

**PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S SPEECH
AT VIETNAM'S NATIONAL DAY
RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE
VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR
TO CHINA**

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Dear Comrade Ambassador Ngo Minh
Loan,
Dear Comrade Nguyen Van Quang, head
of the Mission,
Comrades and friends,

Today is the 23rd anniversary of the
proclamation of independence of the
Democratic Republic of Vietnam. On

behalf of the Chinese Government and
people, I extend the warmest con-
gratulations to the Government of the
Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the
heroic Vietnamese people.

Under the leadership of their great
leader President Ho Chi Minh and in
response to his call, the 31 million Viet-
namese people are now waging a bitter
and tenacious war against U.S. impe-
rialism. The 14 million people of south
Vietnam have victoriously resisted
550,000 U.S. aggressor troops and nearly
600,000 troops of the south Vietnamese
puppets and U.S. imperialism's vassals,
destroyed large numbers of enemy
effectives and liberated four-fifths of
south Vietnam. The people of north
Vietnam have given energetic support
to the struggle of their compatriots in
the south and have won a brilliant
victory in downing over 3,000 U.S.

planes in fighting U.S. imperialist bombing. By their victories in the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation, the Vietnamese people have made important contributions to the struggle of the people of the world against U.S. imperialism.

Comrades and friends!

Having dispatched troops and occupied Czechoslovakia, the Soviet modern revisionist clique of renegades carried off by force the Czechoslovak revisionist leading clique to Moscow and dished up a so-called "Communique on Soviet-Czechoslovak Talks". This is a dirty deal made at bayonet point; it is a big fraud to dupe the people of Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union and the whole world.

The so-called "Communique on Soviet-Czechoslovak Talks" has further revealed that the pretext Soviet

revisionism used for sending troops is nothing but a lie. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique has just sanctimoniously cursed the Czechoslovak revisionist leading clique as an enemy of "socialism", but now it suddenly regards the latter as a "socialist" ally. Is this not the height of absurdity? This only serves to show that they are indeed of the same breed and that theirs is a quarrel between large and small dogs. The fact is that, whether in the Soviet Union or in Czechoslovakia, socialist gains have long been forfeited and that it is the Soviet revisionist renegade clique itself which takes the lead in restoring capitalism and collaborating with imperialism. It is this clique which was the first to collude with the West German revanchists, which has recognized Zionism as having legal status in the Middle East, which has invited the Japanese milita-

rists to exploit the resources of Siberia, and which released the U.S. imperialist plane which had intruded into Soviet air space and the aggressor officers and men aboard it bound for Vietnam, so that they could slaughter the south Vietnamese people. These few examples are enough to show that the Soviet revisionist leading clique is the out-and-out No. 1 renegade to socialism and the No. 1 accomplice of U.S. imperialism in its aggression throughout the world. As a matter of fact, it is precisely the Soviet revisionist renegade clique which, through its obdurate pursuance of Khrushchov revisionism, has long since completely destroyed the socialist camp which once existed. Can there be any talk about the defence of "socialist gains" and "the socialist community"? The Soviet revisionist renegade clique, banding together four countries which

follow it, has in the past ten days occupied a so-called "allied country" with a population of only 14 million and carried out suppression against the people there by dispatching hundreds of thousands of troops. To describe this barbarous fascist aggression as Marxist-Leninist and proletarian internationalist aid is nothing but a flagrant betrayal of Marxism-Leninism. It will for ever be condemned by history. While saying one thing, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique is actually doing another. The renegades of this clique are, to quote Lenin, "**socialists in words, imperialists in deeds**", namely "**social-imperialists**".

The Czechoslovak revisionist leading clique openly called on the Czechoslovak people to refrain from resisting when the Soviet armed forces launched a massive invasion of the country; now

it has fallen on its knees and capitulated at the point of the bayonet of the Soviet revisionists and signed terms of surrender with the latter, serving as their quislings. It is a clique of traitors to the Czechoslovak nation.

The so-called "Communique on Soviet-Czechoslovak Talks" is a result of the struggle and collusion between U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism on the Czechoslovak question in their vain attempt to redivide the world. While recognizing Czechoslovakia as within the sphere of influence of Soviet revisionism and acquiescing in its dispatch of troops, U.S. imperialism has repeatedly asked Soviet revisionism not to act with undue haste, so that U.S.-Soviet collusion on a global scale will not be affected. U.S. imperialism, Soviet revisionism and Czechoslovak revisionism are completely at one in sacri-

ficing the interests of the Czechoslovak people.

The Czechoslovak incident is by no means an isolated one. Since U.S. imperialism has recognized Czechoslovakia and the rest of Eastern Europe as within the sphere of influence of Soviet revisionism, the condition in return is naturally that Soviet revisionism recognizes the Middle East, south Vietnam and the rest of Southeast Asia as within the sphere of influence of U.S. imperialism. It is definite and there is no shadow of doubt that Soviet revisionism will continue to betray the Arab people and the Vietnamese people.

On the Vietnam question, Soviet revisionism has long pursued a policy of sham support but real betrayal. In fact, the peace talks scheme on Vietnam is jointly devised by U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism. After the invasion

and occupation of Czechoslovakia by Soviet revisionism, U.S. imperialism will definitely demand a higher price on the Vietnam question, while Soviet revisionism will only serve U.S. imperialism all the more obsequiously in the latter's scheme for splitting the Vietnam nation and forcibly occupying south Vietnam. It is high time all those who cherish illusions about Soviet revisionism and U.S. imperialism woke up!

Our great leader Chairman Mao has taught us:

The people of all countries, the masses comprising more than 90 per cent of the entire population, sooner or later want revolution and sooner or later support Marxism-Leninism. They will not support revisionism. Though some people may support revisionism for a while, they will even-

tually cast it aside. They are bound to awaken gradually; they are bound to oppose the imperialists and reactionaries in all countries; they are bound to oppose revisionism.

The Chinese people firmly support the Czechoslovak people, the East European people, the Soviet people, the Arab people and all the revolutionary people of the world in rising in struggle to overthrow the reactionary rule of U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism and their lackeys. We are firmly convinced that the day will surely come when the people of all countries, guided by Marxism, Leninism and Mao Tse-tung's thought, will completely bury imperialism headed by the United States and modern revisionism with Soviet revisionism as its centre.

Comrades and friends!

At present, the situation in the Vietnamese people's war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation is excellent. However, with close collaboration from the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, the U.S. imperialists are bound to continue their frantic struggles. They will peddle even more sinister and cunning peace talk schemes and engage in still more ferocious military adventures. Although the Vietnamese people may still encounter various difficulties and twists and turns along their road of advance, we are firmly convinced that, led by their great leader President Ho Chi Minh, the Vietnamese people will surely be able to smash all the schemes and plots of the U.S. aggressors and win final victory in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation, so long as they persevere in protracted war and

oppose capitulation and compromise. The Chinese Government and people will, as always, resolutely support and assist you in carrying the war through to the end!

Defeat to U.S. imperialism!

Defeat to Soviet revisionism!

Victory to the Vietnamese people!

Long live the militant friendship between the peoples of China and Vietnam!

Long live the Vietnamese people's great leader President Ho Chi Minh!

Long live the Chinese people's great leader Chairman Mao!