A Programme for Anti-Imperialist Struggle

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ON May 20, 1970, the great leader Chairman Mao issued the solemn statement "People of the World, Unite and Defeat the U.S. Aggressors and All Their Running Dogs!" This solemn statement has shaken the world, immensely inspired the people of all countries in their struggle against U.S. imperialism and its running dogs, and exerted a most far-reaching influence on the international situation. This brilliant document of historic significance has become a programme for the anti-imperialist struggle waged by the Chinese people together with the revolutionary people throughout the World.

Chairman Mao points out in the statement: "The danger of a new world war still exists, and the people of all countries must get prepared. But revolution is the main trend in the world today." This is a most important scientific thesis set forth by Chairman Mao after summing up the development of the international situation in the twenty-odd postwar years and concisely summarizing the essential features of the present-day international class struggle.

Postwar history is one of fierce and repeated struggle waged by the people of all countries against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys; it is one of U.S. imperialism and its followers continuously launching wars of aggression and the people in various countries continuously waging revolutionary wars to defeat the aggressors. In its attempt to dominate the world, U.S. imperialism has committed aggression, intervention, subversion and sabotage everywhere. This has enabled the people of various countries to see more and more clearly its aggressive nature and inherent weakness and aroused them to rise in revolutionary struggle against aggression and oppression. With the daily sharpening of the fundamental contradictions of the world and the steady awakening of the people of various countries, the world people's revolutionary movement is mounting. A new high tide in the struggle against U.S. imperialism is rising vigorously throughout the world.

The development of the international situation in the past year has fully borne out Chairman Mao's brilliant thesis that "revolution is the main trend in the world today."

At present, Indochina is the main battlefield in the world people's struggle against U.S. imperialism. The revolutionary situation in this region has undergone a deep-going change in the past year. As a result of U.S. imperialism's expansion of its war of aggression, the battlefields in the whole of Indochina have merged into one and a new situation in which the 50 million people are united in struggle have emerged. The raging flames of the Cambodian people's war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation are spreading rapidly. The Vietnamese and Lao people are persevering in
protracted people's war and are growing ever stronger in the course of fighting. The great victory on Highway 9 has won worldwide renown. The Nixon government has landed itself in a blind alley and is at the end of its tether. Its strategic plans have failed completely. The great victory won by the people of the three countries in Indochina has tremendously inspired the people of small countries with a revolutionary fighting will to resist aggression by big countries and given a powerful impetus to the struggle of the people the world over against U.S. imperialism.

U.S. imperialism's war of aggression in Indochina and its fascist rule over the American people have touched off violent revolutionary storms in the United States. The revolutionary struggle in various forms waged by the broad masses of the workers, Afro-Americans and other national minorities, students, women, soldiers and people of other strata against the Nixon government's policies of aggression and war and racial discrimination has become more widespread, frequent and intense. Increasing numbers of people have risen to oppose counter-revolutionary violence with revolutionary violence. The people of the United States are dealing heavier and heavier blows from within at U.S. Imperialism, the world people's ferocious enemy, and they have become an important vigorous force in the world people's struggle against U.S. imperialism.

Revolutionary struggles are developing with great vigour in Asia, Africa and Latin America as well as in North America, Europe and Oceania. The Albanian Party of Labour and other genuine Marxist-Leninist Parties and organizations in the world are scoring one fresh victory after another in their struggle against imperialism, revisionism and all reactionaries. The struggle waged jointly by the Chinese people and the people of Korea, Japan, the three countries in Indochina and other Asian countries against the revival of Japanese militarism by the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries is advancing and deepening. The Palestinian and other Arab people have stood the test in the struggle against the U.S.-Israeli aggressors and are continuing to march forward. The armed struggles of the people in Southeast Asia and throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America are developing in depth. The Cuban people are persisting in their struggle to oppose U.S. imperialist aggression and safeguard national independence and state sovereignty. The African peoples are resolutely fighting against aggression, subversion and intervention by colonialism and neo-colonialism; the Guinean people have successfully smashed the armed invasion by the U.S.-Portuguese colonialists. The workers' struggle and revolutionary mass movement in capitalist countries are surging violently. The Polish people have waged a tempestuous revolutionary struggle against the revisionist rule. The flames of people's revolution are spreading to all corners of the world.

U.S. imperialism and the other superpower collude and at the same time contend with each other in a vain attempt to divide the world, and they have met with widespread opposition and resistance. More and more small and medium-sized countries have risen to oppose the power politics of the superpowers. Latin American countries have stood up to the pressure of U.S. imperialism and joined forces to defend their national interests and their right over 200-nautical-mile territorial waters. Ten oil-exporting countries have taken concerted action to oppose plunder and exploitation by U.S.-led imperialist oil monopoly groups. At the Third Conference of the Heads of State and Government of Non-Aligned Countries, strong condemnation was voiced against the big powers' interference in the internal affairs of other countries and their monopolization of international affairs. All this shows that the days when big powers dictated the destiny of the world are gone for ever.

Countries want independence, nations want liberation and the people want to make revolution — this has become an irresistible trend of history. Pounded by the waves of revolution of the world people, U.S. imperialism finds itself in a more passive, difficult and isolated position than ever. Social-imperialism, too, finds the going tougher and tougher.
Chairman Mao points out in the statement: "A just cause enjoys abundant support while ail unjust cause finds little support. A weak nation can defeat a strong, a small nation can defeat a big. The people of a small country can certainly defeat aggression by a big country, if only they dare to rise in struggle, dare to take up arms and grasp in their own hands the destiny of their country. This is a law of history." More and more people in the world have now done away with myths about U.S. imperialism and realized that U.S. imperialism, a huge monster, is not at all terrific. Big and small, strong and weak are relative and may transform themselves into their opposites. U.S. imperialism can be defeated, provided that the people of all countries dare to rise and fight against it, and fight jointly.

The world is changing, changing in a direction more and more favourable to the people of all countries. However, the aggressive nature of imperialism will not change. U.S. imperialism will never be reconciled to its defeat. It has not for a moment relaxed its arms expansion and war preparations, nor has it relinquished its aggressive ambitions in the least. To save itself from doom, U.S. imperialism will inevitably counterattack, make desperate struggles and even embark on a hazardous adventure. Lenin, the great revolutionary teacher, said: "Modern war is born of imperialism." The world will have no peace as long as there is imperialism. The danger of a new world war still exists. We must maintain high vigilance and get prepared at all times. It is dangerous if we see only the raging revolutionary flames but not the enemy who is sharpening his sword, and think that in view of the excellent situation we can lay our heads on our pillows and just drop off to sleep.

Chairman Mao's great call "People of the world, unite and defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs!" has won enthusiastic response throughout the world. In face of frenzied U.S. imperialist aggression in Asia, the people of China, Korea, Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos have further strengthened their revolutionary unity. The anti-imperialist front of Asia, Africa and Latin America has become stronger and broader. All peace-loving countries and people subjected to U.S. imperialist aggression, control, intervention or bullying have united to wage a common struggle. The international united front in the world against U.S. imperialism and its running dogs has expanded enormously in the past year.

The international united front against U.S. imperialism is an important magic weapon for the world people to defeat U.S. imperialism and all its running dogs. In order to completely defeat U.S. imperialism, the common enemy of the world people, we should further expand and strengthen the international united front against U.S. imperialism, unite to the greatest extent with all forces that can be united, mobilize to the fullest all the positive factors favourable to the struggle against U.S. imperialism, and isolate and strike at the chief enemy to the utmost, so as to push to a new high the struggle of the world people against U.S. imperialism and all its running dogs.

Following Chairman Mao's teachings, the Chinese people uphold proletarian internationalism, for ever stand on the side of the people of all countries, resolutely oppose U.S. imperialism's policies of aggression and war and firmly support the people of all countries in their revolutionary struggles. This stand of ours is firm and unshakable. We will further strengthen the militant unity with the proletariat and the oppressed people and nations of the world and further unite with all the peace-loving countries and people subjected to U.S. imperialist aggression, control, intervention or bullying in the common struggle to thoroughly defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs.

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