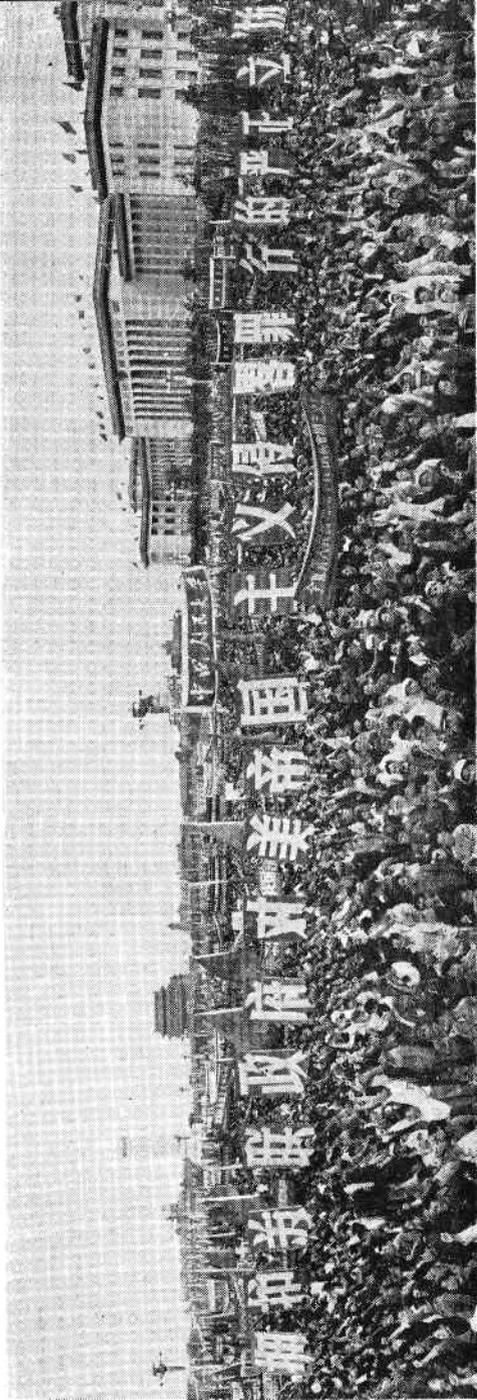




Teng Hsiao-ping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, addressing the mass rally of the people of all walks of life held in Peking in support of the just stand of the Soviet Union and against U.S. imperialism's wrecking of the four-power conference of government heads



Part of the Peking mass rally

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Comrades and Friends,

U.S. imperialism has lately committed another serious crime against the cause of world peace. The U.S. Government has deliberately sabotaged the four-power conference of the heads of government to create international tension. Just as the four-power conference of government heads was due to open, the U.S. Government dispatched espionage aircraft to carry out aggression and provocation against the Soviet Union, and openly declared this to be its established state policy. When the Soviet Government made its just protest and reasonable demands, the U.S. Government further brazenly rejected them, thus ultimately wrecking the four-power conference of government heads. These criminal actions of U.S. imperialism have roused the extreme indignation of the people of the whole world. We, the 650 million Chinese people, are firmly opposed to U.S. imperialism's aggression and pro-

vocation against the Soviet Union and to its wrecking of the four-power conference of government heads. The Soviet Union is a great ally of our country; the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union is an integral whole that cannot be separated. Any aggression and provocation against the Soviet Union is aggression and provocation against the People's Republic of China, against the entire socialist camp. We, the 650 million Chinese people, fully endorse the just stand taken by the Soviet Union with regard to the four-power conference of government heads; we fully support the Soviet Union's just struggle against U.S. aggression and provocation.

The Soviet Union is a strong bulwark of world peace. The Soviet Government has consistently worked for the relaxation of international tension and the safeguarding of world peace. It has put forward a series of peace proposals, and actively promoted the agreement to hold the four-power conference of government heads to solve important international disputes. Even after U.S. imperialism had carried out serious aggression and provocation against the Soviet Union, the Soviet Government still adopted a fully reasonable attitude trying to realize the holding of the conference. But U.S. imperialism arrogantly and unreasonably persisted in its policies of aggression and war. It was in these circumstances beyond tolerance that the Soviet Government could not but resolutely rebuff such flagrant banditry on the part of the United States. Any independent country, any country with self-respect, could not tolerate such insult by the United States and hold negotiations with it which were bound to be fruitless. Comrade Khrushchov has well said: "Should the Soviet Government, in the present circumstances, take part in negotiations which are ob-

viously doomed to failure, it would become an accomplice to attempts to deceive the peoples of various countries. However, it does not wish to become such an accomplice." The struggle carried out by the Soviet Union, which is directed squarely against U.S. imperialism, is entirely necessary and fully righteous. This struggle deals a blow to the arrogance of the aggressor and inspires the peace-loving people of the whole world; it is applauded and supported by the socialist countries and the peoples of the world.

U.S. imperialism is the number one enemy of world peace. It is by no means fortuitous that the United States should wreck the four-power conference of government heads. It was under the pressure of the people of the whole world that the United States was compelled to agree to the holding of the conference. While masquerading for peace, U.S. imperialism still continued to engage in large-scale activities of arms expansion and war preparations, tighten its control over aggressive military blocs, set up military bases everywhere, revive West German and Japanese militarism, converting them once again into two sources of war endangering world peace, and collude with the reactionaries in various countries to suppress national liberation movements and people's revolutionary struggles. The United States attempted to continue to pursue its policies of aggression and war under the cloak of "peace." After its scheme was exposed, it openly resorted to the tactics of brazening it out like a rascal to block the way to peaceful negotiations. This is another exposure of the nature of U.S. imperialism. To the daily awakening people of the world, there is nothing unexpected about this. The aggressive acts of U.S. imperialism are innumerable, nefarious, and cannot stand

the light of day. Precisely because of this the U.S. bandits do everything they can to evade the holding of serious peace negotiations, just as a murderer evades a court of law. The fact that U.S. imperialism shamelessly tries to defend its banditry by bandit logic before the hundreds of millions of the world's people by no means indicates that it is strong. On the contrary, this exactly shows that it is in difficulties and on its last legs. In so doing the United States will certainly isolate itself even more, morally and politically. This perverted action absolutely will not save U.S. imperialism from its inevitable doom. On the contrary it will only accelerate its destruction.

The responsibility for sabotaging the four-power conference of government heads rests entirely with the U.S. ruling circles headed by Eisenhower. Both the man and the material evidences are there, and absolutely cannot be denied. However, the United States now arbitrarily attempts to shift its responsibility for wrecking the summit conference onto the Soviet Union. This is shameless in the extreme. Britain and France have been accomplices in the U.S. crime of sabotaging the conference. Considering their imperialist nature, this is not at all strange. They too will not be able to escape condemnation by just world public opinion.

At present the U.S. imperialists and their accomplices are using every means to cover up their all too evident crimes. They are using various organs of propaganda to flagrantly slander the Soviet Union and hoodwink the people of the world. Some people state that although U.S. espionage activities are wrong, the Soviet Union too has gone too far. They allege that U.S. aggression and provocation against the Soviet Union are only minor matters

and that both sides are to blame. They confuse U.S. aggression with Soviet rebuff to aggression, lumping them together as an "unfortunate incident." They deliberately confuse right and wrong, putting the aggressor's arrogant attitude of persisting in his aggression and the reasonable demands of the victim of aggression on an equal footing and apportion blame to each side equally. They set themselves up as being "impartial." As a matter of fact they are trying to relieve the aggressor of his crime and responsibility and impose fabricated charges on the victim of aggression. These people, no matter who they are or what signboard they put up, cannot conceal their true colours as servants of the imperialists headed by the United States. From this "anti-Soviet chorus," the peoples of the world will come to see more clearly that these hypocrites who pretend to be "impartial" are lackeys of imperialism in name and fact. The peoples of various countries who are daily awakening in their struggle, are not to be deceived.

The peoples in the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union have always stood at the very forefront in the defence of world peace. We socialist countries have made unremitting efforts for the relaxation of international tension. We have consistently stood for negotiations with imperialist countries on the basis of equality and have striven to settle international disputes through negotiations. Our doing so conforms to the interests of the socialist countries as well as to the interests of the people of the world. If the imperialists refuse to conduct negotiations or wreck them, this cannot harm us in the least. It will only expose themselves and thus educate the broad masses of the people of the world. We have in the past striven to settle international disputes through

negotiations, and will continue to do so in the future. But we have never entertained the illusion that a lasting world peace could be secured by negotiations alone. Should the imperialists mistake our efforts for peace for a sign of weakness and vainly attempt to overawe the socialist countries by means of military provocation and armed aggression, they will certainly be taught the lesson they deserve. As Comrade Khrushchov has well said, it is impossible to make us, socialist countries, bend our knees. We must warn the imperialists: The world today will no longer permit you to do as you like. Your armed force cannot cow into submission the peoples under your rule or that of your lackeys, still less can it intimidate the peoples of the mighty socialist countries. Every one of your provocations against the socialist countries and the cause of world peace will certainly meet with redoubled counter-blow.

In the last analysis, the winning of world peace mainly depends on the struggles undertaken by the peoples of the world. The present world situation is more favourable than ever to the struggle in defence of world peace. The countries in the socialist camp are growing stronger, and our unity too is growing from day to day. All attempts by the imperialists to sow discord are futile. The national and democratic movements in Asia, Africa and Latin America are developing vigorously. From south Korea to Turkey, from Cuba to Algeria, anti-imperialist revolutionary storms are breaking out continuously. The fact that the United States, after sabotaging the four-power conference of government heads, directed Kishi to resort to force in compelling the Japanese Diet to illegally approve the Japan-U.S. treaty of military alliance is rousing the Japanese people to rise in

a new high tide of patriotic struggle against U.S. imperialism. In the imperialist countries the struggles of the masses of the people, headed by the working class, against the imperialists and reactionaries are also developing day by day. Ever broader sections of the peace-loving peoples of all countries are plunging into the anti-imperialist struggle. The imperialists headed by the United States are antagonizing the people throughout the world, and everywhere meeting their firm resistance. They are already encircled by the people of the whole world. Their crime of sabotaging the four-power conference of government heads will only provoke the indignant condemnation of the people of the world and augment their fighting will. The people of the world will certainly fight with fuller confidence against imperialism and for world peace.

The masses of the people are the creators of history, they are the decisive factor in defending world peace. The awakened people are an invincible force. As Comrade Mao Tse-tung has said: "What imperialism fears most is the awakening of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples, the awakening of the peoples of all countries in the world." Let us, peoples of the socialist countries, further unite, let the Asian, African and Latin American peoples further unite, let all the peace-loving peoples of the whole world further unite, to form a broad anti-imperialist united front. So long as the peoples persist in unswerving struggle they will certainly be able by their own strength to thoroughly defeat the imperialist forces of war and win a lasting world peace.

Long live the unbreakable friendship and unity of the peoples of China and the Soviet Union!

Long live the great unity of the socialist camp headed by the Soviet Union!

Long live the great unity of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples in their struggles against imperialism and colonialism!

Long live the great unity of the peoples of the whole world!