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# STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON OPPOSING U.S. ARMED INTER- VENTION IN THE LEBANON

On July 15, the United States, in flagrant violation of the fundamental principles of the United Nations Charter, landed its armed forces in the Lebanon and launched armed intervention in the Lebanon's internal affairs under the pretext of "protecting American lives" and "defending Lebanese sovereignty." This is an extremely grave warlike adventure on the part of the United States to suppress the national independence movements of the Arab peoples and to create world tension. The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese people strongly condemn and protest against this United States act of aggression.

The United States and other Western countries craved for long to carry out armed intervention against the Lebanon, but failed to do so because of the resolute opposition of the Arab peoples and the peace-loving countries and peoples throughout the world. Now, with colonial rule in the Middle East shaken by the great victory of the national independence movement in Iraq, the United States Government, in a sudden rage and panic, has brazenly launched armed intervention against the Lebanon in defiance of universal censure, and also attempts to invade Jordan to menace the Republic of Iraq. This act of aggression on the part of the United States is not only an outrageous provocation against the peoples of the Arab states, but also constitutes a grave threat to the peace of Western Asia and the world. The pretexts of "protecting American lives" and "defending Lebanese sovereignty" absolutely cannot cover up this naked act of aggression on the part of the United States. All peace-loving countries and peoples of the world must firmly demand the immediate withdrawal of United States forces from the Lebanon and stop the United States' war provocation.

The people of all countries have the right to choose their own governments, in which no intervention is allowed. The armed intervention against the Arab peoples carried out by the United States imperialists is doomed to failure.

In their struggle for independence and freedom, the peoples of the Lebanon, Iraq and other Arab countries by no means stand alone! Together with the peoples of the Asian and African countries and other peace-loving countries and peoples the world over, the 600 million Chinese people will give all-out support to the Arab peoples' just struggle. Should the United States fail to withdraw its forces of aggression from the Lebanon at once, it will have to face the consequences of its action.

Peking, July 16, 1958

## **PROTEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT**

Following the United States' armed intervention in the Lebanon, the British Government, fabricating an absurd pretext, openly sent troops to Jordan on July 17 to suppress the people of Jordan; at the same time it concentrated its forces in the eastern Mediterranean and in the area of the Persian Gulf, in an attempt to invade the Republic of Iraq from several directions. These British moves have aggravated the tension in the world situation and brought with them a grave danger of spreading the war. This is flagrant aggression against the Arab peoples as a whole by the British Government in league with the U.S. Government, an open provocation against the peace-loving countries and peoples of the world and a grave menace to world peace. The Chinese Government and people strongly condemn and protest against these acts of aggression and war provocations on the part of the British Government.

There is absolutely no ground for the British Government to send troops to Jordan on the pretext of helping the Jordanian Gov-

ernment to resist aggression and stabilize the situation, because there is no aggression against Jordan at all, and the situation in Jordan is purely a matter for the people of Jordan themselves. Jordan's affairs should be managed by the people of Jordan themselves, and the affairs of the Arab countries should be managed by the Arab peoples themselves, in which no foreign intervention is allowed. Not only do the Arab peoples oppose the British war provocations in invading Jordan and threatening the Republic of Iraq, but the peace-loving countries and peoples throughout the world will certainly not look on with folded arms.

The Chinese Government deems it necessary to warn the British Government that it must immediately stop its armed aggression against Jordan, withdraw all its armed forces from Jordan, and discontinue its acts of provocation in concentrating forces around the Republic of Iraq. Should the British Government refuse to come to its senses and heed the just condemnation and reasonable demand of the people of the world and obstinately refuse to stop its acts of aggression and abandon its aggressive schemes, this will certainly give rise to extremely grave consequences.

Peking, July 18, 1958

# RENMIN RIBAO EDITORIALS

## HAIL TO THE IRAQI PEOPLE'S GREAT VICTORY

The good news has come that Iraq's patriotic army men headed by General Kassem launched a revolution on July 13. They overthrew the reactionary rule of the Faisal monarchy, running-dog of U.S.-British imperialism, and set up an anti-imperialist republic. The government of the republic, immediately after it was established, proclaimed adherence to the principles of the Bandung Conference and withdrawal from the Bagdad Pact dominated by U.S.-British imperialism. With this, another country in Asia has broken off the chains of colonialism and attained national independence. Asia counts another country which cherishes peace and opposes aggression.

Now the backbone of imperialist aggression in Western Asia is broken and the aggressive imperialist front and its war plans have been upset. The Arab peoples' struggle for independence, the movement for national liberation in all Asia and Africa, the struggle of the oppressed peoples throughout the world for emancipation and the world-wide struggle for peace and against a new war will be greatly inspired by this development and will reach new heights.

We Chinese people warmly greet the birth of the Iraqi Republic and heartily congratulate the Iraqi people on their great victory. Like the Iraqi people, we had long suffered from aggression and plunder by the imperialist powers and from oppression by the feudal rulers who were the agents of imperialism. We therefore have a particular fraternal sympathy for the heroic struggle of the Iraqi people. Though the people of our two countries are thousands of miles apart, we feel deeply that the struggle of the Iraqi people is our struggle and that their victory is our victory.

The Iraqi people's victory is a new development in the series of big victories won by the Asian and African peoples, especially the Arab peoples, in recent years. The Egyptian people's struggle in defence of the Suez Canal, the Syrian people's struggle against the U.S. aggressors, the Omani and Yemeni struggle against the British

aggressors and the current struggle of the Lebanese people against the imperialist lackey, the Chamoun government, were the prelude to the Iraqi people's struggle.

The founding of the Iraqi Republic is especially significant for the Asian and African peoples, because the Faisal monarchy of Iraq was the initiator of the Bagdad Pact and a cornerstone of U.S. and British imperialist aggression in the Middle East. Now this cornerstone has fallen with a bang, and, moreover, Iraq has become an anti-imperialist forefront.

The founding of the Iraqi Republic not only helps the struggle of the Lebanese people directly, but it fundamentally alters the situation in the Middle East and greatly accelerates the process of the complete destruction of the colonial forces in the Middle East and even in the world as a whole.

The imperialists are accustomed to thinking that they are sitting on a solid throne, but in the twinkling of an eye, the throne turns into a volcano. This is always the case with imperialism.

Obviously, the imperialists will not slacken their intervention against the peoples struggling for independence. Aggressive U.S. troops have landed in Lebanon. The wolves have dropped their sheep's clothing. They openly threaten armed intervention not only against the Lebanese people but also against the Iraqi people. But armed intervention can never intimidate the peoples fighting for independence. None of the countries in Asia and Africa was ever free from the threat of armed intervention in their struggle for emancipation. But what have been the results? The imperialists suffered ignominious defeats and the peoples struggling for independence won glorious victories.

The U.S.-British imperialist intervention in Lebanon and the entire Middle East can only evoke more widespread and more determined resistance from the people there. Their intervention is doomed to miserable failure, just as in the Suez Canal events. The Arab peoples today are stronger than they were at the time of the Suez Canal incident and their struggle is merging into one. The countries in the socialist camp — loyal friends of all national liberation movements — are more powerful than at that time. The interventionists will burn themselves in the flames of national liberation in the entire Middle East — flames which are beyond their control.

Deputy-Premier Aref of the Republic of Iraq put it well when he addressed the people of Iraq to the effect that this triumph must be completed by defending it against imperialist conspiracies and imperialist agents.

We believe that, with the sympathy and support of the people the world over, the awakened Arab peoples will surely defeat any imperialist conspiracies and direct intervention. Like the peoples in various Asian and African countries and the socialist countries, we Chinese people will resolutely stand on the side of the Iraqi and Lebanese peoples in their struggle for independence and freedom.

Long live the victory of the national independence movements in the countries of the Middle East! Down with imperialist intervention!

July 16, 1958

## **PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, GO INTO ACTION TO STOP U.S. AGGRESSION!**

The Government of the People's Republic of China on July 16 issued a statement demanding that the United States of America withdraw its armed forces from Lebanon. At the same time Chen Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, sent a cable to Abdal-Jabbar Aljamer, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, announcing the Chinese Government's recognition of the Government of the Republic of Iraq. Mass rallies have been held in Peking, Shanghai, Tientsin, Canton and other cities in opposition to U.S. armed intervention in Lebanon and in support of the struggle of the Arab people for national independence.

On July 15 the Soviet delegate to the Security Council meeting urged the Security Council to call on the Government of the United States to stop its armed intervention in the internal affairs of Arab states and to withdraw at once its armed forces from Lebanese territory. On July 16 the same just demands were made in the Soviet Government statement. On the same day, Khrushchov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R., in a message to Abdel Karim Kassem, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq, announced the Soviet Government's recognition of the Government of the Republic of Iraq.

It is obvious that to check the extremely dangerous acts of aggression undertaken by the United States in the Middle East and to support the anti-intervention struggle of the Arab people has become the most urgent task of the peoples of the world. Every country



and people opposing aggression, not wanting war and advocating the upholding of the U.N. Charter should swing into action right away for the immediate withdrawal of the U.S. interventionist troops from Lebanon and for the safeguarding of peace in the Middle East and the whole world.

U.S. interference in Lebanon is utterly unjustified. The U.S. aggressors claimed that it was intended to protect their nationals and safeguard Lebanon's territorial integrity and independence. This pretext is completely groundless. If the protection of nationals can be used as a pretext for sending troops, then any country can conduct armed intervention against any other country. The struggle of the Lebanese people against the Chamoun group of traitors is purely Lebanon's internal affair. There can be no question of "territorial integrity and independence" being threatened. Even the U.N. observation group had to admit on the basis of its investigation in Lebanon that there did not exist in Lebanon the so-called "large-scale infiltration," although the mission of this observation group was to find grounds for U.S. intervention. In this situation, Eisenhower himself had to ask: "Does the stationing of some United States troops in Lebanon involve any interference in the internal affairs of Lebanon?" Although he answered "no," the situation there was just the opposite of what the U.S. aggressors said. Everybody knows that the struggle of the Lebanese people against the Chamoun group of traitors is precisely for the defence of Lebanon's territorial integrity and independence. The country which is violating Lebanon's territorial integrity and independence is none other than the United States which acted under the pretext of "protecting U.S. nationals" and "defending Lebanon's territorial integrity and sovereignty."

These acts of the U.S. aggressors grossly violate the principles of the U.N. Charter. The fourth clause of the second article of the Charter provided that "all members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state." The U.S. imperialists who try to use the U.N. Charter to cover up their own aggressive acts are the most unscrupulous saboteurs of the principles of the U.N. Charter.

In his statement on U.S. aggression in Lebanon, Eisenhower went so far as to make the Iraqi people's victory in their revolution to overthrow the feudal monarchy the excuse for the United States' sending its troops to intervene in Lebanon. He indulged in a torrent of verbal attacks on the United Arab Republic. The Iraqi people's revolution, like the armed uprising of the Lebanese people, is a purely

internal matter. But the United States went so far as to characterize this purely internal affair as "aggression." As to the nonsense spread by imperialism and its stooges about the United Arab Republic infiltrating into Lebanon, even United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold has denied it. Then, why should the United States want to build a case out of thin air? It is obvious that the United States aggressive plan is directed not only against Lebanon, but also against Iraq, the United Arab Republic and the people of the Middle East as a whole. Its ambitious scheme is to strangle the national independence movement in the whole Arab East in order to build up an American colonial empire in the Arab world and the Middle East as a whole.

Now that the masses of the Arab people have stood up and the people throughout the world are closely watching the U.S. aggressive designs, it is fully possible to defeat completely the sinister ambitions of U.S. imperialism. The invasion of Egypt by British and French imperialism, it may be recalled, was smashed in just this way. However, the main thing is that all forces in the world in favour of peace and justice must go into action and must not appease or tolerate the acts of aggression of U.S. imperialism. The U.S. Government is at present trying to confuse world opinion by claiming that these acts are but a minor affair. We must not believe such sheer nonsense. The situation is very serious. If the people of the whole world and all governments in favour of peace act in unison, the United States will have no alternative but to withdraw its troops, and the independence and freedom of the Middle Eastern countries can then be ensured and peace in the Middle East and the world saved. On the other hand, if the U.S. aggressors are given a free hand, the people of the Middle East will be doomed to slavery and what is more, a new world war would be unavoidable.

Therefore, people throughout the world, act at once for world peace and justice! Stop U.S. intervention in Lebanon! Stop U.S. intervention in the whole Middle Eastern situation! The U.S. armed forces must withdraw from Lebanon at once! No interference in the internal affairs of Lebanon, Iraq and other Arab countries! No interference in the internal affairs of Asian and African nations!

July 17, 1958

## THE U.S. AND BRITISH AGGRESSORS COLLABORATE IN DIGGING THEIR OWN GRAVE

Following the United States' barbarous armed intervention in the Lebanon, which has evoked condemnation from all the peoples of the world, Britain has invaded Jordan. The United States and Britain are conspiring by this joint aggression in the Middle East to stamp out the flames of the sacred struggle for freedom and independence of the great Arab people and the people of all Africa and Asia. They are simply dreaming. But since they have dared to issue this insane challenge to the Arab people, the peoples of Asia and Africa, and peace-loving peoples of the whole world, they must accept the entire moral responsibility and all the grave consequences of their action.

Britain's pretext for invading Jordan is exactly the same as that used by the United States. The aggressors were "invited" in, and so it seems that their action is not aggression! Britain has an even more guilty conscience than the United States. Even after British troops had begun to enter Jordan, a spokesman of the British government denied it, alleging that the news of their landing was entirely untrue. Nothing like this ever happened over Suez. Evidently this gamble of the British aggressors is so infamous that it must be hushed up at home as well as abroad!

Britain and the United States have made a division of labour: the United States is intervening in the Lebanon, Britain in Jordan. As far back as the end of the First World War Britain established colonial rule in Jordan, which it called a "mandated territory." Hence the two countries are old acquaintances. This does not do Britain any good, however. British imperialism is not only the sworn foe of the people of Jordan, but one that has also suffered defeat at their hands. In 1946, under strong pressure from the movement for national freedom in the Middle East, forced to recognize the "independence" of Jordan, Britain set up the present King Hussein's grandfather as a puppet king and continued to wield the real power in Jordan through Glubb, the British general who controlled the "Arab Legion."

The people of Jordan are not easily fooled, however. They knew that they had not won independence. They rose up in a series of great struggles, and in the spring of 1956 succeeded in driving out Glubb and establishing an independent national government. In April last year the United States and Britain engineered a coup d'état to

overthrow this independent national government, so that once again Jordan was shackled with the colonial fetters of U.S.-British imperialism. The people of Jordan refused to submit, however, and have ceaselessly waged a heroic struggle. The establishment of the United Arab Republic and, particularly, the establishment of the Republic of Iraq, showed them even more clearly their sole path forward. Today the old enemy is back again; but this can only add fuel to the fire of the struggle of the people of Jordan and the whole Arab world. It has become very clear to the Arab peoples, and all those striving for freedom in Asia and Africa, what the U.S. and British governments really are. Casting aside their mask of decency and humanity, the Western imperialists have appeared in their true colours as colonialists. The British empire builders, erstwhile cruel masters of Jordan, Iraq and Egypt, who were kicked out by the people of Jordan and Egypt and who slaughtered Egyptian women and children with their planes and guns in October 1956, have returned. And the U.S. imperialists who pretended to oppose Anglo-French aggression during the Suez incident, are now standing at the side of the British. They arrived even ahead of the British and began firing more quickly. John Bull's record shows up the Yankees; Uncle Sam's deeds clearly explain what the British are up to. This enables the peoples of Asia and Africa to see the truth faster and expose the shams of the U.S. and British governments. These governments will not have a shred of prestige left among the peoples of the world. Such is the inevitable political result of this U.S.-British joint aggression in the Middle East.

The British aggressors are isolated not only in the Middle East but among their own people as well. The bourgeois paper *The Manchester Guardian* on July 15 predicted that British intervention in Jordan would prove calamitous. On that same day Crossman, a Labour member of parliament, declared, "But ultimately this Anglo-American gamble in Jordan will prove as disastrous as the Anglo-French gamble in Suez." Though Gaitskell, the leader of the British Labour Party, undoubtedly supports the interests of British imperialism, he could not but sound this warning: "If we are to attempt to impose by force our will in the Middle East, to set up a system of government which might have been possible or even justifiable in the nineteenth century but which in modern conditions seems to us to be inappropriate and profoundly dangerous, then I can only say—God help us all!"

Such gloomy prognostications on the outcome of U.S.-British intervention cast a heavy shadow all over the capitalist world. The

people of the whole world unanimously condemn the piratical acts of these two governments.

According to a Western proverb: Whom God would destroy He first sends mad. The combined U.S.-British aggression is an example of these death throes; they are collaborating in digging their own grave. The brave people of the Middle East and all the peoples of Asia and Africa who are striving for freedom are now preparing a huge grave for the Western aggressors. Since the aggressors insist on entering this grave, let us unite to send them to it!

July 18, 1958



*No Time to Put on a Disguise*  
by Hua Chun-wu

## STATEMENT OF THE CHINESE LITERARY AND ART CIRCLES

Ten literary and art organizations including the Federation of Literary and Art Circles, the Union of Chinese Writers, the Union of Chinese Dramatists, the Union of Chinese Musicians, the Dance Research Society of China, the Association of Cinema Workers, the Chinese Folk Literature and Arts Research Institute and the Photographic Society, issued the following joint statement on July 18, 1958, opposing the armed aggression of the U.S.-British imperialists against the Arab people and supporting the just struggle of the Iraqi and Lebanese peoples.

The U.S. imperialists sent their troops into the Lebanon and thus started open, armed intervention in that country; and shortly after, the British imperialists did the same to Jordan to suppress the people of Jordan and plot to invade the Republic of Iraq. The U.S.-British aggression is a serious military adventure aimed at suppressing the Arab people's national independence movement and creating international tension. All the people of China, including writers and artists, are extremely indignant. We strongly condemn and protest against this act of provocation and aggression.

The Chinese people, who have suffered much from imperialist aggression, have great sympathy for the just struggle of the Arab people. With boundless joy we hail the tremendous victory of the Iraqi people. The Chinese people, including writers and artists, have always been the most faithful friends of the Arab nations. Together with all peace-loving countries and the peoples of the whole world, we will give full support to the Arab people's just struggle and defeat all the aggressive schemes of the imperialists.

The U.S.-British imperialists must immediately stop their aggression and withdraw their troops from the Lebanon and Jordan, otherwise they will meet with the same ignominious end as did the Anglo-French imperialists in their aggression against Egypt. They will certainly be burned in the flames of the just struggle for national independence and against aggression.

## WE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE!

MAO TUN

We have had a wonderful harvest of wheat and our steel output is increasing by leaps and bounds. The Chinese people in their "great leap forward" are working such miracles that "one day sees as much accomplished as twenty years." Suddenly we hear the joyous news of the success of the Iraqi revolution! This is indeed a supremely happy event in the international field this year. One more peace-loving, independent national state opposed to aggression has been born in Asia. Overnight a fundamental change has taken place in the whole position in the Middle East: what was formerly a base of imperialist aggression in Western Asia has become an anti-imperialist front. This is excellent. This is a "great leap forward" in the national independence movement of the Asian and African peoples, a "great leap forward" in the world struggle against colonialism.

Iraq has ceased to be the name of a nation under bondage. Iraq has ceased to be the name of a nation betrayed. Brave Iraqi brothers, you have acted superbly! With your own hands you have written a mighty epic. All the peace-loving peoples of the world are watching you with love and admiration! China's six hundred million in their great advance consider your struggle as their own, your victory as their pride.

The course of history makes many twists and turns, but the wheels of history invariably move forward, and no force on earth can turn them back. The Chinese people after more than one hundred years of bitter struggle have finally shaken off the fetters of colonialism. From their own experience they have grasped one truth: the imperialists are a paper tiger which can frighten none but cowards and weaklings, not an awakened people. National independence can be won only at the cost of our blood, not by hoping for favours from the imperialists. The victory of the Iraqi people has confirmed this truth. That is why the Chinese people feel an intimate sense of

joy at the birth of the Republic of Iraq. China, the Soviet Union and many other peace-loving countries have lost no time in recognizing the Iraqi Republic. This not only accords with the principles of international law, but reflects our admiration and support for the Iraqi people and our warning to the imperialists! We hail the independence of Iraq, we look forward to the day when all oppressed nations will be liberated from the rule of the imperialists.

However, the imperialists will not submit willingly to the inevitable destruction in store for them, nor can they learn a lesson from the past. While the peace-loving peoples of the world are exulting over the revolution in Iraq, the U.S. imperialists have flagrantly violated the United Nations Charter, flouted the principles of international law, and started the fire of aggression in Lebanon. The British aggressors have invaded Jordan in a vain attempt to co-operate with the United States in an attack on Iraq. The imperialists have jeopardized the international situation, thereby arousing the just indignation of all the peoples of the world! Protests and demonstrations on a gigantic scale have started in every corner of the globe. The imperialists have miscalculated. In this age when the east wind is prevailing over the west wind, the fires of aggression which they have set alight in the oil fields of the Middle East will destroy none but the aggressors themselves.

The imperialists invariably behave like bullies when they attempt to justify their crimes. Two years ago, when the Anglo-French imperialists invaded Egypt, they did so on the pretext of protecting communications through the Suez Canal. This time the same is true. The American imperialists have invaded Lebanon on the ridiculous pretext of protecting American nationals and the sovereignty of Lebanon. When the British invaded Jordan they made the slanderous statement that the Iraqi revolution constituted an indirect act of aggression against Britain. Such despicable behaviour, like a thief crying "Stop, thief!" can deceive no one at all. It simply enables the people of the world to see more clearly the bestial nature and contemptible character of the U.S.-British imperialists.

In answer to the provocation of the imperialists we have the resolute vow of the brave Lebanese people:

"The people of Lebanon will use every means to carry on resistance, and will fight from street to street, from house to house."

The United Arab Republic, the Soviet Union and China have already issued their solemn warnings:

"Any aggression against the Iraqi Republic is to be considered simultaneously as an act of aggression against the United Arab Re-



public; in this case the United Arab Republic will carry out its obligations towards the Iraqi Republic in accordance with the Arab Collective Security Charter."

"The Soviet Union will not rest indifferent to the acts of unprovoked aggression in an area adjacent to its frontiers. It will be compelled to take the necessary steps dictated by the interests of the Soviet Union's security and the safeguarding of world peace."

"Together with the peoples of the Asian and African countries and other peace-loving countries and peoples the world over, the six hundred million Chinese people will give all-out support to the Arab people's just struggle. Should the United States fail to withdraw its forces of aggression from the Lebanon at once, it will have to face the consequences of its action."

These thunderous warnings have been hurled at the imperialists from all sides. The just strength of the peoples of the world will break the bloody claws which the U.S. and British imperialists have stretched out towards the Arab people.

To stop the U.S.-British aggression in the Middle East, to support the Iraqi Republic and the national independence movement of Lebanon — these are the most urgent tasks of all peoples of the world at present. The imperialists are conspiring to launch a new war. The peoples of the world must preserve peace. United action on the part of all peoples will certainly be strong enough to stop war and preserve peace, to halt aggression and protect national independence and freedom. We Chinese writers and artists, together with the whole Chinese people and all the peoples of the world, dedicate all our strength to this struggle. We shall first of all use literature and art as a weapon to deal ruthless blows at the aggressors, to support the Arab people's just struggle, and to protect the peace of the Middle East and of the world.

Victory to the heroic Arab people!

Victory to all the peace-loving peoples of the world!

July 19, 1958

## THE TORCH OF JUSTICE IS BURNING

LIU PAI-YU

While we are working hard at peaceful construction, the U.S. and British imperialists are stretching out their crime-stained hands towards our Arab brothers and have lit the fire of an aggressive war.

In these days and nights six hundred million Chinese are with our Arab brothers heart and soul. We cannot but exult over one small but significant item of news we hear. In Beirut a teen-age Lebanese boy in an orange shirt, watching the U.S. invaders land on the sacred soil of the Arab people, vowed:

“We are Arabs and we will certainly drive them out!”

Our experience in China has taught us the meaning of fire and blood, of shameless aggression; and we know what answer must be made by heroes.

We applaud this Lebanese boy in the orange shirt. For his brave words spoken in the enemies' presence are not the oath of one youth alone but symbolize the whole Arab nation rising to smash the fetters of colonialism.

Times have changed. We are living in an age when the east wind is prevailing over the west wind. For long years in the past the imperialists called the countries they invaded “the dark orient.” But was this the case? No, indeed. As everyone knows, our ancient cultures, rich in wisdom, shone like the sun to gladden the eyes of men throughout the world. It was the imperialists who aimed their guns at our chests and fastened fetters upon us. But gone for ever are the days when they could do as they pleased. Chairman Mao Tse-tung pointed out long ago that American imperialism is a paper tiger. And this tiger can be pierced by a finger. This was proved several years back in the Korean war. It was further proved the year before last in the fighting over Suez. A brave nation is not afraid to fight, but will stand up and advance in a struggle. Advance then! The time has come for the Arab people to smash for good and all the fetters of colonialism.

We Chinese are for a lasting peace in the world, but we must also shoulder our responsibility for the future fate of mankind. We pledge our dearest friendship to the peoples of Iraq and Lebanon who are fighting for justice. Such friendship is the purest gold, bright not only in the sunshine of peace but in the smoke and dust of war. Now that the imperialists have stretched out their predatory claws there is only one thing to do — smash them! We hold the torch of justice in our hands. Let the oath made by the lad in the orange shirt at Beirut burn as brightly as the torch of justice!

## **BREAK THE AGGRESSORS' BACKS!**

EMI SIAO

With iron fists raised high  
We march to smash the imperialists' thick skulls!  
We shout like thunder: 'On!  
We shall break the aggressors' backs!

Get out of Lebanon, Yankees!  
Not one hair of Iraq shall you touch!  
You cannot turn the wheels of history back,  
Nor stop the tide of national liberation!

O, Arab brothers and sisters,  
More than six hundred million Chinese  
And all peace-loving men and women on this earth  
Are behind you with all their might,  
To support your defence of peace in the Middle East,  
To support your just struggle in your own defence!  
To destroy our treacherous and common foe,  
I, a poet, gladly volunteer to join you!

# LONG LIVE THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ!

YUAN CHANG-CHING

From Asia's western horizon  
The flame of freedom has risen,  
Like a rocket of peace  
Soaring up to the heaven of heavens.  
Iraq's new-born Republic  
Shines with the brightness of dawn,  
Bathing in light the waves of the Persian Gulf  
And the vaulted sky above the Mediterranean.

Faisal's dynasty has fallen!  
Said's barking has been stilled!  
Bagdad's heroic citizens  
Have tossed into the flames of freedom  
The shameful Bagdad Pact,  
The Eisenhower Doctrine, the Iraq-Jordan Union  
And some lap-dogs kept by American and British masters!

Swiftly, bravely,  
Cleanly, sharply,  
Peace forges ahead,  
Independence forges ahead!  
This is a wonderful blossom  
Which our Arab brothers have given to mankind,  
A rare and fragrant fruit,  
A song of peace and independence and progress.  
Long may the free Iraqi Republic live —  
Ten thousand years, ten thousand thousand years!