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EDITOR'S NOTE

This booklet contains relevant documents and commentaries of the Chinese Government and people on opposing the recent military provocations and threats to extend aggression in the Taiwan Straits area by the United States aggressors. It shows the righteous stand of the Chinese Government and people in opposing United States aggression, defending China's territorial integrity and sovereignty and maintaining peace in the Far East and the world. It demonstrates once again to the world the unshakable determination of the Chinese people to liberate their own territories of Taiwan and the Penghu Islands. The righteousness of the Chinese people's struggle assures that it will win general sympathy and support from all people who cherish peace and freedom. Victory will surely belong to the Chinese people.

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**THE SUPREME STATE CONFERENCE CALLED ON
PEOPLE OF ALL SECTIONS TO BE MOBILIZED TO
STRUGGLE RESOLUTELY AGAINST THE MILI-
TARY PROVOCATIONS AND WAR THREATS
BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE U.S.
IMPERIALISTS IN THE TAIWAN
STRAITS AREA**

September 6, 1958

The 15th Meeting of the Supreme State Conference was convened by Chairman Mao Tse-tung on September 5, 1958. At the meeting on the afternoon of September 6, Chou En-lai, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party and Premier of the State Council, made an explanation on the current situation in the Taiwan Straits area and the "Statement on the Situation in the Taiwan Straits Area" by the Government of the People's Republic of China. After exchanging opinions on this question, the meeting unanimously endorsed the statement which Premier Chou En-lai had been authorized to make. The meeting called on people of all sections throughout the country to be mobilized, to struggle resolutely against the military provocations and war threats being carried out by the U.S. imperialists in the Taiwan Straits area.

**PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S STATEMENT ON THE
SITUATION IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS AREA**

September 6, 1958

On September 4, 1958, United States Secretary of State Dulles, authorized by United States President Eisenhower, issued a statement openly threatening to extend United States aggression in the Taiwan Straits area against the People's Republic of China and carrying out war provocation, thereby aggravating the tension in this area created by the United States and seriously jeopardizing the peace of the Far East and the world. Regarding this, I have been authorized by the Government of the People's Republic of China to make the following statement.

(1) Taiwan and the Penghu Islands have been China's territories from ancient times. Following the Second World War, they were restored to China after being occupied by Japan for a period of time. It is entirely China's internal affair for the Chinese people to exercise their sovereign right to liberate these areas. This is the Chinese people's sacred and inviolable right. The United States Government itself also declared formally that it would not get involved in China's civil conflict in the Taiwan area. Were it not for the fact that the United States Government later went back on its own statement and carried out armed intervention, Taiwan and the Penghu Islands would have long been liberated and placed

under the jurisdiction of the Government of the People's Republic of China. These are undeniable facts unanimously recognized by fair-minded world public opinion.

(2) United States support of the Chiang Kai-shek clique entrenched on Taiwan and the Penghu Islands, which has long been repudiated by all the Chinese people, and its direct armed occupation of Taiwan and the Penghu Islands constitute unlawful interference in China's internal affairs and infringement on China's territorial integrity and sovereignty, and are in direct conflict with the United Nations Charter and all codes of international law. All so-called treaties concluded between the United States and the Chiang Kai-shek clique and all related resolutions adopted by the United States Congress are null and void as far as the Chinese people are concerned. They can never legalize United States aggression. Much less can they be used as pretexts by the United States for extending its aggression in the Taiwan Straits area.

(3) Supported by the United States, the Chiang Kai-shek clique has for long been using coastal islands such as Quemoy which is close by Amoy and Matsu which is close by Foochow as advance bases for conducting all sorts of harassing and disruptive activities against the Chinese mainland. Recently, since the United States launched armed intervention against the Arab states, the harassing and disruptive activities of the Chiang Kai-shek clique against the Chinese mainland have become more unbridled. The Chinese Government has every right to deal resolute blows and take necessary military action against Chiang Kai-shek's troops entrenched on the coastal islands; any outside intervention would be a criminal infringement on China's sovereignty. But the

United States, in order to divert the attention of the people of the world from continued United States aggression in the Middle East and procrastination in withdrawing its troops from the Lebanon, attempts to take advantage of this situation and is amassing large numbers of armed forces in the Taiwan Straits area and openly threatening to extend its aggression in the Taiwan Straits area to Quemoy, Matsu, and other coastal islands. This is a grave war provocation against the 600 million Chinese people and a serious menace to the peace of the Far East and the world.

(4) The Chinese people's determination to liberate their own territory of Taiwan and the Penghu Islands is unshakable. In particular the Chinese people cannot tolerate the presence in their inland waters along the mainland of an immediate threat posed by such coastal islands as Quemoy and Matsu. No amount of U.S. war provocations can cow the Chinese people; on the contrary, they will only arouse even greater indignation among our 600 million people, and make them even more determined to fight U.S. aggressors to the very end. The fact that the United States, while not yet withdrawing its forces of aggression from the Lebanon, has hastened to create a new danger of war in the Taiwan Straits area, has made the peace-loving countries and people of the world see even more clearly the brutish features of the United States aggressors bent on sabotaging peace and that the United States imperialists are the most vicious enemy of all national independence movements in Asia, Africa and Latin America and the world peace movement.

(5) In pursuance of its foreign policy of peace, the Chinese Government has always stood for peaceful co-

existence of countries with different social systems in accordance with the Five Principles and for the settlement of all international disputes by the peaceful means of negotiation. Despite the fact that the United States has invaded and occupied China's territory of Taiwan and the Penghu Islands by armed force and crudely violated the minimum codes in international relations, the Chinese Government proposed to sit down to negotiate with the U.S. Government to seek relaxation and elimination of the tension in the Taiwan area. In the Sino-American ambassadorial talks which started in August 1955 the Chinese side time and again proposed that the two parties should, in accordance with the principles of mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity and non-interference in each other's internal affairs, issue a statement declaring their intention to settle the dispute between China and the United States in the Taiwan area through peaceful negotiation and without resorting to the threat or use of force against each other. But, contrary to Dulles' assertion in his September 4 statement, it is precisely the United States that has refused to issue such a statement and, moreover, has later suspended unilaterally the talks themselves. After the Chinese Government demanded in July this year that the talks be resumed within a set time-limit, the U.S. Government did not make a timely reply, but it has ultimately designated a representative of ambassadorial rank. Now, the U.S. Government again indicates its desire to settle the Sino-American dispute in China's Taiwan area through peaceful negotiation. To make a further effort to safeguard peace, the Chinese Government is prepared to resume the ambassadorial talks between the two countries. But

the danger of war created by the United States in China's Taiwan area has not been reduced thereby. In view of the fact that the U.S. Government often acts differently from what it says and often uses peaceful negotiation as a smokescreen to cover up its actual deed of continuously expanding aggression, the entire Chinese people and the peace-loving people all over the world must not relax in the least their struggle against U.S. interference in China's internal affairs and against U.S. threat to the peace of the Far East and the world.

(6) The Sino-American dispute in the Taiwan Straits area and the Chinese people's internal matter of liberating their own territory are two matters entirely different in nature. The United States has all along tried to confuse these two matters so as to cover up its aggression and intervention in China. This is absolutely not to be allowed. The Chinese people have every right to liberate their own territory by all suitable means at a suitable time, and will not tolerate any foreign interference. Should the U.S. Government, brazenly disregarding the Chinese people's repeated warnings and the desire of the people of the world for peace, persist in its aggression and intervention against China and impose war on the Chinese people, it must bear the responsibility for all the serious consequences.

CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG'S SPEECH AT THE SUPREME STATE CONFERENCE

September 8, 1958

Chairman Mao Tse-tung said that the present situation is favourable for the people the world over who are fighting for peace. Dealing with the international situation, Chairman Mao pointed out that the general trend is that of the East wind prevailing over the West wind. In the past nine years, Chairman Mao stated, the U.S. imperialists had invaded and occupied China's territory of Taiwan. Not long ago, they sent their armed forces to invade and occupy the Lebanon. The United States had set up hundreds of military bases in many countries around the world. China's territory of Taiwan, the Lebanon and all U.S. military bases in foreign countries are like nooses round the neck of U.S. imperialism. Nobody but the Americans themselves had made these nooses, and they themselves put them round their own necks and handed the ends of the ropes to the Chinese people, the peoples of the Arab countries and all peoples who love peace and oppose aggression. The longer the U.S. aggressors remain in these places, the tighter the nooses round their necks will become.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung continued that the U.S. imperialists have been creating tension in all parts of the world in an attempt to achieve their aggressive ends and

to enslave the peoples of various countries. The U.S. imperialists calculate that they will always benefit from tense situations, but the fact is that the tense situations created by the United States have led to the opposite of what the Americans wished. They have produced the effect of mobilizing the people of the world to oppose the U.S. aggressors. Chairman Mao said that if the U.S. monopoly capitalist group is bent on carrying out its policy of aggression and war, the day will certainly come when humanity will hang it by the neck. A similar fate awaits the accomplices of the United States.

Chairman Mao was hopeful about the ambassadorial talks between China and the United States that are expected to be held in Warsaw. He said that the talks might lead to some results provided both sides have the sincere desire to settle the questions at issue. At present the attention of the people of the whole world is focussed on the talks that are going to be held between the representatives of the two countries.

**FOREIGN MINISTER CHEN YI'S STATEMENT
REFUTING DULLES' SPEECH AT THE
U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

September 20, 1958

The Chinese people are profoundly enraged by the statement on the situation in the Taiwan Straits area made by U.S. Secretary of State Dulles at the United Nations General Assembly on September 18. The United States has invaded and occupied our territory Taiwan, and in addition has recently concentrated large numbers of armed forces to interfere with the recovery by the Chinese people of Quemoy, Matsu and other coastal islands, and has thus gravely threatened peace in the Far East and the world. In order to disguise these aggressive activities of the United States, Dulles has gone so far as to accuse our country of being an "aggressor" and to propose a so-called "ceasefire." This is indeed extremely preposterous. Actually, the current armed provocations and war threats directed against our country by the U.S. imperialists have met with strong opposition and condemnation from the peace-loving countries and people throughout the world. Dulles' statements which turn the facts upside down can deceive no one.

The Chinese people are determined to recover Quemoy and Matsu, and no force on earth can stop them. The Chiang Kai-shek clique, repudiated by the Chinese peo-

ple, has been using Quemoy and Matsu all along to carry out all sorts of harassing military activities against our mainland and coastal areas with the support of U.S. imperialism. In the last two months, these military activities have become even more unbridled. The facts show that so long as Quemoy and Matsu are not recovered, the immediate threat to our mainland and coastal areas will not be removed. The punitive military operations conducted by the Chinese people against Chiang Kai-shek's troops entrenched on Quemoy and Matsu are therefore entirely proper and necessary. But the U.S. imperialists have described as "aggression" this action of the Chinese people in exercising their sovereign right and used this as a pretext to intervene, in an attempt to bring Quemoy, Matsu and other islands in our inland waters under their direct armed control and turn them into springboards for further aggression against the Chinese mainland. The Chinese people have not forgotten the historical lesson that the Japanese militarists first invaded and occupied Taiwan and north-east China and converted them into springboards for aggression against the whole of China. They will never allow the U.S. imperialists to repeat the old tricks of the Japanese militarists.

The tension in the Taiwan Straits area is entirely the result of U.S. imperialist aggression against our country. The key to eliminating the tension in the Taiwan Straits area is not a so-called "ceasefire," but the withdrawal of U.S. forces from the Taiwan area. There is no fighting between China and the United States, so the question of a so-called "ceasefire" does not arise at all. As to the armed conflict between the Chinese people and the Chiang Kai-shek clique, it has never ceased since the

Chinese People's War of Liberation and has never brought about any international tension. The liberation by the Chinese people of their territory, whether by peaceful means or by armed struggle, is the affair of the Chinese people themselves. The point at present is that the United States is playing with fire on the brink of war and is attempting to extend its aggression against China. The imminent danger at present in the situation in the Taiwan Straits area is that the United States, ignoring our repeated grave warnings and the strong protests of the people of the world, persists in its armed provocations and war threats against our people. To ease and eliminate the tension in the Taiwan Straits area, the United States must at once stop its armed provocations and war threats against China and withdraw all its armed forces from Taiwan and the Taiwan Straits. The tension in the Taiwan Straits area will continue as long as the U.S. armed forces are not withdrawn.

The Chinese Government has time and again indicated its willingness to settle the Sino-American disputes in the area of Taiwan and other areas in the Far East through peaceful negotiations without resorting to the threat or use of force. If the United States has any sincere desire to settle the disputes between the two countries peacefully, it should respect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and stop interfering with China's internal affairs. The liberation of Taiwan by the Chinese people is China's internal affair — this was publicly acknowledged by the U.S. Government in 1950, and is an undeniable fact no matter how forgetful Dulles is. All sober-minded people in the world agree that Quemoy, Matsu and other coastal islands have always belonged to China, only those who are obsessed with ideas of

aggression, like Dulles, refuse to do so. Dulles described the Chinese people's liberation of their own territory as "armed conquest." Actually it is precisely the United States itself that has conquered China's territories by force. The United States has concentrated the largest amount of naval and air power in the Taiwan Straits area to engage in war provocations against our people. Yet Dulles parades as an advocate of the renunciation of the use of force and the elimination of provocations. If these statements of Dulles' are not designed to fool other people, the U.S. armed forces must be withdrawn from Taiwan and the Taiwan Straits. This is precisely the urgent question to be settled in the current Sino-American ambassadorial talks. The Chinese Government places hope in the Sino-American ambassadorial talks now in progress, but Dulles said he would bring the Sino-American disputes to the United Nations. It is well known, however, that the People's Republic of China has been unjustifiably deprived of its rightful place in the United Nations. Therefore, one cannot but doubt whether the United States is sincere about Sino-American negotiations.

The Chinese people ardently love peace, but they will never succumb to the war threat of the imperialists. No amount of war threats by the U.S. imperialists can cow the Chinese people. The mighty demonstrations against U.S. aggression held by 300 million Chinese people in the cities and the countryside testify to the Chinese people's firm will. Should the U.S. aggressors, despite the repeated warnings of the Chinese people and the firm opposition of the people of the world, dare to impose war on us, our 600 million people, united as one, will certainly spare no sacrifice and will, under the sacred

banner of defending our great motherland, fight against aggression, fight for the preservation of our sovereignty and territorial integrity, and fight for the safeguarding of peace in the Far East and the world! Ours is a just struggle. With the help of the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union and with the sympathy and support of all the peace-loving countries and people of Asia, Africa and the rest of the world, we will certainly win complete victory.

**DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON CHINA'S TERRITORIAL SEA**

September 4, 1958

The Government of the People's Republic of China declares:

1. The breadth of the territorial sea of the People's Republic of China shall be twelve nautical miles. This provision applies to all territories of the People's Republic of China, including the Chinese mainland and its coastal islands, as well as Taiwan and its surrounding islands, the Penghu Islands, the Tungsha Islands, the Hsisha Islands, the Chungsha Islands, the Nansha Islands and all other islands belonging to China which are separated from the mainland and its coastal islands by the high seas.

2. China's territorial sea along the mainland and its coastal islands takes as its baseline the line composed of the straight lines connecting base-points on the mainland coast and on the outermost of the coastal islands; the water area extending twelve nautical miles outward from this baseline is China's territorial sea. The water areas inside the baseline, including Pohai Bay and the Chiungchow Straits, are Chinese inland waters. The islands inside the baseline, including Tungyin Island, Kaoteng Island, the Matsu Islands, the Paichuan Islands, Wuchiu Island, the Greater and Lesser Quemoy Islands,

Tatan Island, Erhtan Island and Tungting Island, are islands of the Chinese inland waters.

3. No foreign vessels for military use and no foreign aircraft may enter China's territorial sea and the air space above it without the permission of the Government of the People's Republic of China.

While navigating Chinese territorial sea, every foreign vessel must observe the relevant laws and regulations laid down by the Government of the People's Republic of China.

4. The principles provided in paragraphs 2 and 3 likewise apply to Taiwan and its surrounding islands, the Penghu Islands, the Tungsha Islands, the Hsisha Islands, the Chungsha Islands, the Nansha Islands, and all other islands belonging to China.

The Taiwan and Penghu areas are still occupied by the United States by armed force. This is an unlawful encroachment on the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the People's Republic of China. Taiwan, Penghu and such other areas are yet to be recovered, and the Government of the People's Republic of China has the right to recover these areas by all suitable means at a suitable time. This is China's internal affair, in which no foreign interference is tolerated.

**SERIOUS WARNINGS SERVED BY SPOKESMEN OF
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AGAINST
PROVOCATIONS OF THE U.S. WARSHIPS
AND PLANES INTRUDING INTO CHINA'S
TERRITORIAL WATERS AND AIR**

September 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 1958

Four U.S. warships intruded into China's territorial waters, which extend for twelve nautical miles, in the Quemoy and Amoy area from 14:45 to 19 hours on September 7, and conducted activities there. A spokesman of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs was authorized to make the following statement: Such an act infringing on our country's sovereignty is dangerous; the Chinese Government issues a serious warning on this. (From *Hsinhua News Agency Release*, September 7, 1958)

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Following the intrusion of four U.S. warships into China's territorial waters on September 7, beginning 10:40 hours on September 8, another 8 U.S. warships were found to have intruded successively into China's territorial waters within twelve nautical miles of the Quemoy and Amoy area to carry out activities. The spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry was authorized to make the following statement: U.S. warships have again intruded into China's territorial waters after the Chinese Government has given a serious warning. This is obvi-

ously a most dangerous act of deliberate provocation. The Chinese Government hereby serves another serious warning. (From *Hsinhua News Agency Release*, September 8, 1958)

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At 7 hours on September 10, a P5M-1 type patrol plane of the U.S. navy intruded into the air over the territorial sea in the Chuanchow and Meichow Island area, Fukien Province, and over Meichow Island. At about 9 hours, a U.S. U-2 strategic reconnaissance plane intruded into the air over the area of Fukien, Kiangsi and Kwangtung provinces to carry out high altitude reconnaissance.

The spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry was authorized to make the following statement: Following the intrusions by U.S. warships into China's territorial sea on September 7 and 8, U.S. military planes have again intruded into China's territorial air. This is a criminal act seriously infringing upon China's sovereignty and a deliberate war provocation. The Chinese Government has time and again issued serious warnings on such adventurist actions. But the U.S. aggressors are bent on putting a noose round their own neck. The Chinese people can never be intimidated by any show of force. The Chinese Government hereby for the third time issues a serious warning on this matter. (From *Hsinhua News Agency Release*, September 10, 1958)

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Beginning from 11:19 hours on September 11, four U.S. warships, escorting the transports of the Chiang Kai-shek forces which were sailing towards Quemoy, intruded into China's territorial waters in the Quemoy and Amoy

area. The spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry was authorized to make the following statement: The U.S. Government, ignoring the repeated warnings of the Chinese Government and the fact that the Sino-U.S. ambassadorial talks will soon be resumed in Warsaw, has gone so far in the last five days as to repeatedly send its naval and air forces to invade the territorial waters and air of our country. This quite clearly demonstrates to the world that the U.S. Government has up to the present not yet given up its adventurist provocations against China. The Chinese Government hereby issues its fourth warning on this matter. (From *Hsinhua News Agency Release*, September 11, 1958)

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At 3:55 hours on the morning of September 13, a U.S. warship escorting the transports of the Chiang Kai-shek troops intruded into China's territorial waters in the Quemoy and Amoy area. The spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry was authorized to announce that the Chinese Government hereby for the fifth time issues a serious warning on this matter. (From *Hsinhua News Agency Release*, September 13, 1958)

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On September 18, six U.S. warships intruded into China's territorial waters in the Fukien area on six occasions.

At 9 and 11 hours, two U.S. warships twice invaded the territorial waters of China in the Quemoy and Amoy area.

At 14:18 hours, a U.S. warship invaded China's territorial waters in the Paichuan area.

At 16 hours, a U.S. warship invaded China's territorial waters in the Chenhai and Tungting area.

At 18:48 hours, a U.S. warship invaded China's territorial waters in the Pingtan area.

At 19:25 hours, a U.S. warship invaded China's territorial waters in the Quemoy and Amoy area.

The spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry was authorized to make the following statement: Since the Sino-American ambassadorial talks were resumed in Warsaw, U.S. warships stationed themselves in the vicinity of China's territorial waters in the Quemoy and Amoy area on September 15, 16 and 17 in an attempt at provocation. Today (September 18), they became still more reckless, penetrating deep into our territorial waters in the Fukien area on six occasions. These are serious military provocations regardless of the repeated warnings given by the Government of our country and of the Sino-American ambassadorial talks now going on in Warsaw. The Chinese Government hereby gives its sixth warning on this matter. (From *Hsinhua News Agency Release*, September 18, 1958)

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On September 19, five U.S. warships intruded on five occasions into China's territorial waters in the Fukien area and penetrated deep into the areas near Quemoy and Paichuan which are islands in China's inland waters.

The spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry was authorized to make the following statement: Warships of the United States invaded China's territorial sea and inland waters on five occasions within a period of 15 hours today. This is a dangerous development in the increasingly grave military provocations carried out by the United States since the resumption of the Sino-American ambassadorial talks. The Chinese Government hereby gives its seventh serious warning on this matter.

(From *Hsinhua News Agency Release*, September 19, 1958)

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On September 20, five U.S. warships intruded into China's territorial waters in the Fukien area. One of them penetrated deep into the inland waters of China in the area of Matsu and the Paichuan Islands. At the same time, four F-100 tactical fighters of the United States air force intruded into China's air space over the Quemoy and Amoy area.

The spokesman of the Chinese Foreign Ministry was authorized to announce that the intrusion of U.S. warships and aircraft into the territorial sea, inland waters and air space of China is another dangerous development of the serious military provocations carried out by the United States since the resumption of the Sino-American ambassadorial talks. The Chinese Government hereby gives its eighth grave warning on this matter. (From *Hsinhua News Agency Release*, September 20, 1958)

**VICE-CHAIRMAN CHU TEH'S SPEECH AT THE
RECEPTION GIVEN BY VIETNAMESE AMBAS-
SADOR CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL DAY
OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM**

(Excerpts)

September 2, 1958

The people of the world now see clearly that the United States and Britain, disregarding the resolution of the Emergency Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly, are putting off the withdrawal of their troops from the Lebanon and Jordan, and that, furthermore, the United States is carrying out flagrant provocations in the Taiwan area of our country. Such action contrary to the peaceful aspirations of the peoples of the world and hostile towards the Chinese people is strongly condemned by many peace-loving countries and peoples. The Chinese people who won victory after a long struggle against imperialism have full confidence in smashing the provocations of the imperialists and are firmly convinced that, in the face of the mighty forces of peace and justice, all aggressive schemes of the imperialists will surely meet with complete failure.

**PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S SPEECH AT
THE RECEPTION GIVEN BY KOREAN AMBASSADOR
CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

(Excerpts)

September 9, 1958

China and Korea have consistently held that countries with different social systems should co-exist peacefully in accordance with the Five Principles and that all international disputes should be solved through peaceful negotiation. But the U.S. imperialists have repeatedly carried out aggression and threats against the Chinese and Korean peoples. Eight years ago, while launching its war of aggression against Korea, the United States also invaded and occupied China's territory of Taiwan by armed force. At present, it is again amassing a large number of armed forces in the Taiwan Straits area, openly threatening to extend its aggression to China's coastal islands along the mainland, and, what is more absurd, describing Chinese people's endeavour to liberate their own territories as "using armed force to achieve territorial ambitions."

All fair-minded public opinion in the world acknowledges that Taiwan, the Penghu Islands and coastal islands such as Quemoy and Matsu are Chinese territories. It

is precisely the U. S. imperialists who have occupied by armed force or is attempting to further invade and occupy these territories of China. Also, it is precisely the U.S. imperialists who are stationing their armed forces in many countries all over the world to achieve their territorial ambitions.

The angry cry of "U.S. troops get out!" is now resounding throughout the vast territories of Asia, Africa and Europe. No matter how the U.S. imperialists call black white, they cannot cover up their crimes in achieving their territorial ambitions by armed force in all parts of the world.

The Chinese Government solemnly stated on September 6 that the Chinese people have every right to liberate their own territory by all suitable means at a suitable time, and will not tolerate any foreign interference. This is the firm stand of the Chinese people, which no amount of provocation and threat can shake.

**VICE-PREMIER CHEN YUN'S SPEECH AT THE
RECEPTION GIVEN BY BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR
CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL DAY OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

(Excerpts)

September 9, 1958

We Chinese people, like the peoples of the other countries in the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union, are engaged in building socialism with immeasurable revolutionary energy. However, we have never forgotten for a moment that there still exists in the world the aggressive imperialist bloc which stubbornly pursues the out-of-date colonialist policy and constantly threatens the peace and tranquillity of the world. In defiance of the desire for peace of the people throughout the world, the U.S. and British imperialists not only ignore the resolution of the Emergency Special Session of the U.N. General Assembly and refuse to withdraw their troops from the Lebanon and Jordan, but have gone even further to make new preposterous provocations in the Lebanon and other areas in the Middle East.

Recently, the U.S. imperialists are aggravating the tension in the Taiwan Straits area, openly threatening to extend their aggression to China's coastal islands along the mainland. This provocation on the part of the United States has not only aroused the unparalleled indignation

of the Chinese people but met with the unanimous condemnation of the peace-loving people all over the world. This crude U.S. intervention in the internal affairs of our country can have no other consequence than bringing for themselves shameful defeat.

**MAYOR PENG CHEN'S SPEECH AT THE
PEKING PEOPLE'S RALLY SUPPORTING
THE STATEMENT OF THE CHINESE
GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSING
U.S. AGGRESSION**

September 7, 1958

Fellow countrymen! Comrades!

Everybody knows that in recent days, the U.S. aggressors have been ceaselessly amassing forces in our Taiwan area in an attempt to prevent our just military action to liberate Quemoy and Matsu. U.S. Secretary of State Dulles has issued a perverted aggressive statement, openly declaring the intention of extending aggression against our country and placing islands of our inland waters such as Quemoy and Matsu under direct U.S. military control. The U.S. war maniacs even clamour openly that they will not scruple to use atomic weapons to extend their aggression. They are practising war threats. They are threatening the Chinese people and interfering with our internal affairs—interfering with our liberation of Taiwan and our liberation of Quemoy and Matsu. This war threat of the U.S. imperialists is a barbarous provocation against the Chinese people as well as a grave threat to peace in the Far East and the world. In view of this, Premier Chou En-lai made yesterday a righteous statement on the situation in the Taiwan Straits

area. We people of all circles of Peking are gathered here today at this mass demonstration rally to express our support for the statement of our Government and opposition to U.S. aggression. We people of all circles of Peking, like the people of the whole country, are extremely indignant at the provocation of U.S. aggressors. Once again we see clearly that the U.S. aggressors have openly and completely gone in Hitler's footsteps in a vain attempt to attain world hegemony. They are still trying to enslave and exploit the Chinese people and continue to seize Chinese territory as they did in the past. We are determined to completely smash the frenzied criminal acts of the U.S. imperialists who are hostile to the Chinese people, extend aggression and jeopardize Asian and world peace; we are determined to defend our great motherland, as well as Asian and world peace.

Over the past few years, the U.S. imperialists have invaded and occupied our territory of Taiwan by armed force and supported the Chiang Kai-shek clique, using our coastal islands such as Quemoy and Matsu as advance bases, constantly to disrupt our coastal communications, harass the production and life of our people living in the coastal areas, and dispatch special agents and saboteurs to the interior to carry out counter-revolutionary activities. Recently, after the United States launched armed aggression in the Near and Middle East, the traitorous Chiang Kai-shek clique has stepped up its harassing and disruptive activities against the mainland in co-ordination with U.S. aggressive scheme. The entire Chinese people fully support our Government in dealing a resolute blow at traitorous Chiang Kai-shek troops. The measures taken by our Government are entirely just. This is our internal affair, no foreign intervention will

be allowed. But the U.S. imperialists wish to take advantage of the present situation to extend their aggression against China. This is a serious provocation against the 600 million Chinese people. While the past account of U.S. imperialist encroachment on our Taiwan is not yet settled, the U.S. imperialists are now going further to interfere with our liberation of Quemoy and Matsu. This is what the Chinese people absolutely cannot tolerate. The entire Chinese people are firmly united. We can certainly smash this new war provocation of the U.S. aggressors completely.

The new aggressive activities of U.S. imperialists against China are by no means isolated affairs. While the U.S. aggressors were carrying out armed aggression against the people of the Near and Middle East, their lackey the Chiang Kai-shek clique stepped up its harassing and disruptive activities against our mainland. And while our Government is taking just military operations against traitorous Chiang Kai-shek troops, the U.S. aggressors are using this as an opportunity to make trouble in the Far East in an attempt to divert public attention from their continued aggression in the Near and Middle East and put off the withdrawal of their forces of aggression from the Lebanon. Therefore, the U.S. aggressors' new war threat against China is at the same time a serious provocation against the Asian countries and world peace. The series of aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists has once again thoroughly exposed that they are the most vicious enemy of the Chinese people and of all the national independence movements in Asia, Africa and Latin America, as well as of world peace. All peace-loving countries and peoples of the world must unite to shatter

completely the U.S. aggressors' criminal scheme to breach world peace.

Taiwan is China's territory; the Chinese people are determined to liberate Taiwan! Quemoy and Matsu are Chinese islands; the Chinese people are determined to liberate Quemoy and Matsu! The Chinese people's determination to liberate their territory and complete the unification of their motherland is unshakable. In particular we cannot tolerate our enemy holding in our inland waters along the mainland such bases as Quemoy and Matsu for launching attacks on us. No amount of provocation from the U.S. imperialists can cow the Chinese people who have already stood up. Our great leader Chairman Mao Tse-tung has pointed out long ago that the U.S. reactionaries are a paper tiger, and that they cannot intimidate the great Chinese people and the peoples of the world. Any provocation from the imperialist reactionaries will certainly be shattered completely by us.

Ours is a just struggle. Our struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression is supported by the peace-loving countries and peoples of the world. Our great ally the Soviet Union has given stern warnings to the U.S. imperialists. All countries in the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union have solemnly indicated that a threat to the Chinese people will be a threat to the entire socialist camp. As President Nasser of the United Arab Republic said in his statement, the peoples of the UAR and other Arab states regard the Chinese people's struggle as their own. India, Indonesia and all the other peace-loving countries and peoples of Asia, Africa, Latin America and throughout the world unanimously condemn this new war provocation made by the United States. On our side are the incomparably powerful peace forces of

the whole world, while the U.S. aggressors, though seemingly ferocious, are nothing but a handful of reactionary rubbish. They have lost all popular support and are extremely isolated. The recent development of the world situation has given further proof of the brilliant appraisal of the international situation made by Chairman Mao: We are in an epoch when "the East wind prevails over the West wind." All the attempts of the imperialist reactionaries to go against the tide of history will not only fail to save them from their doom, but will definitely further mobilize the people of the world in stronger unity and more intensified struggle so as to win at an early date the victory of the cause of peace and progress of mankind.

We Chinese people ardently love peace. We resolutely support the foreign policy of peace of our Government and its decision to be prepared to resume the Sino-American ambassadorial talks. We are willing to settle the disputes between China and the United States and safeguard our country's sovereignty and territorial integrity through peaceful negotiation. But the U.S. imperialists should know that if, in brazen disregard of the solemn warnings given by the Chinese people and the peoples of the world and of their desire for peace, they should persist in their aggression and intervention against our country, they will surely suffer shameful defeat. If they dare to impose war on the Chinese people and the peoples of the whole world, they will surely be dealt annihilating blows which will wipe out the criminal imperialist system from the face of the earth once and for all.

Comrades and fellow countrymen! Gone for ever is the day when China used to be carved up and enslaved

by others. We are the masters of a resplendent New China. In order to defend our great motherland, halt U.S. imperialist provocations, build our country into a powerful socialist state, and accomplish the sacred task of unification of our motherland, our heroic soldiers and officers are bravely guarding our front, our People's Liberation Army will do all they can to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country. All people in the rear, in city and countryside, must be mobilized. They must further rouse their energies and exert themselves to push ahead the great leap in our production: producing more iron, steel, machinery and grain. We must establish on a wide scale and develop people's communes. We must speed up the arming of the whole people, keeping them ready to respond to the sacred call to defend our great motherland. Let the outwardly strong but inwardly weak paper tiger of U.S. imperialism tremble! Victory will certainly be ours!

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U.S. troops, clear out of the Taiwan area!

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**SOONG CHING LING, VICE-CHAIRMAN
OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS:
OPPOSE THE MILITARY PROVOCATIONS OF
U.S. IMPERIALISM**

Renmin Ribao, September 8, 1958

The statement of Premier Chou En-lai on the situation in the Taiwan Straits area fully demonstrates the will and determination of the six hundred million Chinese people. The statement made by U.S. Secretary of State Dulles under the authorization of U.S. President Eisenhower, which is full of war provocations, shows that the United States is creating tension in the Taiwan Straits area, openly interfering with our country's internal affairs and seriously menacing world peace. This barefaced aggressive action of the United States has aroused indignation of all the Chinese people and caused anxiety among the people throughout the world. All fair-minded public opinion in the world acknowledges that Taiwan and the Penghu Islands have been China's territories since ancient times. For the Chinese people to liberate their own territories of Taiwan and the Penghu Islands is entirely China's internal affair. The United States has no right to interfere. But the United States openly supports the Chiang Kai-shek clique which has long been repudiated by the Chinese people, and is using direct

military forces to occupy the area. Now the United States has gone further to declare that it wants to extend its aggression to the coastal islands. We absolutely cannot tolerate this outrageous interference and naked aggression. The aggression of the United States imperialists will certainly arouse condemnation and opposition among the people throughout the world.

I fully support Premier Chou En-lai's statement and will work, alongside all the Chinese people, to check the provocative action of the United States. If the United States is determined to force war on the Chinese people, we will not be intimidated by the war provocateurs. We love peace and need peace, but will absolutely not beg for peace. Just as in the past when we were able to drive from our country's mainland the imperialists and the reactionary clique that were armed to the teeth, so today, nine years after the founding of the People's Republic of China, when the whole country is unprecedentedly united under the Chinese Communist Party and carrying out construction at a great speed, we are even more confident of liberating all of our country's territory and dealing heavy blows against the aggression of the imperialists.

The people throughout our country, guided by the Chinese Communist Party's general line for socialist construction, are making a giant leap forward. Our country is stronger than ever before. We are fully capable of, in a very short space of time, catching up with and surpassing Britain in the output of major industrial products. We have the complete strength to defend our country's territory and deal counter-blows against the aggression of the imperialists. Should the United States be so crazy as to start a war, it will surely meet with disaster!

Justice is on our side; victory will be ours!

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**SIX HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE
MOBILIZE TO CRUSH THE U.S. AGGRESSORS'
MILITARY THREATS AND WAR PROVOCATIONS!**

Renmin Ribao Editorial, September 7, 1958

On September 4, U.S. Secretary of State Dulles issued a statement openly declaring U.S. intentions of expanding aggression in the Taiwan Straits area and carrying out military provocations and war threats against the Chinese people. At the same time, it was reported that the U.S. had sent large number of warships and aircraft from the U.S. and the Mediterranean Sea to strengthen the Seventh Fleet which is patrolling in the Taiwan Straits area. Up to now, the Seventh Fleet already has seven aircraft carriers, three heavy cruisers and forty destroyers. The U.S. Patrol Squadron 46, the First Marine Air Group and several other groups of aircraft have been sent to Taiwan and the Philippines. The first contingent of 3,800 U.S. marines have landed in southern Taiwan and more troops are arriving. The Command of the U.S. aggressive troops in Taiwan openly declared that the U.S. forces would blockade China's coastal islands and the Quemoy Islands with gunboats and artillery fire in the manoeuvre to be held on September 8. The U.S. imperialists' attempt to impose war on the Chinese people comes at a time when the latter are making a big leap forward on the road of socialist construction with selfless labour. The Chinese

people hold peace dear, but ardent love for peace does not mean that they can give up their sovereignty and territorial integrity. The Chinese people will not spare their blood to preserve their sovereignty and territorial integrity. The U.S. aggressors would be making a big blunder by entertaining any illusions on this question.

On behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China, Premier Chou En-lai solemnly declared: "Should the U.S. Government, brazenly disregarding the Chinese people's repeated warnings and the desire of the people of the world for peace, persist in its aggression and intervention against China and impose war on the Chinese people, it must bear the responsibility for all the serious consequences." This is a serious warning of the 650 million Chinese people to the U.S. aggressors! People of the whole country, mobilize to crush the U.S. aggressors' military threats and war provocations!

Taiwan and the Penghu Islands have been China's territories for centuries. The coastal islands such as the Quemoy and Matsu are islands in the territorial waters of the Chinese mainland. As the old Chinese saying goes, "To have a stranger snoring by one's bed is intolerable." The liberation of these islands and their recovery by China is a sacred right and obligation of the Chinese people and is as equally an entirely internal Chinese affair as was the liberation of Hainan Island, the Choushan Islands and other coastal islands by the People's Liberation Army. But in order to extend their aggression from Taiwan to the Quemoy and Matsu islands, the U.S. aggressors have attempted to create pretexts to obliterate the Chinese people's sovereign rights. In his statement Dulles declared that "neither Taiwan nor the islands of Quemoy and Matsu have ever been

under the authority" of China and that any attempt made by the Chinese people to liberate these islands would be "a crude violation of the principles upon which world order is based, namely, that no country should use armed force to seize new territory." Here Dulles and Eisenhower have resorted to the same infamous pretext as the U.S. aggressors used in the Middle East by branding the Lebanese people's actions to overthrow the Chamoun government as "aggression" and by labelling the Iraqi people's revolution to overthrow the dynasty also as "aggression." Now they have branded the Chinese people's just action of liberating their own territory as "seizure of new territory." It is universally known that many documents signed by the U.S. Government in the past declared Taiwan, the Penghu Islands and other Chinese islands to be Chinese territories and gave assurances that the U.S. would not interfere with China's internal affairs. On January 5, 1950, U.S. President Truman declared: In the joint declaration at Cairo on December 1, 1943, the president of the United States, the British prime minister and the president of China stated that it was their purpose that territories Japan had stolen from China, such as Taiwan, should be restored to China. The United States was a signatory to the Potsdam Declaration of July 26, 1945, which declared that the terms of the Cairo Declaration should be carried out. The provisions of the declaration were accepted by Japan at the time of its surrender. "For the past four years the United States and other allied powers have accepted the exercise of Chinese authority over the island. The United States has no predatory designs on Formosa or on any other Chinese territory . . . nor does it have any intention of utilizing its armed forces to interfere in the present situa-

tion. The U.S. Government will not pursue a course which will lead to involvement in the civil conflict in China." That's enough! Has not the U.S. Government solemnly recognized that Taiwan, the Quemoy and Matsu islands are Chinese territories and not new territories of China? The Chinese people want to liberate these territories of their own not from the hands of foreigners but from the rule of the remnant Chiang Kai-shek gang who had been defeated completely by the Chinese people and escaped under U.S. protection. The Chinese people have not yet brought these areas under their "authority" precisely because the U.S. aggressors have ignominiously gone back on the statements made by the U.S. Government to the whole world. Is it not true that were it not for the armed intervention of the U.S. Government, not only the Quemoy and Matsu islands but also Taiwan and the Penghu Islands would have long been restored to the authority of the People's Republic of China? The arguments of Dulles and Eisenhower for the U.S. plan of aggression are too ludicrous and too poor.

Dulles said: "The United States is bound by treaty to help to defend Taiwan from armed attack and the President is authorized by joint resolution of the Congress to employ the armed forces of the United States for the securing and protecting of related positions such as Quemoy and Matsu." Bound by what treaty? It is the so-called "Mutual Defence Treaty" signed by the U.S. and the traitorous Chiang Kai-shek group on December 2, 1954. This "treaty" is a contract to sell himself made by the traitor Chiang Kai-shek who has been spurned by the whole Chinese people. It is also an iron-clad testimony of aggression against Chinese territory by U.S. imperialism. The gang of traitors around Chiang Kai-shek, who

have been defeated by the Chinese people and escaped to Taiwan have no right whatever to conclude any treaty with any country. Therefore, the so-called U.S.-Chiang Kai-shek "Mutual Defence Treaty" is utterly illegal, and null and void. U.S. occupation of Taiwan and the Penghu Islands and its attempt to extend this direct aggression to the Quemoy and Matsu are interference with China's internal affairs and an illegal action infringing on China's territorial integrity and sovereignty. The United Nations Charter clearly provides that no infringement upon the territorial integrity and political independence of any country is allowed. The aggressive action of the U.S. has completely violated the U.N. Charter and all principles of international law. As to the resolution adopted by the U.S. Congress, who invested the U.S. Congress with the right to adopt such a resolution which runs counter to the U.N. Charter and the principles of international law and interferes with the internal affairs of a foreign country? Is the whole world but a state of the U.S.? If the resolution which "authorized" the U.S. president to use U.S. armed forces to obstruct China's liberation of the Quemoy and Matsu islands has any significance, it is only as a further proof of the U.S. crime of armed intervention in China's internal affairs and war threats. No country or people will accede that their territory should be occupied by the U.S. because the U.S. Congress has passed a resolution to this effect. Therefore, any "treaty" concluded between the U.S. and the Chiang Kai-shek clique and any related resolution adopted by the U.S. Congress are entirely illegal and null and void to the Chinese people and the peoples of the world, before United Nations Charter and the principles of international law, and before truth and justice.

The present tension in the Taiwan Straits area originated in the aggressive and war policy of the U.S. imperialists. Ever since the Chinese people liberated the mainland of China, the traitorous Chiang Kai-shek group, supported and instigated by their U.S. masters, have never ceased disturbing the mainland. Entrenched on the Quemoy and Matsu islands, the Chiang Kai-shek gang have directly threatened the security of Amoy and Foochow. Shipping between these two ports and other places has been constantly under attack. Owing to the U.S. massing of a huge fleet and large numbers of aeroplanes in the Taiwan Straits area and its war threats, a state of tension has all along existed in this area. Since the U.S. launched war of aggression in the Middle East, the Chiang Kai-shek clique, with the support of the U.S., have stepped up their disturbances from the Quemoy, Matsu and other coastal islands and repeatedly clamoured "to speed up accordingly the preparations to launch a counter-attack against the mainland." A month and more before the Chinese People's Liberation Army began punishing the Chiang Kai-shek bandit troops on Quemoy Island, the Chiang Kai-shek clique had cancelled all leave for their officers and men and prepared actively for war. Aircraft of the Chiang Kai-shek clique intensified their disturbances over the mainland and warships increased their activities against the coastal areas. It was precisely for this reason that the Chinese People's Liberation Army dealt heavy blows against the Chiang Kai-shek troops entrenched on the coastal islands. This is entirely within the realm of China's internal affairs. But after being condemned by the whole world for their aggression in the Middle East, the U.S. aggressors, to divert the attention of the people of the world and delay the withdrawal

of their troops from the Lebanon, have assembled large numbers of armed forces in the Taiwan Straits area, openly carried out military provocations and war threats against the Chinese people and attempted to extend their aggression in the Taiwan area to the Quemoy, Matsu and other coastal islands. This action of the U.S. is a serious provocation against the 600 million Chinese people as well as a grave menace to world peace.

However, the U.S. aggressors should bear in mind that the Chinese people's determination to liberate their own territory of Taiwan and the Penghu Islands is unshakable. No war provocation by the U.S. can intimidate the Chinese people. On the contrary, it can only arouse the 600 million Chinese people to still greater indignation. In 1946, when the U.S. imperialists supported the traitorous Chiang Kai-shek group in launching a full-scale civil war and imposed war on the Chinese people, they had not been intimidated. Instead, led by the Chinese Communist Party, they rose energetically to meet the enemy until they wiped out four million Chiang Kai-shek's regular troops armed to the teeth with U.S. equipment and drove the traitorous Chiang Kai-shek group together with their masters, the U.S. imperialists, to escape by sea. In the autumn of 1950, in the name of the United Nations, the U.S. assembled the troops of 16 countries and ignoring the warning of the Chinese people, crossed the 38th parallel in Korea to encroach upon China's border areas. At the same time, they sent large numbers of aeroplanes to invade China's territorial air in the North-east, bombed and strafed and marched their troops right to the Yalu River. The facts are precisely opposite to what Dulles declared in his statement. It was not China who was trying to achieve "territorial ambitions"

in Korea with armed forces. It was just when the U.S. aggressors attempted to achieve their "territorial ambitions" not only in Korea but also in China with armed forces and imposed war upon us that the Chinese people sent the Chinese People's Volunteers to Korea, who, together with the Korean people, crushed the outrageous plans of the U.S. aggressors to occupy Korea first and then to subdue China. Is the lesson given by the Chinese people to the U.S. aggressors not enough for Dulles and his like? Although the Chinese people ardently love peace, if the forgetful U.S. imperialists are set on interfering with China's internal affairs with armed force and to have it out with the Chinese people, then we Chinese people will exact an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. We shall resolutely rise in self-defence and wipe out the aggressors completely.

Owing to the creation of a tense situation in the Taiwan area by the U.S., the clouds of war hang over the East. This has once again exposed the savage countenance of the U.S. imperialists before the people of the whole world. The Chinese people's just struggle has won the energetic support of the peoples of all countries. A commentator of the Soviet paper *Pravda* pointed out: "Bound by ties of fraternal friendship and mutual assistance to the People's Republic of China, the Soviet people will render aid to their brother, the Chinese people, with all the means at their disposal in order to curb the brazen and crazy gamblers provoking war."

Newspapers of Vietnam, Korea, Mongolia, Czechoslovakia, Albania, Bulgaria, Poland, Rumania, Hungary and the German Democratic Republic have also carried commentaries strongly condemning the U.S. imperialists' occupation of Taiwan and their provocations against Peo-

ple's China and supporting the Chinese people's struggle against the U.S. aggressors.

President Nasser of the United Arab Republic said: "When the people of China wanted to realize their will and possess all their territory, interference took place, real interference: Formosa (Taiwan) was occupied."

The Cairo paper *Al Massa* stated: "To stand by China is to stand by our own cause and is for the victory of the peace forces over war and for the victory of the people's forces over imperialism." Pandit Sunderlal, President of the India-China Friendship Association, said: "Let the U.S. imperialists read the writing on the wall. Let them realize that India, all Arab countries, the U.S.S.R. and the socialist countries, truth and justice are all on the side of China."

The Chinese people who have been steeled in long revolutionary struggles are not to be intimidated or deceived. They have every right to liberate their own territory by all suitable means at a suitable time, and will not tolerate any foreign interference. At a time when the U.S. imperialists have arrayed their troops in the Taiwan Straits and are engaged in serious war provocations against the Chinese people, the Chinese people must immediately get themselves mobilized to carry through the struggle to crush any provocations by the U.S. aggressors. The socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union, the countries and mass of peoples in the Asian and African region which stand for peace and oppose aggression, as well as all people of the world who love peace and are against aggression are all on our side. Let the provocations of the U.S. imperialists suffer another complete rout under the counter-blows of the Chinese people and the peoples of the whole world.

TENSE SITUATION IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS AREA IS BEING AGGRAVATED AS A RESULT OF THE NEW AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED STATES

Hsinhua News Agency Commentary, September 7, 1958

The United States warships escorting transports of the Chiang Kai-shek clique openly intruded into the territorial waters of China in the Quemoy and Amoy area on the afternoon of September 7. This is a serious violation of China's sovereignty. The Government of the People's Republic of China has already announced that the limit of China's territorial waters is twelve nautical miles and that the Quemoy Islands are islands in the inland waters of China. The U.S. imperialists, thirsting for aggression and apparently mistaking the events of the past two days, are making frenzied attempts to carry out military provocations against the Chinese people as they please. The intrusion of U.S. warships into China's territorial waters is imbued with grave danger. The spokesman of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs has warned against this. The Chinese people who are determined to defend their national sovereignty will not remain indifferent to this act of open invasion. The United States authorities must bear the responsibility for all the grave consequences of the intrusion of the U.S. warships into China's territorial waters.

During the past few days the People's Liberation Army at the Fukien front suspended its bombardment of the Chiang Kai-shek troops entrenched in the Quemoy area, in order to give them an opportunity to repent. But instead of showing any sign of remorse, they continued shelling the Amoy area and its neighbouring villages, killing or wounding over thirty inhabitants, the majority of whom being middle school students who were attending classes at the time. Chiang Kai-shek's "Defence Ministry" has tried its utmost to deny these atrocities. Moreover, Taiwan broadcasts today warned the inhabitants in the Amoy area to evacuate, indicating that the Chiang Kai-shek troops intend to step up their wanton bombardments of peaceful villages. The Chinese people will certainly not tolerate this. The bloodthirsty Chiang Kai-shek troops will not escape the punishment they deserve.

The military provocations of U.S. imperialism have aroused the patriotic fervour of the entire Chinese people to an unprecedented height. In response to the call of the Supreme State Conference, the 600 million people are mobilizing themselves to oppose the U.S. imperialist intervention in China's internal affairs with firm determination. The struggle waged by the Chinese people in defence of their national sovereignty and for the liberation of their own territory will certainly triumph while the military provocations and threats of war carried out by the U.S. aggressors are doomed to complete failure.

THE UNITED STATES SHOULD IMMEDIATELY PULL UP THE HORSE BEFORE THE PRECIPICE

Renmin Ribao Editorial, September 9, 1958

The great demonstrations of the people throughout the country, Chairman Mao Tse-tung's warning at the Supreme State Conference to the U.S. aggressors, the punishment meted out by our artillery forces at the Fukien front to Chiang Kai-shek troops in Quemoy and their transport ships for their wanton provocations under the protection of the U.S. aggressors—all these are China's just and solemn reply to the U.S. aggressors in these two days.

The U.S. Government is now carrying on its most dangerous military adventure since the Second World War. This adventure is most dangerous because it has selected as its opponent a big country with a quarter of the world's population, a country which had previous engagements with the U.S. and which has since become many times mightier politically, economically and militarily. Furthermore, it must be noted that this country is the ally of the powerful Soviet Union, which has declared that to invade China is to invade the Soviet Union. The United States had invaded China's neighbour, the Korean Democratic People's Republic, thus bringing about the war of resistance against the United States and aid to

Korea in which the Chinese People's Volunteers gained victory. The United States has already occupied China's territory of Taiwan, but Taiwan will certainly be liberated by China sooner or later. However, the present conditions are different from the last two cases. Quemoy and Matsu, having no high seas to separate them from the mainland, are not neighbouring state of China. The U.S. announcement that it will help the Chiang Kai-shek clique to defend Quemoy and Matsu or to protect the communication lines from Taiwan to Quemoy and Matsu has led the United States into a most precarious situation involving direct armed conflict with China at any moment.

The U.S. policy makers might think that the Chinese Government's declaration on territorial waters on September 4 and the warning on September 6 against U.S. intervention in China's internal affairs were merely empty threats and therefore continue their "brink of war" policy and provocations against China. But Americans who entertain such ideas are totally mistaken. The great People's Republic of China is most certainly not a country that would be subdued by the enemy's war threats, nor a country that only says and does not act. This is shown in the unprecedented raging demonstrations of the entire Chinese people, who expressed their determination immediately to take up arms and march to the front at the call of the motherland. The whole world, especially the Americans, know that the Chinese people will never be conquered.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung's speech at the Supreme State Conference on September 8, stated in precise terms the determination and confidence of the Chinese people. He pointed out that by occupying the Chinese territory of Taiwan as they occupy the Lebanon and set up hundreds

of military bases in many countries, the U.S. aggressors are actually placing nooses round their own necks. The creation of tense situation in the Taiwan Straits area by the United States, as the creation of tension in the Lebanon and in other places, has in effect mobilized the peoples of the whole world to oppose the U.S. aggressors. Do not the facts prove this? Does not every new step taken by the United States in carrying out its policy of aggression become more stupid and frantic, and push the U.S. imperialists further to the state of utter and desperate isolation both at home and abroad? Could these facts arouse any amount of fear among our great people who have been steeled in our great revolutionary struggle? All the U.S. antics can only cow those opportunists who are ready to yield at any time to the blackmail of the atomic and hydrogen bombs, wheat and dollars of the U.S., but in the eyes of the indomitable people, the creators of new history, this is purely stinking rubbish to be swept away on the road of human progress. If the U.S. policy makers have decided to tighten the nooses on their own necks, then let them do it.

The Chinese people love peace and the Chinese Government is willing to co-exist peacefully with all other countries. But China is determined to liberate its territory of Taiwan. This is entirely China's internal affair and no foreign interference will be tolerated. In particular, the Chinese people cannot tolerate in their own territorial waters the presence of outposts of the Chiang Kai-shek clique which daily threaten their security and endanger their lives and property, nor can they tolerate the sailing of U.S. warships in the territorial waters of China. All these are as obvious as the sun, leaving no ground for ambiguity and compromise, and no clear-headed person

would show any doubt on these. The Chiang Kai-shek clique in Quemoy deliberately making provocations and disregarding the repeated warnings served by the People's Liberation Army, have shelled the peaceful inhabitants and students in the villages on the coast near Amoy, resulting in heavy casualties. The U.S. warships, not heeding the serious warnings of our Foreign Ministry, have also time and again intruded in our territorial waters. In reply to this, the artillery forces at the Fukien front took action on September 8 to deal punitive blows to the Chiang's troops in Quemoy and Chiang's warships and craft under the protection of U.S. warships. The guns now are roaring, the grave danger resulting from the U.S. military provocations is growing. Now the U.S. Government still has chances to prevent the expansion of the issue and settle the international dispute in the Taiwan Straits area through peaceful negotiation. If the U.S. Government still has any desire for peace, it should pull up the horse before the precipice and stop action immediately.

WE HAVE FRIENDS ALL OVER THE WORLD

Renmin Ribao Editorial, September 11, 1958

N. S. Khrushchov, Chairman of the Soviet Council of Ministers, in his letter to the U.S. President Eisenhower on September 7, declared in plain words: "An attack on the People's Republic of China, the great friend, ally and neighbour of this country, is tantamount to an attack on the Soviet Union. Loyal to its duty, the Soviet Union will do its utmost to uphold, jointly with People's China, the security of the two states, the interests of peace in the Far East and throughout the world." This declaration by the Soviet leader is a powerful support to the struggle of our people against the U.S. armed provocations and a grave warning to the U.S. Government. It is not difficult for any sober-minded person to understand the weight of these words.

Since U.S. imperialism started its military provocations and war threats against the Chinese people, the countries of the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union have shown profound sympathy and active support for our just struggle. The Government of Mongolia issued a statement. Kim Il Sung, Premier of the Korean Democratic People's Republic, Pham Van Dong, Premier of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Tsende, First Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Mongolia, Yugov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bulgaria, Stoica,

Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Rumania, Ulbricht, First Deputy Premier of the German Democratic Republic, Gomulka, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers Party, Shehu, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Albania, Marosan, Minister of State of Hungary and Hajek, Deputy Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia all made speeches, sternly condemning U.S. intervention in China's internal affairs and supporting the Chinese people's struggle against aggression. To such lofty spirit of internationalism manifested by the Soviet Union and other fraternal countries, the Chinese people express their heartfelt gratitude. The existence and support of the Soviet Union and the other countries of the socialist camp had, in the past dark days, inspired our people in their successful struggles in resolutely opposing the internal and external reactionaries. Since the founding of the People's Republic of China, they have helped our people in socialist construction. The people of China are deeply aware that in our struggle to safeguard our national sovereignty and defend world peace, we are not alone. The mighty Soviet Union and all other socialist countries are behind us. The socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union is the bulwark of world peace. Closely uniting together and supporting one another, it is an invincible force defending world peace and curbing the aggressive ambitions of the warlike imperialist bloc.

An old Chinese saying goes: "A just cause has ready supporters." Voices of support for the struggle of the Chinese people against aggression have also come from Asia, Africa, and as far as Latin America on the other side of the Pacific, which we highly value and deeply appreciate.

We are glad to learn that President Nasser of the United Arab Republic has condemned the U.S. occupation of Taiwan as direct aggression against China and real intervention threatening world peace. It is quite natural for the people of the Arab countries who have suffered so bitterly from the imperialist policies of aggression and colonialism to understand that the Chinese people's struggle against the U.S. gunboat policy is a just struggle. Common interests in the struggle against imperialism and colonialism have tied us all together.

The Damascus paper *Al Ray al-Aam* pointed out that the anti-imperialist struggle has led the Arab people to the same road of struggle pursued by the Chinese people. Participation in that struggle is the duty of everyone who wants to be freed from imperialism and its influence, because the struggle for freedom throughout the world is an indivisible, unified action. The Republic of Iraq radio said that the Arab people are persisting in their struggles to liberate Jordan and the Lebanon from the occupation by the imperialist troops and to defeat all kinds of plots against the Iraqi Republic and the region of Syria. They are also heightening their vigilance and rendering support, in the spirit of unity, to their Chinese brothers in the struggle against imperialist aggression. The *Voice of Free Lebanon* radio expressed the indignation of the Lebanese people still under U.S. armed occupation. It said: "Every honest Lebanese or every honest Arab wishes that he could fly to China to join the Chinese people's struggle against U.S. imperialism." The African League also sent us a cablegram voicing the support of the people of the African continent for the Chinese people's struggle against U.S. aggression.

The Chinese people have received friendly sympathy from various countries in South-east Asia. Prime Minister Nehru of India pointed out that Taiwan and the coastal islands should belong to China. The Indian Association for Afro-Asian Solidarity, in a statement, strongly condemned the United States for continuing to intervene in the internal affairs of China and obstructing the Chinese Government in its legitimate desire to liberate China's territory. Cambodian Prime Minister Sihanouk stated that it is "reasonable and beneficial to peace" to restore the coastal islands to China. The Cambodian paper *Mittapheap* demanded that the U.S. provocations in the Taiwan area be halted. The paper said: "We should strive to prevent war. We should, therefore, support the side that has a just cause and that is for peace, and the side that has a just cause is the People's China which has full right on its own territory." Mansjur, member of Indonesian parliament, said that recovering Taiwan and the coastal islands is China's internal affairs; arbitrary foreign intervention can absolutely not be tolerated. The Indonesian Peace Committee issued a statement denouncing U.S. provocations in the Taiwan Straits and demanding the immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces from Taiwan and other coastal islands of China. It also demanded that the U.S. respect China's declaration on 12 nautical miles limit of territorial sea.

The Burmese paper *Vanguard* said in an editorial: "China has the right to use any means and at any time it likes to liberate Taiwan which is China's territory geographically, historically and legally. U.S. insistence on China's not resorting to the use of force in the Taiwan area is interference in China's internal affairs and is tantamount to closing the door to Sino-American talks."

In Japan, more than three hundred people representing the Japanese National Council for the Restoration of Japan-China Diplomatic Relations and over twenty other popular organizations—peace, friendship, trade union, women, youth, trade, etc.—held a meeting in Tokyo on September 9, strongly condemning the U.S. for engineering tension in the Far East and demanding the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. forces including the Seventh Fleet from the Taiwan area.

Attending the Congress of the International Union of Students, now in session in Peking, the representatives and observers from Brazil, Guatemala, Uruguay, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Mexico and others brought messages of support from the Latin American people to the Chinese people. In their speeches delivered at the meetings, they unanimously denounced the U.S. intervention in China's internal affairs and expressed their full support for the Chinese people's just struggle in liberating Taiwan and the coastal islands.

All these have undoubtedly further inspired and strengthened the determination of the Chinese people in their struggle against U.S. aggressors. It is because of the justice of the Chinese people's struggle to safeguard their national sovereignty and defend world peace that they have won wide sympathy and support from all people who cherish peace and freedom.

In sharp contrast, the provocations of U.S. imperialism in the Taiwan Straits is like what the British paper *Manchester Guardian* has described: "Except for Syngman Rhee, there is probably no other government in the world willing to fight side by side with the United States for Quemoy and other offshore Chinese islands." Everybody knows that Syngman Rhee is a mad dog in U.S. chains,

and nobody with a little memory will doubt that if U.S. imperialism dares release this mad dog, it will suffer a much heavier destructive blow than the one received during the Korean war concluded only five years ago. The U.S. imperialists must have known how isolated they are—except in the company of Syngman Rhee. Canada's Foreign Minister Smith, Thailand's Premier Nai Thanom Kittikachon, Philippine President Garcia and Australian Prime Minister Menzies have all made clear that they do not wish their governments to get involved in any armed conflict that may possibly break out in the Taiwan Straits area.

Even in the United States, Washington's adventurist policy is none too popular. A reader of *New York Post* wrote: "How many American lives are we prepared to sacrifice to support a traitorous regime chased out of the Chinese mainland?" An editorial in the *Detroit Free Press* said: "We doubt whether there is one out of a million Americans who is willing to fight for Taiwan." Of late, there has been an uproar within the U.S. bourgeois circles over Eisenhower government's creation of tension in the Taiwan Straits area. It is worth mentioning that some who were once among the supporters of Chiang Kai-shek clique in launching civil war against the people appeared to have learned a lesson from bitter defeat. For example, Patrick Hurley, U.S. Ambassador to the Kuomintang regime in 1946, attacked Eisenhower's military adventures as tantamount to suicide. Another one is Dean Acheson, former U.S. Secretary of State, who was in charge of editing the White Paper summarizing the lessons to be learned from the failure of the China policy of the United States. He attacked Dulles' brink of war policy, saying that the United States has lost

control over the situation. These are honest words. It seems that only Nixon and his like, blinded by self-interest, are bent on military adventures, but even he himself is afraid that the United States will actually show itself as a paper tiger.

At the recent meeting of the Supreme State Conference, Chairman Mao Tse-tung said: "The U.S. imperialists have been creating tensions in all parts of the world in an attempt to achieve their aggressive ends and to enslave the peoples of various countries. The U.S. imperialists calculate that they will always benefit from these tense situations, but the fact is that the tense situations created by the United States have led to the opposite of what the Americans wished. They have produced the effect of mobilizing the people of the world to oppose the U.S. aggressors." Now the people have seen once again in the present case of U.S. aggressors' war provocations against China that U.S. imperialism is bearing the consequences of its own deeds; that it is meeting with condemnation and opposition from all parts of the world.

The U.S. military provocations have brought about an extremely dangerous situation in the Taiwan Straits. Will the United States put this new noose of "defending Quemoy and Matsu" tightly round its own neck, or will it draw back the bloody hands of the aggressor under the stern warning of China and the Soviet Union? At this critical moment, neither the empty talks of Dulles nor the distortions of the White House spokesman is of any use. The Chinese people and the people of the whole world are vigilantly watching the movement of the United States in the Taiwan Straits area.

**REAL DANGER LIES IN
CONTINUOUS MILITARY PROVOCATIONS
BY THE UNITED STATES**

Renmin Ribao Editorial, September 12, 1958

On the morning of September 11, U.S. warships "escorting" Kuomintang transport vessels again intruded into China's territorial waters in the Amoy-Quemoy area. This is another military venture of the U.S. aggressors following the repeated intrusion into our territorial air by their military aircraft on September 10. The dangerous situation in the Taiwan Straits area is being daily aggravated as a result of the United States persistence in its criminal activities. Our artillery units on the Fukien front have already heavily shelled Kuomintang transport vessels intruding into the Quemoy area. We must warn the U.S. aggressors that gunfire is not discriminating. Towards the Chiang Kai-shek troops entrenched on Quemoy who are continuing their criminal activities and even openly bombarding Amoy University, our frontline troops will certainly take the necessary military action. China will certainly not look on with indifference while the U.S. aggressors ignore our warnings and continue to send their warships to give "logistical support" to the Chiang Kai-shek troops in Quemoy. If the U.S. warships disregard our repeated warnings and continue to invade our territorial waters, then the United States

must be held responsible for all the serious consequences arising therefrom. The whole world is now able to see more clearly than ever before that the present dangerous situation in the Taiwan Straits area is due to the amassing of large numbers of warships by the United States for military provocation against China.

In a statement issued on September 8, a White House spokesman said that the United States was already aware of the danger existing in the Taiwan Straits area, as pointed out in Khrushchov's message to Eisenhower. The spokesman expressed the hope that with the resumption of the Sino-American ambassadorial talks, the danger "will be mitigated." But he said that the dangerous situation was due to "the unprovoked military action taken by the Chinese Communists." He even demanded that the Chinese people refrain from "using armed force to achieve territorial ambitions."

This statement of the White House spokesman gives the impression that the United States is going to hold talks with China because there has arisen a dispute between China and the United States owing to Chinese armed invasion of some foreign territory. But the American gentlemen themselves have not explained whose territory China has invaded. Is it the territory of the United States? Obviously not. Is it the territory of any other country? Obviously not, either. The whole world knows that Taiwan and the Penghu Islands have been Chinese territories since ancient times. International agreements and documents signed by the United States have declared this fact. As to the fact that Quemoy, Matsu and other islands in China's inland waters are Chinese territories, this is something which, above all else, no one can deny. Is it a matter of achieving "territorial ambitions" and a

danger to "the vital interests of the U.S." for the Chinese people to liberate their own territory? The Chinese people are achieving "territorial ambitions" on their own territory — this is the logic invented by the American gentlemen!

Dulles has attempted to deny the Chinese people's right to exercise their sovereignty over their territories of Taiwan, the Penghu Islands, Quemoy, Matsu and other islands, by arguing that all these places have never been "under the authority of the Chinese Communists." This is an absurd argument. The territorial sovereignty of a country and the "authority" of any political party in a country are totally different matters that are not to be confused. Is the territorial sovereignty of a country subjected to a change if a civil war, revolution or other political change takes place in that country? Before 1953, the Democratic Party was in power in the United States, and after 1953 the Republican Party became the ruling party. According to Dulles' logic, has not the Republican Party achieved "territorial ambitions" in the United States and has not Eisenhower invaded U.S. territory?

The Chinese people have held sovereignty over the whole of China since the day they, under the leadership of the Communist Party, overthrew the rule of imperialism and its lackey, the Kuomintang reactionaries in China, and founded the People's Republic of China. The Chinese people have not yet been able to exercise their sovereignty over Taiwan, the Penghu Islands, Quemoy, Matsu and other islands, only because the United States has intervened in China's internal affairs and occupied China's Taiwan by armed force. It is obviously China's own affair whether Taiwan should be controlled by the

Chinese people or by the Chiang Kai-shek clique already spurned by the Chinese people. On what grounds has the United States carried out intervention? The Chinese people have not sent a single soldier to occupy any part of U.S. territory. Why then should the United States despatch large armed forces to occupy China's Taiwan and deploy forces in the Taiwan Straits to carry out provocations against China? The whole world has seen that it is the United States which has openly used force to grab China's territory of Taiwan. It is the United States which has set up hundreds of military bases in scores of countries to undermine the territorial sovereignty of these countries. Again, it is the United States which, in order to achieve its territorial ambition, has sent warships everywhere to "show strength," despatched troops to occupy the Lebanon and South Korea and refused to withdraw its troops from these places.

These selfsame U.S. aggressors, who have been everywhere trying to achieve their territorial ambitions, have recently utilized China's territory of Taiwan, which they have seized, to expand their aggression against China in the Taiwan Straits area. They have declared that they would interfere by armed force in the Chinese people's liberation of Quemoy, Matsu and other islands in the inland sea of China on which the traitorous Chiang Kai-shek gang are now entrenched — an open war provocation against the Chinese people. This is the sole cause for the present extremely dangerous situation in the Taiwan Straits area. This is a fact which the United States cannot distort or cover up.

The Chinese people have always stood for peaceful co-existence with the people of all countries and for peaceful settlement of all international disputes. Premier

Chou En-lai, in his statement of September 6, expressed China's readiness to resume the ambassadorial talk with the United States in order that another effort be made to safeguard peace. However, the Chinese people will never give up their sacred right to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of their motherland. In resisting any aggressor who dares to invade their country, the Chinese people have fear of nothing whatsoever. The Chinese Government has four times issued serious warnings against the provocations made by U.S. warships and aeroplanes in repeatedly encroaching on China's territorial sea and air. If the United States ignores our repeated warnings, continues its provocative activities, and thus causes grave consequences, it cannot blame us for not having given warnings in advance. Since the gentlemen of the White House have said that the United States has realized the danger and have expressed their readiness to ease the situation through the Sino-American talks, then they should implement their words with deeds. If the United States really realizes the danger, then its urgent task of the moment is to stop all its war provocations immediately.

U.S. PIRATES, GET OUT OF TAIWAN!

Renmin Ribao Editorial, September 21, 1958

The situation in the Taiwan Straits area has become graver than ever as a result of the frenzied intensification of military provocation by the U.S. aggressors.

On September 18 and 19, U.S. warships invaded China's territorial sea 11 times and extended the scope of their activities. The U.S. pirates have extended their bloody hands from the Quemoy and Amoy area to a broader area, including Paichuan, Pingtan and Tungting, completely ignoring the seven serious warnings of the Chinese Government.

The U.S. air force has been sending reinforcements, batch after batch, to Taiwan, including the much-boasted Star jets equipped with the latest type of nuclear weapons. A spokesman for the headquarters of the U.S. aggressive forces in Taiwan, Martin, blatantly declared: "American jet fighters have been ordered to 'attack and kill' Communist planes pouncing on Nationalist supply planes in the Quemoy area." He even spoke in most provocative terms, saying: "U.S. planes might follow the Migs to Mainland China bases and bomb those bases."

The U.S. navy has concentrated six aircraft carriers and about 130 other warships in the Taiwan Straits area. Five of the six carriers are equipped with nuclear bombs.

U.S. "Matador" guided missiles have been installed in Taiwan, ready to fire at any time. It is reported that launching fields for other missiles are being built round the clock. Lately a "Nike" missile battalion has also been sent to Taiwan.

Are these what Eisenhower "devoutly wishes for"? Are these the "peaceful solution" which Dulles hopes to find? Have the U.S. armed forces gone to the Taiwan Straits area "to seek peace"? It needs little intelligence to see that the U.S. aggressors are bent on war. The gentlemen in Washington are acting like Chicago gangsters; they are dreaming that they can use atomic blackmail to force the Chinese people to give up their sacred right to liberate their own territories: Taiwan and the coastal islands. They fancy that they can use Taiwan and the coastal islands under their occupation as bases for waging a war against China. At the same time, Dulles, in his brazen speech at the U.N. General Assembly, tried to put up a smokescreen to cover the U.S. war preparations by distorting facts. On account of this, Foreign Minister Chen Yi of the People's Republic of China issued a statement solemnly refuting Dulles' absurd utterances and seriously warning the U.S. Government.

The U.S. war maniacs have miscalculated this time. The great Chinese people cannot be intimidated, nor can they be beaten. It is the firm, unswerving determination of the Chinese people to liberate Quemoy and Matsu and other coastal islands, to liberate Taiwan, to wipe out completely the remnant forces of the reactionary Chiang Kai-shek clique from the soil of China, to achieve national unification and to defend the territorial integrity and sovereignty of their country. No threat of force by the United States can cow the Chinese people into

budgeting an inch from this stand. The Chinese people are not the kind of people to tremble before imperialist armed force. They have never been afraid, and much less so today, of any enemy that seeks to impose a war on them. The long road the Chinese people have traversed in their revolutionary struggles has been one enveloped in the flames of war. Be it the Kuomintang reactionaries, Japanese imperialism or U.S. imperialism, when they insisted on launching an armed attack, the Chinese people did not hesitate but rose and put up armed resistance. However great the hardship, the bloodshed and the sacrifice, they had not stopped until final victory was won. This is how the Chinese people have become more and more courageous and powerful through the ordeal of war. Have the U.S. aggressors not learned enough bitter lessons from the Korean war? If not, let them come and try again. The American generals may think that they have nuclear weapons in their hands. But what do they amount to? Of course, we know that nuclear weapons have a great destructive power; yet the decisive factor in a war is not weapons but men. Atomic weapons can never conquer 600 million unyielding people.

It will be good for the American generals to bear in mind that the Chinese people have always stuck to this principle in dealing with the enemy: "We will never attack when we are not attacked; when we are attacked, we will certainly counter-attack." To the enemy, they will always return "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth"; they will always deal redoubled blows at those who attack them. The American generals had better remember that the United States is not the only country in the world which has atomic and hydrogen weapons.

Just as Comrade Khrushchov said in his letter to Eisenhower: "Those who are harbouring plans for an atomic attack on the People's Republic of China should not forget that not only the United States but the other side, too, possesses atomic and hydrogen weapons and means for their conveyance, and if such an attack should be made against the People's Republic of China, the aggressor would at once be rebuffed by the same means."

The present situation in the Taiwan Straits is unprecedentedly critical. The U.S. authorities that are pursuing a policy of intensifying military provocations there are solely responsible for this. Dulles, in his speech on September 18 at the U.N. General Assembly, tried his best to defend the U.S. crime of aggression. Calling white black, he slandered the military operations of the Chinese people to liberate their own coastal islands as "armed conquest" and "aggression" against the territory of another country. But even Dulles himself cannot believe such nonsense. In the same speech, he could not but acknowledge that "the Chinese Communist attack is a civil war operation." Anyone with a reasonable amount of common sense can see that since the Chinese people's liberation of Quemoy, Matsu and Taiwan is a civil war, and since one of the parties at war is the Chinese people and the other their traitors, how can there be "another country"? Since it is a civil war, how can there be a question of the Chinese people committing "aggression" against themselves? Since it is a civil war, how can the United States evade the crime of intervening in the internal affairs of China when it openly dispatches warships, planes and marines to China's territory and territorial waters to prop up and protect that party in the civil war which has long been discarded by the Chi-

nese people? Since it is a civil war and the United States is not a party in the Chinese civil war, and since the United States is not at "war" with China, how can there be a question of "ceasefire" between China and the United States? Moreover, Quemoy and Matsu are all within the inland waters of China. Even Dulles acknowledged that he could not ignore the fact that these coastal islands are "physically close to Mainland China."

Entirely contrary to Dulles' lies, the fact is that it is precisely the United States which is attempting to carry out "armed conquest" of China and commit "armed aggression" against China. The United States has occupied China's territory Taiwan and ordered the Chiang Kai-shek clique to concentrate one third of its remnant forces on Quemoy and Matsu, dreaming that, with these places as a springboard, they might launch an attack on the Chinese mainland some day. The United States has also massed an unprecedentedly large naval and air force in Taiwan and the Taiwan Straits, preparing to start a war against China to realize its dream of "armed conquest" of China. Dulles' attempt at the U.N. General Assembly to deceive world public opinion with lies will serve no purpose at all. If he uses his nonsense to trap the U.S. allies into a hell of fire and make them join the United States in launching war against China, then the flames of war will not only destroy U.S. imperialism but also burn to ashes all its lackeys that follow its war policy.

Today when the United States is wantonly intensifying its armed provocations and preparations for a nuclear war, the question whether a full-scale war will break out in the Taiwan Straits area rests entirely with the United States. The crisis can be eased only by the immediate and complete withdrawal of the U.S. armed

forces from the Taiwan Straits area. China has not sent a single soldier to any island or coastal area of the United States to threaten U.S. security and occupy U.S. territory. The present danger of war is created entirely by the United States, because it is none other than the United States which has massed in the Taiwan Straits area its largest naval and air forces since World War II and carried on armed provocations against China. Chinese Foreign Minister Chen Yi has pointed out in his statement: "To ease and eliminate the tension in the Taiwan Straits area, the United States must at once stop its armed provocations and war threats against China and withdraw all its armed forces from Taiwan and the Taiwan Straits. The tension in the Taiwan Straits area will continue as long as the U.S. armed forces are not withdrawn."

The Chinese Government and people ardently love peace. It is just because of this that the Chinese Government has time and again announced its willingness to settle the international dispute between China and the United States in the Taiwan Straits area through negotiation. Although the U.S. Government has agreed to negotiate and the Sino-American ambassadorial talks have been resumed at Warsaw, just at this time the United States is pouring into the Taiwan Straits area large reinforcements of its armed forces, and stepping up its armed provocations and war threats against China. And Dulles has even gone to such an extreme as to demand that China "cease fire" and give up its sacred sovereign right to recover Quemoy and the other coastal islands and liberate Taiwan. This cannot but make one think that the United States is attempting to use the ambassadorial talks as a smokescreen to cover up its

intensified military provocations and war preparations against China. If the United States is determined to force the Chinese people to choose between war and giving up their sovereignty, what alternative can they take? Chinese Foreign Minister Chen Yi has this to say in his statement: "Should the U.S. aggressors, despite the repeated warnings of the Chinese people and the firm opposition of the people of the world, dare to impose war on us, our 600 million people, united as one, will certainly spare no sacrifice, and will, under the sacred banner of defending our great motherland, fight against aggression, fight for the preservation of our sovereignty and territorial integrity, and fight for the safeguarding of peace in the Far East and the world!"

The Chinese people fully support Foreign Minister Chen Yi's statement. They will certainly maintain a high vigilance, ready to deal the U.S. aggressors fatal blows should they dare to invade their country!

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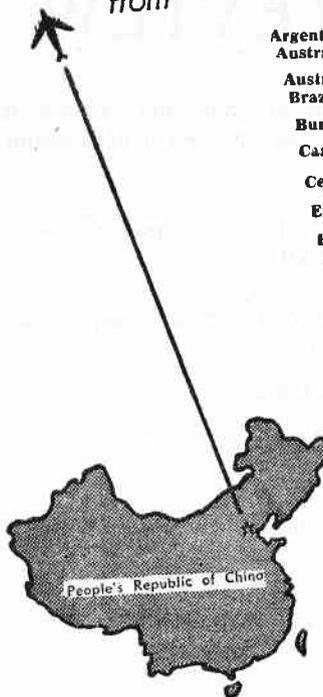
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