

USA?... No, North Korea!

Eric Lafforgue

People wearing Nike caps and Mickey Mouse Tshirts, driving Hummers, drinking Coca, using Windows on their computers,... you're not in the USA, but in... North Korea!
North Koreans love typical US symbolism (although most of them are fake brands made in china) but at the same time, they also hate the american imperialists...



The man holding the Mickey Mouse frame is the chief of KoreaJung Pyong Ri village. He showed me his son's picture, saying: "He has been in the North Korean Army for 3 years now, he plans to stay in until the reunification ».

룡진

Ryongjin

Cocoa
CARBONATED DRINK

600ml



US Coca Cola is not sold in Pyongyang, but a local Coke made in North Korea under the brand « Cocoa, carbonated sweet water. »



A waitress in a Pyongyang restaurant wearing a McDonald's Big Mac bracelet. Perhaps a tourist gave it to her, she did not know what it meant.



Kids in the streets of Pyongyang. One girl wears a McDonald's t-shirt. Most of the clothes come from China.



A Hummer in Kumsusan Memorial Palace, Pyongyang.



Windows program in Samjiyŏn Students and Children's Palace, in front of Mount Paektu fresco. Many bugs.



When I saw this man, a worker on the Chilbo sea, I said to my guide: "Look, he's got an American cap!!" He replied: "no, it's not American, it is Chinese!"



Fake American movie posters in Chollima studio, Pyongyang, with « 20th Fox » and "United Artists" logos. They are part of the set.



Kids in school holiday camp with Mickey Mouse backpacks - Chilbo North Korea

남녀즉효성(20분)성기능촉진
남성음위증에 신기한 효과
여성성기능 저하증에 특효
허리아픔, 콩팥염, 관절염, 비만, 간염 등에 특효
천연면역부활제, 강장장정제.

Instant stimulant (20min) to sexual function of male & female.
Mysterious effect on impotence of male.
Special effect on hypogonadism of female.
Special effect on lumbago, nephritis, obesity and hepatitis.
Natural immunopotentialion, aphrodisia, tonic.

Немедленное ускорение (20м.) половой функции мужчины и женщины.
Чудесный эффект к половому бессилию мужчин.
Особый эффект к половой гипофункции женщиныюю.
Особый эффект к боли в поже, корнуленции, гепатиту и т.д.
Масса натурального иммунного воскрешения, тонические средства и афродизиака.

男女即效性(20分钟)性机能促进. 阳痿症治疗特效.
对女性性机能障碍特效. 腰疼, 肥胖, 肝炎等特效.
天然免疫复活, 长寿.

1. 1g × 3bot.
(0.45g × 6tab)

네오비아그라 - Y.R.

НЕОБИАГРА-Y.R.

新那 哦伟哥 - Y.R. NEOVIAGRA-Y.R.



조선동방즉효성약물센터

KOREA ORIENTAL INSTANT MEDICINAL CENTRE





Kid with a Mickey Mouse and Pluto shirt in a classroom during a lesson about Kim Jong Il's life.



Young Pioneer waiting for the parade on September 9th, in Pyongyang carrying a Mickey Mouse fan. She didn't know anything about the cartoon character.



A teenager in Sariwon streets, wearing a Bart Simpson t-shirt. He didn't know who is Bart.



"We'll finish off those who offend our dignity - wherever they may be!"

The last billboard in the streets of Pyongyang showing a North Korean fist crushing a US soldier. Every 6 months posters are changed, but this one remains.



Propaganda poster near the DMZ showing the South Koreans (called the Puppets in North Korea) and the US Army. Less and less posters like this can be seen in the streets.



Billboard in primary Chongsan-ri school. My guide translated it, as "It is exciting to play soldiers beating and taking control of the Americans"



Targets with US soldiers in the Pyongyang Fun Fair.



North Korean soldiers in Pyongyang's Fun Fair, shooting at US soldiers on a target. « Kill the US imperialists »



Kids during the May 1st parade near Kaesong, one wearing a «Pro Keds USA » t-shirt.

© *Eric Lafforgue*

lafforgue@mac.com

+33633053451