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STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

(July 3, 1966)

Beginning from June 29, 1966, U.S. imperialism has brazenly and repeatedly bombed the city of Hanoi, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, and the city of Haiphong, its second largest city. The Chinese Government and people express their boundless indignation at and their strongest condemnation of this barbarous, wanton and criminal act of aggression and war by U.S. imperialism.

With its first bombing of northern Vietnam, U.S. imperialism started a general war of aggression against the 31 million people of Vietnam. It has now extended the flames of war to the capital of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and has thus raised this war of aggression to a new and still graver stage.

The bombing of Hanoi by U.S. imperialism is an indication not of its strength but of its weakness; it shows that U.S. imperialism has come to the end of its tether in its war of aggression against Viet-

nam. Johnson's order to bomb Hanoi reflects the predicament of U.S. imperialism beset as it is with internal and external difficulties, and is the desperate act of a cornered beast.

By bombing Hanoi U.S. imperialism is attempting to coerce the Vietnamese people into submission and into accepting its "peace talks" swindle. It wishfully thinks that it can "force peace talks through bombing" so that it can perpetuate its occupation of southern Vietnam and turn the latter into its base of aggression against northern Vietnam, against the whole of Indo-China, against China and against the whole of Asia. This is a sheer dream. Whether in the south or in the north, whether on the ground or in the sky, the whole heroic Vietnamese people are constantly dealing U.S. imperialism telling blows. This is their mighty answer to the U.S. bandits.

In the circumstances in which U.S. imperialism refuses to withdraw its aggressor troops totally and completely but accelerates the expansion of its war of aggression against Vietnam, whoever peddles in whatever way "peace talks" on the Vietnam question, or even strikes a behind-the-scenes bargain with the United States and acts in co-ordination with the United States to realize its scheme of "forcing peace talks through bombing" — whoever does these things is selling out the Vietnamese peo-

ple's struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation and serving U.S. imperialism.

U.S. imperialism long ago completely violated the Geneva agreements and broke the line of demarcation between southern and northern Vietnam. It has now further broken this line by its bombing of the capital of the heroic Vietnamese people. The United States must be held responsible for all the serious consequences arising therefrom.

With the breaking of the line of demarcation by the United States, the Vietnamese people have ceased to be subject to any restrictions. All the countries and people that genuinely support the Vietnamese people's war of resistance against U.S. aggression have also ceased to be subject to any restrictions. It is not up to the United States to decide how the war should be fought next. Since the U.S. imperialists have come from the sky and the sea, why can't others fight back on the ground?

It is entirely just for the 31 million people of the whole of Vietnam to adopt all measures to defend their motherland. All support and aid rendered by the north Vietnamese people to southern Vietnam are within the sacred right of the Vietnamese people.

It is entirely just for all countries and people of the world that genuinely oppose U.S. imperialism to adopt all measures to support and aid the Viet-

nameese people in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. At any time they may take such actions as they deem most effective to support and aid the Vietnamese people. This is entirely their sacred right.

The Chinese Government and people firmly support the June 30 statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. They firmly support the just call issued by President Ho Chi Minh on behalf of the Government and people of Vietnam. On December 8, 1965, President Ho Chi Minh said: "Vietnam is one, the Vietnamese people are one. As sons and daughters of the same fatherland, our people in the north are bound to extend wholehearted support to the patriotic struggle waged by the people of the south against U.S. aggression. Likewise, our people in the south are duty-bound to fight with all their forces to contribute to the defence of the northern part of their fatherland." He added: "We are determined not to submit to U.S. imperialist aggression," and "Our people are determined to persevere in the fight, and undergo sacrifices for ten or twenty years or a longer time, till final victory."

China and Vietnam are neighbours as closely related as lips and teeth and are most intimate fraternal socialist countries. China has consistently and unreservedly done its utmost to support and aid

Vietnam politically, morally and materially and in other fields. The development by U.S. imperialism of its war of aggression to a new and still graver stage has now further freed us from any bounds or restrictions in rendering such support and aid. In accordance with the interests and demands of the Vietnamese people, we will at any time take such actions as we deem necessary. This is our unshirkable proletarian internationalist duty.

The Chinese Government and Premier Chou En-lai have solemnly stated many times that the Chinese people mean what they say, that China is prepared and that once the war breaks out, it will have no boundaries. We must tell the U.S. imperialists in all seriousness: Wherever you extend the war and however heavy the price, we will unswervingly support the fraternal Vietnamese people in fighting through to the end, till they thoroughly and completely drive the U.S. aggressors out of Vietnam and win final victory.

U.S. imperialism is sure to be defeated! The Vietnamese people are sure to win!

U.S. AGGRESSION HAS NO BOUNDS AND OUR COUNTER TO AGGRESSION HAS NO BOUNDS

(Editorial of *Renmin Ribao*, July 5, 1966)

Since June 29, the U.S. imperialists have again and again made massive bombing raids on Hanoi, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, and Haiphong, its second largest city. This is a most barbarous and reckless war move by U.S. imperialism. Throughout the world the people must maintain supreme vigilance and resolutely smash the frenzied war ventures of the U.S. imperialists.

The Government of the People's Republic of China on July 3 issued a statement expressing the strongest condemnation of U.S. imperialism's heinous act of aggression and war and reaffirming the unshakable resolution of the 700 million Chinese people to assist Vietnam in its resistance to U.S. aggression. The people of our country firmly support this statement of our Government, and their wrath at the maniacal aggression by U.S. imperialism against our most intimate and fraternal socialist neighbour is boundless. They are ready at any moment to take all necessary action to support the fraternal Vietnamese people in accordance with their interests and demands.

By its aggression against Vietnam, U.S. imperialism long ago wrecked the Geneva agreements. From the day it dropped its first bomb on northern Vietnam, it broke

the line of demarcation between southern and northern Vietnam. And now, by bombing the capital of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, it has pushed its war of aggression against Vietnam to a new and still graver stage. Thus it has scrapped the Geneva agreements in their entirety, so that today more than ever the war has no bounds.

While substantially escalating its war of aggression against Vietnam by bombing Hanoi and Haiphong, the Johnson Administration is again brazenly coming forward with its shop-worn argument describing the north Vietnamese people's support for their compatriots in the south as "aggression", and its bombing of northern Vietnam as mere "retaliation attacks" and not "aggression" or "war moves". It alleges that the U.S. "objectives" in Vietnam are "limited" and that it is exercising "military restraint". The fantastic nature of these lies is obvious.

The logic of U.S. imperialism is out-and-out gangsterism. Nearly 300,000 troops have been sent by the United States across the ocean to southern Vietnam, which is thousands of miles away, to kill and burn there. If this is not "aggression", then can the Vietnamese people be committing "aggression" when they are fighting on their own territory in defence of their own homeland? The U.S. air marauders are indiscriminately bombing northern Vietnam from the 17th Parallel up to the Vietnamese-Chinese border, including the capital of the Vietnamese people. If this is not a "war move", then what more must be done to warrant the name? How is it that you may commit aggression against others while the Vietnamese people are not to be allowed to support their own compatriots? How is it that you may escalate your war of aggression without limit while others are to be subject to restrictions

in fighting against your war of aggression? You want to attack, bomb, expand the war and restrict others as you please — but there is no such thing in this world as having everything your own way! You, U.S. aggressors, must realize that the days when you imperialists could commit aggression without allowing others to strike back have gone for ever.

Chairman Mao has pointed out:

When we say “imperialism is ferocious”, we mean that its nature will never change, that the imperialists will never lay down their butcher knives, that they will never become Buddhas, till their doom.

This is an incontrovertible truth. There is an abundance of evidence that U.S. imperialism sets no bounds to its aggressive ambitions. Since World War II, following a global counter-revolutionary strategy, U.S. imperialism has extended its talons to all parts of the world to suppress the revolutionary movements of the people, and it has perpetrated every kind of evil. We saw through this rapacious, aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism a long time ago.

By its war of aggression against Vietnam, U.S. imperialism fondly hopes to occupy southern Vietnam for ever and turn it into a base for aggression against northern Vietnam, against the whole of Indo-China, against China, and against all Asia. All its cries about its actions being “limited”, about “restraint” and “retaliation” are a smokescreen; they are synonyms for expanded aggression, for escalated, wild aggression. They cannot in the least cover up the aggression and war that are in the very nature of U.S. imperialism.

We want to warn the U.S. aggressors in very clear terms: Since you have destroyed the bounds of the war by your acts of aggressive war, the entire Vietnamese people have ceased to be subject to any restrictions in hitting back at you. All the countries and people that genuinely support the Vietnamese people's war of resistance against U.S. aggression have also ceased to be subject to any restrictions. It is not up to you to decide how the war should be fought next. Since you have come from the skies and the sea, why can't others fight back on the ground?

The people of the world see quite clearly that U.S. imperialism is the aggressor and that the Vietnamese people are the victims of its aggression. The war in Vietnam is a war of aggression waged by U.S. imperialism and its accomplices on the one hand and a war against aggression fought by the entire Vietnamese people and the revolutionary people of the world on the other.

The Vietnamese people have the just and sacred right to use any measure for the defence of their motherland; the same right goes with any measure adopted by the people in northern Vietnam in support of their kith and kin in the south. Equally, all countries and people that genuinely oppose U.S. imperialism have the just and sacred right to adopt any measure in support of the Vietnamese people's war of resistance against the U.S. aggressors and for national salvation.

Chairman Mao has said: "All reactionaries are paper tigers. In appearance, the reactionaries are terrifying, but in reality they are not so powerful."

Bombing Hanoi and Haiphong, U.S. imperialism appears rather fearsome, but in reality, this is a manifestation of its hopeless defeat in its war of aggression in Viet-

nam, its difficulties at home and abroad, of its efforts, like a cornered dog, to get out of its predicament; a manifestation of the fact that U.S. imperialism has come to the end of its tether under the powerful blows of the indomitable and heroic Vietnamese people; a manifestation of the fact that U.S. imperialism is having an increasingly tough time; and another glaring exposure of its nature as a paper tiger, outwardly strong but inwardly weak. The U.S. aggressors have sunk deeper and deeper into the vast ocean of the Vietnamese people's war and their effectives have been wiped out in ever greater numbers. One after another the various kinds of "peace talks" swindles tried by the Johnson Administration have burst like soap bubbles. It cannot win by fighting and its swindles do not work. Trying to find a way out of their dilemma in these circumstances, the U.S. aggressors are using bombing blackmail to scare the Vietnamese people into ceasing their struggle against U.S. aggression and to force a "peace talks" situation. This is indeed wishful thinking.

The statements by Johnson in the past few days are his most open confession to date of the policy he is pursuing to intimidate people into capitulation. On the one hand, he is threatening the Vietnamese people with the cry that "we will carry on" and raise the war of aggression against Vietnam to any necessary level. On the other, he is making a lot of noise about "peace talks" with his chatter about being ready to send "my closest and most trusted associates" to a meeting place in a matter of hours. The wretched and stupid U.S. imperialists completely underestimate the firm determination of the Vietnamese people to combat aggression, completely underestimate the powerful strength of the Chinese people and the revolu-

tionary people of the world who support the Vietnamese people in their struggle against U.S. aggression. The heroic Vietnamese people can never be overwhelmed by pressure, can never be intimidated. U.S. imperialism has been waging its war in Vietnam for seven years using means more inhuman and brutal even than those employed by Hitler, yet it has not been able to intimidate the Vietnamese people. Can it intimidate them by what it is doing now?

President Ho Chi Minh of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam solemnly declared in December 1965: "Vietnam is one, the Vietnamese people are one. As sons and daughters of the same fatherland, our people in the north are bound to extend wholehearted support to the patriotic struggle waged by the people of the south against U.S. aggression. Likewise, our people in the south are duty-bound to fight with all their forces to contribute to the defence of the northern part of their fatherland." He added: "We are determined not to submit to U.S. imperialist aggression," and "Our people are determined to persevere in the fight, and undergo sacrifices for ten or twenty years or a longer time, till final victory." These remarks of President Ho Chi Minh fully express the unshakable will and determination of the entire Vietnamese people to resist U.S. imperialist aggression.

The current bombing raids by U.S. imperialism on Hanoi and Haiphong are a product of the dirty political deal concluded between the United States and the Soviet Union, which are working hand in glove. The Johnson Administration confessed that before the bombing it had informed "various key interested governments" of its decision to bomb Hanoi and Haiphong and that the Soviet Union was a "key interested government". In addition,

it admitted that it was "in continuous touch" with the Soviet Union and other countries on "all aspects of the struggle in Vietnam". It added that "there have been cautious approaches" between the United States and the Soviet Union. On June 30, the day after the first bombing raid, A. Roshchin, the Soviet representative to the disarmament conference in Geneva, made it clear that the U.S. air attacks would not affect the possibility of the Soviet Union and the United States arriving at an agreement on disarmament. In reply to a question put by a journalist, he impudently declared: "If we did not consider there was such a possibility, we would not be here." This lifts the black curtain on the collusion between the United States and the Soviet Union and their exchange of information on Vietnam. One does the bombing and the other does the pulling, and both of these actions are intended to achieve the criminal purpose of "forcing peace talks through bombing".

To gloss over its shameless moves, the Soviet Government has issued a statement pretending to condemn the U.S. bombing raids. However, the revisionist leading clique of the Soviet Union let the cat out of the bag when in that very statement it said with obvious ulterior motives: "The road to peace in Vietnam lies through an end to foreign aggression and intervention in the domestic affairs of the Vietnamese people." What foreign aggression and intervention is there in Vietnam other than that committed by U.S. imperialism? This statement of the revisionist leading clique of the Soviet Union is intended not only to whitewash U.S. imperialism but also to vilify and attack the Chinese and other peoples who support the Vietnamese people,

Collaborating with U.S. imperialism, the clique of Soviet revisionist leaders is pursuing the big conspiracy of "forcing peace talks through bombing" as a continuation of their consistent, reactionary policy of sham support and real betrayal on the Vietnam question. Superficially, they make some petty anti-U.S. gesture in order to throw dust in people's eyes and gain political capital. In fact, they are engaged in betrayal on a grand scale and are energetically serving the U.S. imperialist policy of war blackmail. They are playing at easing tension and reducing armament in Europe in order to give the United States a free hand in its aggression against Vietnam and in its suppression of the national-liberation movements in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. While the United States recklessly extends its war of aggression in Vietnam, the Soviet revisionist leaders are in every possible way abusing China as "warlike". Everywhere they spread the slander, based on pure invention, that China is obstructing the transit of aid supplies to Vietnam, the purpose being to disrupt the fighting unity between the Chinese and Vietnamese peoples and undermine the Vietnamese people's war to resist U.S. aggression and save their country. They sing in unison with the United States and are deeply engaged in "united action" with it, while in the name of "united action" they are violently opposing China. Actually they are attacking us because we do not join them in selling ourselves to U.S. imperialism. Thus they are encouraging the Johnson Administration to enlarge its war ventures and at the same time helping it to push ahead with its "peace talks" fraud. They are accomplice No. 1 of U.S. imperialism in sabotaging the Vietnamese people's revolutionary struggle.