

International Public Notice Regarding Neil Keenan

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, Neil Keenan is dead, or in some kind of captivity, for roughly the last two years.

My acquaintance with Neil Keenan, the elected "Amanah" for the Indonesian gold holders, began in late 2010 - early 2011, when he was pursuing a recoupment action seeking the return of Chinese gold deposits from the New York Fed.

The Chinese Nationalist Government had deposited the gold with the New York Fed in the late 1920's under a safe haven agreement; the New York Fed agreed to deliver appropriate annual interest on the account.

Subsequently the Chinese Nationalist Government was overwhelmed in the Chinese Communist Revolution and for the next 83 years, the New York Fed used the Chinese gold assets and didn't pay a penny of interest. They did not yield the agreed upon interest and they did not return the principal.

The suit Neil Keenan brought sought to heal this considerable injustice to the Chinese people and return the gold whence it had come -- back to China, where it obviously belonged despite any political concerns.

The continued stonewalling and heel-dragging by the New York Fed was all the more problematic, as our country had for some years been on friendly terms with China and China was a major trading partner.

The Chinese had begun by simply asking for the interest in arrears on the account, and had been refused satisfaction on that. Then, they sought the withdrawal of the principal as the depository contract was in default. This reasonable request was also refused. It was at that point that Neil brought his substantive case in support of the Chinese Government regarding this matter in the Western District Court of New York.

After reading his brief, I agreed with him and his position as a matter of human decency and justice. It was never the New York Fed's gold and that much was absolutely certain; the gold came from China and needed to go back to China in our view.

If our positions were reversed, we would not expect the Chinese Central Bank to welch on interest payments or refuse to return the principal of the account after breach of a depository contract.

As a result of this landmark international battle, Neil and I became friends and correspondents as I was working on cleaning up the banks here and in Europe and he was similarly working to promote lawful banking, fair trade, prosecution of obstruction of trade, and similar issues in the Eastern Hemisphere.

After a decade of friendly communications and sharing of mutual concerns and interests and frequent threats on both sides to meet face to face, Neil suddenly went silent. I never heard from him again, and there was no apparent reason for any disconnect.

I made numerous attempts to contact him off and on and the emails were never returned, but also never answered; I can only surmise that one of the frequent attempts to poison him or kill him with a heart attack drug succeeded, and his staff has kept his loss a secret in hopes of preserving his life's work and the relationships that he worked so hard to build among people and nations.

To my certain knowledge, Neil Keenan was a visionary, a proponent of honest money and fair-dealing in the American tradition, and an astute observer of institutional criminality in the banking industry. He fought this criminality with determination and pugnacity for many years.

I was approached recently to affirm that Neil is alive and well, but unfortunately, I have been unable to do so. Unless other knowledgeable friends and acquaintances, such as Benjamin Fulford, can account for him, I have to presume he's dead or locked down, or so ill that he cannot correspond.

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