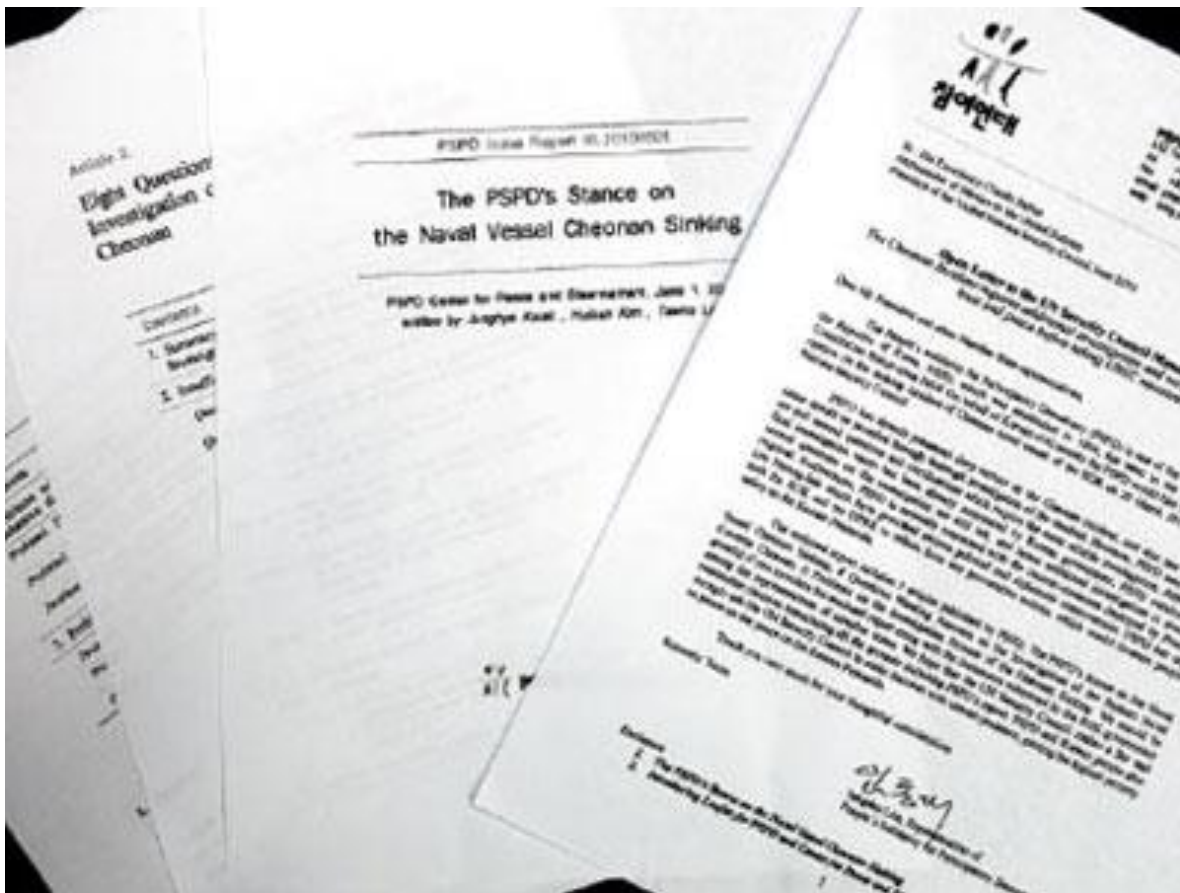
40-millimeter cannon

Illustration by Yonhap



Press Conference May 20, 2010

There were substantial analyses by NGO's like Spark, PSPD, Peaceboat and others posted online in English. These and other comments by netizens were distributed widely online.



Netizen Community Responded

- South Korean Netizens discussed and critiqued investigation
- South Korean newspapers including Hankyoreh, Pressian and OhmyNews
- English language blogs and online discussion – American Everyman blog
- Gowan's Blog
- Scientists and Researchers etc.

Netizens Take Up Cheonan Challenge

The Sinking of the Cheonan: We Are Being Lied To

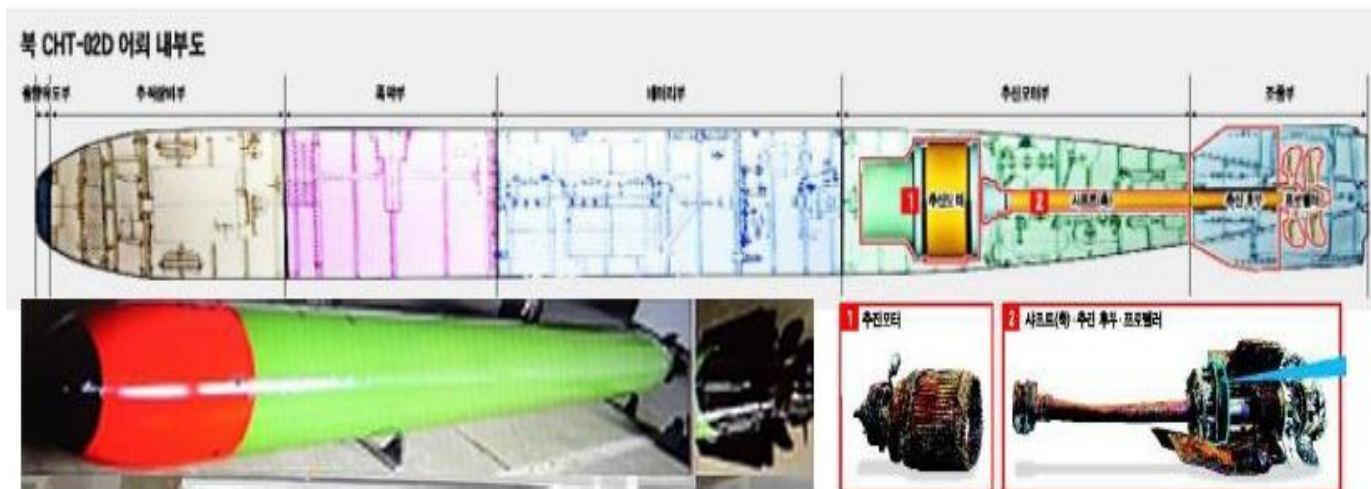
posted by willyloman on May 24, 2010. Special thanks to Victor who found the official power point presentation of the briefing given by Ambassador Han, Duk-Soo of the findings of the Joint Military Civilian Investigation Team

Briefing: The Cheonan Situation

Cause of Incident

(3) NK Manufactured Torpedo : Proof ①

- Parts recovered match NK CHT-02D schematics
 - Schematics found in NK introductory brochure for export purposes





A Perfect Match?

Behind Plate — Propellers do not match

"the 5×5 bladed contra-rotating propellers, propulsion motor and a steering section, perfectly match the schematics of the CHT-02D torpedo"

Many hits on blog

- Discrepancy between the diagram and the torpedo parts
- South Koreans comment
- Much discussion
- Effort to make him think he is mistaken
- Three weeks later news reports in South Korea verify that diagram of PT97W torpedo, not CHT-02D torpedo

Thanks to valuable input

Over 100,000 viewers read the article and it was republished on dozens of sites all across the world (even translated). A South Korean MSM outlet even posted our diagram depicting the glaring discrepancies between the evidence and the drawing of the CHT-02D torpedo....But what we had, was literally thousands of people across the world committed to the truth... Willy Loman

Hankyoreh

“confidence in the military’s
announcement took a hit after
the belated discovery that the
full-scale Korean torpedo
blueprint ...did not correspond
to the torpedo”



Seunghun Lee (Department of Physics, University of Virginia)
J.J. Suh (SAIS, Johns Hopkins University)
present scientific analysis of Cheonan evidence at press
conference in Japan

Russian Team Investigating Cheonan

Russian Team had rejected
claim pressure wave was
responsible for sinking
Cheonan -

Hankyoreh news article



Photo:Xinhua

The president of the UN Security Council, Mexican Ambassador to the UN Claude Heller spoke to media during a press conference at the UN headquarters in New York, June 4, 2010. Heller announced that the 15-nation body would meet over the South Korea warship sinking case.

UN Security Council

- June 13, both South Korea and North Korea make presentations to Security Council
- Ambassador Heller “I am not a judge”
- Gave time to hear both sides of the dispute
- Encouraged the peaceful settlement of the dispute



AP Photo/Richard Drew

The DPRK U.N. Ambassador Sin Son Ho addressed a news conference at the United Nations, June 15, 2010.

UN Security Council

Presidential Statement issued providing a balanced view without assigning blame to anyone

Presidential Statement on the Cheonan July 9, 2010

Expressed "deep concern" about findings of the investigation

Took "note of the responses from other relevant parties, including DPRK which has stated that it had nothing to do with the incident."

"Encourages the settlement...by peaceful means"

Provided a balanced view without assigning blame to anyone

In conclusion:

The response of netizens to the problems raised by the investigation of the Cheonan incident is but a prelude to the potential of netizens in different countries to work together across national borders to solve the problems of our times.

“Need for broader and more cooperative gathering and reporting of the News gradually supplanting traditional forms of journalism.”

Michael Hauben

“Effect of the Net on
the Professional News
Media”

The Net gives

“the power of the reporter to the Netizen”

“As people continue to connect to Usenet and other discussion forums, the collective population will contribute back to the human community in this new form of news.”

Michael Hauben“ The Effect of the Net on the Professional News Media.”

“The Net has opened a channel for talking to the whole world to an even wider set of people than did printed books.”

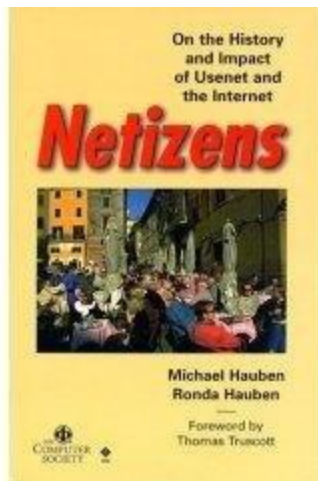
“You are the sixteenth
member of the Security
Council”

China’s former UN Ambassador Li Bao Dong
speaking to the international media

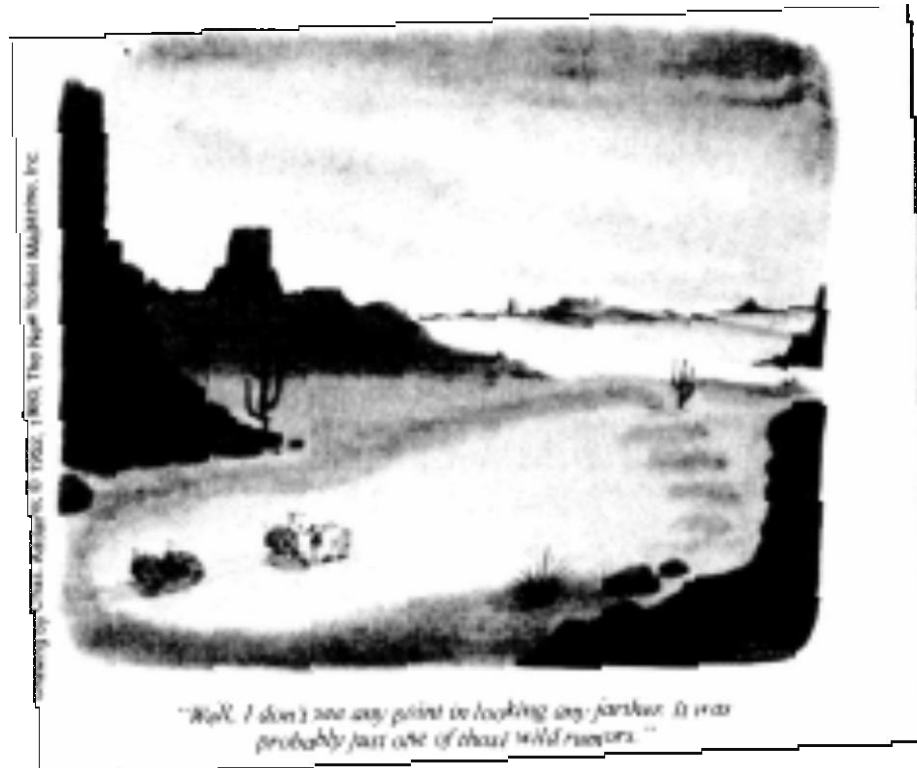
Thank You

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"Well, I don't see any point in looking any farther. It was probably just one of those wild rumors."

"Well, I don't see any point in looking any farther.
It was probably just one of those wild rumors."

US Blacklisting of Banco Delta Asia (5:43 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o28pSyNyA0k>

Beneath the Surface: the investigation into the sinking of the Cheonan (26:30 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDITkTEDVNA>

<file:///f:///2013/ronda-12-4/Asher-video.flv>

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