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EDITOR'S NOTE

U.S. imperialism has recently committed another serious crime against the cause of world peace. At a time when the people of the whole world cherished the hope that the four-power conference of government heads would be held as scheduled and make its contribution towards the relaxation of the international situation, the U.S. Government dispatched a spy plane to conduct aggression and provocation against the Soviet Union and even openly declared that this was the state policy of the United States. When the Soviet Union put forward its just protest and reasonable demands, the U.S. Government brazenly refused, thus preventing the summit conference. This criminal act perpetrated by the United States has aroused unparalleled indignation among the Chinese people. On May 20, mass rallies and demonstrations were first held by more than 3.2 million people in Peking to support the just stand taken by the Soviet Government against U.S. imperialist aggression and severely condemn U.S. imperialism for wrecking the summit conference. Later mass rallies and demonstrations were held in other major cities including Shanghai, Tientsin, Wuhan, Canton, Shenyang, Sian and Chungking, many medium and small towns, factories, mines, schools, people's communes in the countryside and various units of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

More than 53 million people took part in these meetings and demonstrations.

First secretaries or secretaries of the Chinese Communist Party organizations, responsible personnel of the government departments, democratic parties and popular organizations and representatives of workers, peasants, intellectuals and militiamen spoke at the local mass meetings. They indignantly condemned U.S. imperialism for its war provocations and criminal act in wrecking the four-power conference of government heads and fully supported the just stand taken by the Soviet Union. They pointed out that U.S. imperialist aggression and provocation against the Soviet Union is aggression and provocation against China and the entire socialist camp, and that any such aggression and provocation will always meet with fatal counter-blows. Those who attended the meetings and demonstrations shouted: "Support the just stand of the Soviet Government against U.S. imperialism's crime of aggression!", "Let the people of the whole world unite and strengthen their struggle against the imperialist forces of war headed by the United States and to safeguard world peace!" and "Long live the unbreakable friendship and unity of the peoples of China and the Soviet Union!" These slogans expressed the hatred of the Chinese and Soviet peoples for their common enemy.

This book contains the speech by Teng Hsiao-ping, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, at the Peking mass rally held on May 20, an article by Soong Ching Ling, and two *Renmin Ribao* editorials and a commentary. This collection forcefully exposes the aggressive and warlike

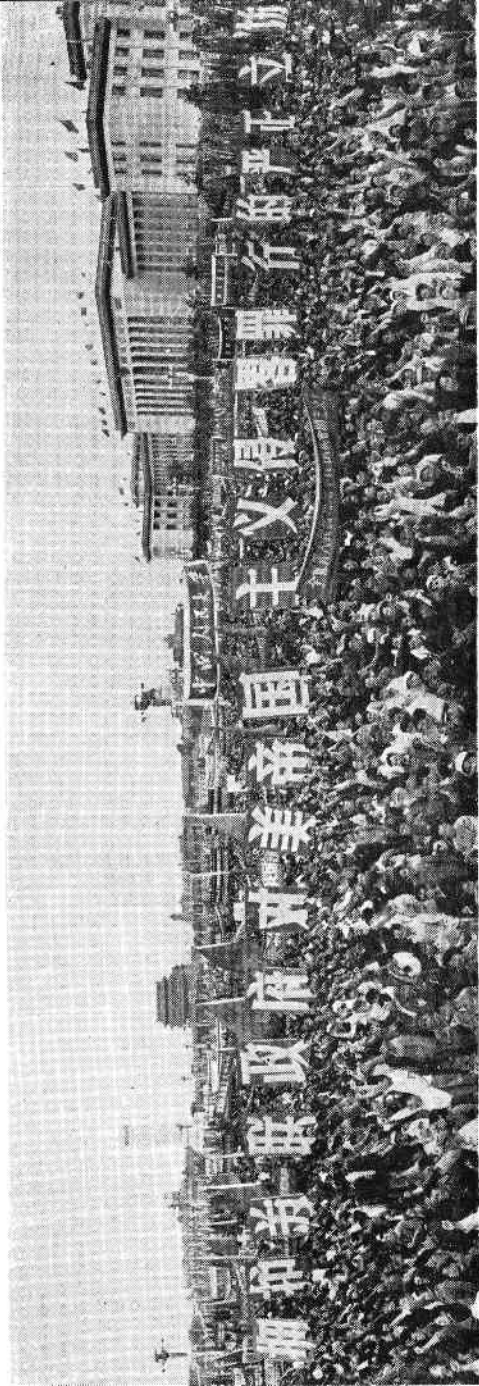
nature of U.S. imperialism and fully expresses the strong determination of the 650 million Chinese people to oppose U.S. aggression and war provocations, and to safeguard world peace.

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Part of the Peking mass rally

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(May 20, 1960)

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!

The U.S. War-Mongers Must Be Thoroughly Exposed!

SOONG CHING LING

The peoples of the world have once again seen the true colours of American imperialism. With the state apparatus in the hands of the most rabid of its profiteering war-mongers, the American Government purposely set out to wreck the four power conference of the heads of government and thereby heighten the tensions on the international scene. This is the only conclusion that can be drawn from the events which preceded the Paris meeting, starting with the intrusion into Soviet air space by the United States U-2 plane on a spying mission. The United States Government and its spokesmen have handled themselves disgracefully in this matter, lying outright to the peoples of the world and then, once caught in this lie, trying to brazen through their desperate situation, blurting out the truth that such provocative actions are a permanent part of their policy toward the Soviet Union and the other socialist nations.

This is a lesson the peoples of the world must learn well. The American imperialists have demonstrated beyond doubt that it is they who threaten the peace of the world and in a most irresponsible manner hold over the heads of all the peoples the danger of a third world war, which would surely be an atomic war. This das-

tardly situation had to be exposed so that peace-loving people everywhere, including in the United States itself, would know the true state of affairs in the world. The courage and forthright action of the Soviet Government and N.S. Khrushchov in putting the facts before international opinion and before the heads of the four power conference was the only correct course to take. The Chinese people with full heart endorse this action, and call upon the peoples of the world to unite to bring the war-mongers of the United States into line.

The Chinese people join all honest men and women throughout the world in demanding that there be peace. We condemn in the strongest terms the destructive manoeuvring of the U.S. imperialists, who by this plane espionage incident, their dishonest and shameful explanations and stubborn defence of such criminal activities, have thrown the world deeper into the "cold war." They should know, however, that while we detest this thing which they have done, while we demand that there be peace and friendly relations between nations, we will never allow such provocations to go unanswered, but will give fitting replies and provide the people with the truth. We say that we want peace, but if the U.S. imperialists want war, they will meet with the full strength of the peoples united, and this strength is invincible.

The wrecking of the conference of the heads of four governments is another signpost of the disintegration of the whole imperialist system. It is a sign of desperation. As Chairman Mao Tse-tung has repeatedly said, the days of imperialism are numbered. The Chinese people are united in their firm opposition to this scourge of mankind. The strength of our 650 million people is part of the great and unconquerable might of the socialist camp with the

Soviet Union at its head. Combined with all the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America fighting imperialism for their national independence and economic freedom, with all those who want peace and justice in the world, this represents the majority of mankind. The imperialists have a long history of doing bad and dirty things to the peoples of the world. We cannot and should not expect them to change their nature. Peace, democracy and abolition of all oppression and exploitation is a cause which is good, clean and just. It is this cause which the people uphold, and which is sure to defeat imperialism completely in the end.

Let all the people unite and defend their national integrity, to bring down the imperialists and to defend world peace!

Hail the Holding of the Four-Power Summit Conference

(*Renmin Ribao* Editorial, May 16, 1960)

The four-power conference of the heads of government of the Soviet Union, the United States, Britain and France begins in Paris today. The conference faces the task of seeking ways and means of solving the current major international issues, such as disarmament, the prohibition of nuclear tests, the conclusion of a peace treaty with Germany and the West Berlin issue as well as the improvement of East-West relations. There is no doubt that the settlement of these issues will have a vital bearing on the relaxation of international tension and the maintenance of world peace. It is quite understandable that the peoples of the world have looked forward to the holding of this conference. The Chinese people, like the peoples of all other countries, have consistently supported the holding of the four-power conference of the heads of government. Chairman Mao Tse-tung said on May 14 that "we support the holding of the summit conference no matter whether this sort of conference makes achievements or not, or whether the achievements are big or small." This is our attitude.

The holding of the four-power conference of the heads of government represents a victory in the struggle waged by the peoples of the world for the relaxation of inter-

national tension and the preservation of world peace. It is well-known that the U.S. Government headed by Eisenhower has always been unwilling to see the conference held. In 1957, when the Soviet Union put forward the proposal for convening the conference, the U.S. Government opposed it on some pretext or other. At the Geneva conference of the foreign ministers of four countries held from May to August last year, the United States continued to prevent the holding of the summit conference by putting forward such unreasonable preconditions as that the foreign ministers' conference "must achieve progress" and that "the rights over West Berlin must not be relinquished." Even as late as September 10 last year, Eisenhower himself still would not agree to the holding of a summit conference. It was only later under the pressure of the world public opinion that the U.S. Government was compelled to accept the Soviet proposal and agree to the holding of the four-power conference of the heads of government.

One cannot fail to note, however, that after its reluctant agreement to the holding of the conference, the U.S. Government still continued to obstruct the settlement of major international issues. Responsible U.S. officials declared more than once that the United States "will not relinquish the rights over Berlin" and insisted that "the only practicable way" of solving the German question lay in the holding of the so-called "free elections."

At the meetings of the Ten-Nation Disarmament Committee and the conference for the discontinuance of nuclear weapons tests held by the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union, the United States likewise adhered to its die-hard position and obstructed the reaching of any agreement. High-ranking officials of the U.S. Gov-

ernment, such as Secretary of State Christian Herter did their utmost to spread pessimism and wanted the peoples of the various countries not to "entertain any great hope" about the four-power conference of the heads of government.

Then, on the eve of the conference, the U.S. Government even sent its aircraft to invade the territorial air of the Soviet Union and carry out provocations. So it is all too obvious that the United States entertains no good intentions with regard to the summit conference. The people of the world must remain on the alert against the disruptive machinations of the United States. They must go on exposing the U.S. policies of aggression and war and must intensify their struggle for the easing of international tension.

In glaring contrast with the attitude of the United States, the Soviet Government has consistently worked for the holding of the four-power conference of the heads of government. It is precisely due to the efforts of the peace-loving people throughout the world, and the unremitting efforts of the Soviet Union in particular, that the four-power conference of the heads of government is finally in session today. In addition, the Soviet Union has made big efforts to reach agreement at the conference. Even after U.S. aircraft invaded the Soviet air space and carried out flagrant provocations, the Soviet Government still affirmed its desire to work for the success of the summit conference.

In its striving for the holding of the conference of the big powers, the Soviet Government has always had the active support of China and other socialist countries. Now, the four-power conference of the heads of government has begun. The Chinese people firmly support

the positive attitude of the Soviet Government in striving to ease international tension and settle major international issues.

The Chinese people, like the peoples of other countries of the world, while entertaining no unrealistic illusions with regard to imperialism headed by the United States, heartily hope, however, that useful contributions will be made towards the exposure of the U.S. policy of war and the promotion of world peace through the four-power conference of the heads of government.

The United States Torpedoes the Four-Power Summit Conference

(*Renmin Ribao* Editorial, May 20, 1960)

The long-prepared conference of the heads of government of the four powers was torpedoed by the U.S. Government before it formally began! This is nothing strange to all those who study the international situation from the standpoint of class analysis and are not misled by certain superficial phenomena, to all those who see clearly the true nature of imperialism, for it is the outcome of the policies of aggression and war which the U.S. Government has long pursued.

Supported by British Prime Minister Macmillan and French President de Gaulle, U.S. President Eisenhower, while persisting in brazen policies of aggression and war against the Soviet Union and other socialist countries, rejected the elementary condition put forward by Comrade N. S. Khrushchov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the U.S.S.R., for the holding of the conference of the heads of government on a footing of equality and, as a consequence, the conference was buried. The ferocious features of U.S. imperialism, hostile to the world's people and to world peace, have thus been laid bare before the peoples throughout the world. This further exposure of the true nature as well as the ferocious features of U.S. imperialism is a good

thing for the cause of world peace and human progress. The people of the world will draw a helpful lesson from this event, become even more awakened, see more clearly the true colours of U.S. imperialism and unite still more closely together to struggle steadfastly and unremittingly to smash the policies of aggression and war of the imperialist camp headed by the United States and to safeguard world peace.

It is known that Comrade Khrushchov made a statement on May 16 at the preliminary meeting of the conference of the heads of government of the four powers, solemnly condemning the provocative action by the U.S. military aircraft in its recent intrusion into Soviet air space and the stand of the U.S. Government in adhering to its policy of provocation against the Soviet Union. He pointed out that this fully demonstrated the lack of sincerity on the part of the United States to reach agreement and that it had made it impossible to conduct fruitful negotiations at the conference of the heads of government of the four powers. Comrade Khrushchov demanded that the U.S. Government condemn the provocative actions against the Soviet Union, declare that it would discontinue such actions and policy against the Soviet Union in the future and call to strict account those who directly bear the guilt for this incident. This attitude taken by the Soviet Union is absolutely just. It reflects the firm will of the peoples of the Soviet Union and all other socialist countries and fully accords with the interests of world peace.

As is known, on the eve of the conference of the heads of government of the four powers, the United States sent its military aircraft to intrude into the Soviet territory as a provocation. When this act of aggression

was exposed, Eisenhower and his government not only did not show the slightest sign of remorse but openly declared that such activity of encroaching on the sovereignty of the Soviet Union was the state policy of the United States. He further indicated that the United States would continue to carry out this kind of provocative activity against the Soviet Union. No country with a feeling of national self-respect will tolerate this arrogant and flagrantly aggressive U.S. attitude and remain silent, nor can any country truly concerned with world peace refrain from strong condemnation. For the past few days, people in all parts of the Soviet Union have been holding protest meetings, giving full expression to their boundless indignation. The Chinese people fully support the solemn stand adhered to by Comrade Khrushchov in his statement. Standing solidly together with the Soviet people, the Chinese people firmly oppose the U.S. imperialist sabotage of the conference of the heads of government, and its aggression and provocation against the Soviet Union.

Like the people of all the other socialist countries, the Chinese people cherished the hope that the conference of the heads of government of the four powers would make achievements and they have firmly supported the Soviet Union in its efforts to promote the relaxation of international tension. Nevertheless, under present circumstances, as Comrade Khrushchov has said, the Soviet Union "cannot be among the participants in talks where one of the parties bases its policy with regard to the Soviet Union on treachery. Should the Soviet Government, in the present circumstances, take part in negotiations which are obviously 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." He said: "There is no better way out than to put off the heads of government conference for some six or eight months." There is no doubt that this stand of the Soviet Government is fully endorsed by the Chinese people, the people of the other socialist countries and all people of the world who genuinely love peace.

After being solemnly denounced by Comrade Khrushchov, Eisenhower issued a statement, denying that he had threatened to continue to intrude into Soviet territory and claiming that flights intruding into Soviet territorial air "were suspended" and "are not to be resumed." However, he still insisted that such aggressive acts of the United States in encroaching upon the sovereignty of other countries were a "necessity" "to assure the safety of the United States and the free world." And he also said that the period during which such flights would not be resumed was limited to his tenure as president. Thus Eisenhower once again exposed his face as a gangster, completely jettisoned the publicly recognized minimum moral standards, and also completely violated the fundamental principle of international law concerning respect for the sovereignty of nations. This is like a robber who, after he has been caught, cannot but promise to stop robbing for the moment, but insists on justifying robbery and maintains that he may continue to rob after a certain time.

In such circumstances, how can the Soviet Union, as a sovereign state, tolerate insults of this kind? How can it sit down to hold talks with a head of state who has claimed intrusion into the Soviet Union as his state policy? Comrade Khrushchov said in a statement at a

press conference on May 18: "We will not tolerate insults, we have our pride and our dignity. We represent a mighty socialist state."

Similarly, since Eisenhower refused to admit aggression and made encroachment on Soviet sovereignty the state policy of the United States, how can the conference of the heads of government of the four powers reach agreement? In these circumstances, would not agreement to hold the conference be tantamount to joining the aggressors in deceiving the people of the world? This naturally could not be accepted by the Soviet Government. Eisenhower's statement, instead of eliminating obstacles, completely blocked the road to the conference.

This attitude of the U.S. Government headed by Eisenhower fully testifies that the United States does not want relaxation of international tension at all. The United States has not only never relaxed its "cold war" policy, but has been intensifying it all along. The U.S. plane's intrusion into Soviet territory was only one of a series of U.S. activities to intensify the "cold war."

At the NATO ministerial council meeting at the beginning of May, U.S. Secretary of State Herter urged this bloc to make every effort to speed up realization of its ten-year plan for armament expansion and war preparations. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution on May 2 requesting Eisenhower to put forward, at the conference of the heads of government of the four powers, the question of restoring "fundamental freedoms" in the East European socialist countries. On May 7, Eisenhower personally ordered the resumption of underground nuclear tests. Up to May 15, just a few hours before the opening of the conference, U.S.

Secretary of Defense Thomas Gates Jr., who had accompanied Eisenhower to Paris, gave an order to the American armed forces in the United States and other parts of the world to stage a so-called "alert exercise," deliberately creating an atmosphere of war. These were all U.S. actions aimed at poisoning the international atmosphere and aggravating tension.

Facts show clearly that the United States has been scheming for a long time to sabotage the conference of the heads of government of the four powers. It should also be noted that this U.S. policy has the support of Britain and France. In spite of some differences existing between the British and French Governments and the U.S. Government, people take note of the fact that prior to the conference, government officials of the United States, Britain, France and West Germany were busily engaged in diplomatic activities, and that West German Chancellor Adenauer was asked to rush to Paris to take part in the conference of the heads of government of the four Western states, finally formulating the tactics to be adopted by the West at the conference of government heads of the four powers. The Eisenhower statement of May 16, which strangled the conference, had had the agreement of Macmillan and de Gaulle. In his statement Eisenhower also said that his attitude was "seconded and supported by my Western colleagues."

It is obvious that the United States and its Western partners intended to create a bad atmosphere so that the conference of the heads of government of the four powers could not be held. Therefore, the responsibility for sabotaging the conference falls squarely on the imperialist bloc headed by the United States, on the U.S. Government headed by Eisenhower, and on Eisenhower

himself. The United States and other Western countries falsely charged that the Soviet Union sabotaged the Paris conference, and their lackeys and accomplices also slandered the Soviet Union by distortion of the facts. But they can deceive nobody, they can never hide the truth from the peoples of the world.

The Soviet Union, China and the other socialist countries have always stood for the settlement of international disputes through negotiation and have endeavoured to achieve agreement of one kind or another in negotiations. Although whether or not agreement can be reached through negotiation does not depend on our side alone, we are in favour of holding talks of various kinds with other countries. In case no agreement is reached owing to obstruction and sabotage by the imperialists, the people of the world will see them more clearly in their true colours. At the preliminary meeting of the conference of the heads of government of the four powers, Comrade Khrushchov fully exposed the policy of aggression against the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries which the United States has been following all along and has no intention of changing. This is indeed a good thing. Everybody now can see that the United States is using shameful, two-faced tactics. On the one hand it pretends to be willing to ease international tension through negotiation, while on the other hand it is actually engaged in criminal acts of increasing international tension and stepping up armament expansion and war preparations. This exposure is entirely necessary for the people of the whole world to see clearly the aggressive nature of imperialism and for the peoples of all countries to maintain keen vigilance in the struggle for world peace.

The people of the Soviet Union, China and the other socialist countries are engaged in an economic construction without parallel in history; full of confidence, they are creating their new life. We need a peaceful international environment. We have always stood for peaceful coexistence among countries with different social systems. The minimum condition for realizing peaceful coexistence is non-aggression against each other's sovereignty and non-interference in each other's internal affairs. To achieve this there is no obstacle whatsoever on the side of the socialist countries: the obstacle comes from the side of imperialism, primarily from that most aggressive imperialism — U.S. imperialism. As Lenin said: "Let the U.S. capitalists refrain from offending us. We will not offend them."

Facts are the best proof. The Soviet Union has not sent reconnaissance planes to invade U.S. territorial air, but U.S. aircraft have continuously invaded the territorial air of the Soviet Union to steal information needed for surprise attacks. China has not sent a single soldier to occupy one inch of U.S. territory, but the United States has occupied the Chinese territory of Taiwan by force.

The piratical deeds of the United States are indeed tens of thousands of miles away from the principle of peaceful coexistence. Imperialism has never wanted genuine peaceful coexistence. Senior officials of the Eisenhower administration have even openly expressed their utter disgust with "peaceful coexistence." They are not willing to accept it even verbally. Not long ago, while advocating the restoration of capitalism in Eastern Europe by means of "evolution," U.S. Vice-President Nixon declared that the United States "cannot

accept what the Soviets call peaceful coexistence." As a representative of big U.S. monopoly capital in the U.S. State Department, Under Secretary of State Dillon has said that "the very phrase 'coexistence' is both weird and presumptuous," and "let us therefore relegate to the scrapheap the concept of a transitory and uneasy coexistence." Therefore, to realize peaceful coexistence, it is necessary to rely on the broad masses of the people to wage resolute struggles against U.S. imperialism.

Now U.S. imperialism finds itself in an extremely awkward position because its wrecking of the conference of the heads of government of the four powers has been completely exposed. But U.S. imperialism is extremely sinister and cunning. In the situation when the East wind is becoming stronger daily while the West wind is on the decline, in order to extricate itself from its present difficulties and to gain time, it will continue to employ various kinds of deceptive tactics and use all kinds of camouflage. Therefore, one cannot be over-naive and cherish any unrealistic illusions about U.S. imperialism. In the struggle against imperialism, it is necessary to adopt the standpoint of class analysis and to see clearly the true nature of imperialism through all kinds of complicated phenomena. We must understand that the tactics of U.S. imperialism may change but its fundamental aim of dominating the whole world and enslaving the peoples of all countries will never change, nor will its nature. We must understand that only when its aggressive face is completely exposed, and when its aggressive policy meets with firm opposition from the people all over the world and it is reduced to complete isolation and cannot save itself from defeat by any means,

only then will U.S. imperialism somewhat restrain its piratical arrogance.

Just as "the leopard cannot change his spots," U.S. imperialism, which is aggressive in nature, cannot renounce its aggressive policy. The imperialists are very firm in their reactionary stand. They will not relax their efforts. Eisenhower has said: "We shall never retreat from our ideals or principles or weaken in our resolution to remain secure." Therefore, the point is that the peace-loving people of the world, especially the people of all the socialist countries, should never lower their guard and relax their vigilance. The people of all countries, while resolutely struggling to solve international disputes through negotiation, should at all times be vigilant against imperialist schemes directed towards war and towards aggression, subversion and sabotage.

As was pointed out in the Peace Manifesto of the 64 Communist and Workers' Parties in 1957:

Peace can be preserved only if all to whom it is dear combine their forces, sharpen their vigilance in relation to the machinations of the war-instigators and become fully conscious that their sacred duty is to intensify the struggle for peace, which is threatened.

The U.S. imperialists are attempting to use certain high-sounding words to deceive and hoodwink the people of all countries and disarm them ideologically before the aggressors. The U.S. imperialists hope that the peoples of good will who cherish peace, like Mr. Tungkuo in the Chinese fable, will mistake wolves for harmless animals. So, in the struggle to defend world peace, the people of all countries must resolutely counter-attack the aggres-

sive activities of U.S. imperialism and must also continuously rip off its "peace" camouflage and expose its true colours to the light of day. Only by completely defeating the U.S. imperialist schemes of war preparations and fake "peace" can world peace be safeguarded.

The United States After Wrecking the Four-Power Summit Conference

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The United States is following up its wrecking of the four-power summit conference by all-out efforts to whip up war hysteria in its anti-Soviet propaganda campaign, carry out armed threats and intimidation and step up its global arms expansion and war preparations. All this has further exposed U.S. imperialism as an aggressor hostile to the world's people and the cause of peace. At the same time, it proves still more clearly that the wrecking of the summit conference and the creation of tension was a premeditated U.S. move.

Before leaving Paris, Eisenhower, the ringleader in torpedoing the summit conference, even issued together with the government heads of Britain and France the most hypocritical statement on so-called "not by use or threat of force." Later, Herter called a special meeting of the NATO council at which he reiterated the statement and did everything possible to put up a smoke-screen. Closely following on that, the imperialists and other reactionaries headed by the United States set up a clamour through all their available propaganda machines about what they called the creation of tension by

the Soviet Union, dubbing themselves "peace-lovers." Even the Adenauer clique, the militarists of West Germany, brazenly said that "the Western powers are not going to give up their patient efforts to ease tension." However, the fact remains that it is no other than the U.S. imperialists and their accomplices who have been doing all they can to create a tense atmosphere and intensify preparations for a new war.

Just a few hours before the time scheduled for the opening of the summit conference, U.S. Secretary of Defense Thomas Gates Jr. gave an order to the American armed forces in the United States and other parts of the world to stage a so-called "alert exercise." The RAF mobile task force also announced that it was in a "state of alertness." After the United States had torpedoed the summit conference, large-scale joint U.S.-British-Canadian air exercises were staged near London. Under the direction of U.S. Chief of Staff for Naval Operations Burke, large-scale naval exercises of NATO naval units commanded by West German naval commanders were openly held in the northern part of the Baltic. Not only this, the Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Twining clamoured that "our forces are in a fine, ready condition and ready to go." The U.S. Air Force Secretary, Sharp, also said that the U.S. air force stationed in the Far East was already in "readiness." The Commanding General of the U.S. Strategic Air Command, Thomas Power, publicly shouted that "we are both determined and prepared to fight." How this all rings with the rattle of the sabre and what fierce and savage looks they adopt! We should like to ask: are these not instances of the most outrageous efforts to instigate a new war and create tension rather than the so-

called U.S. "peaceful means" or what Adenauer termed "not going to give up their patient efforts to ease tension"? Are these instances of the "new threats and new dangers" which Macmillan claimed came from the Soviet Union but not from the United States and its accomplices?

The reason why U.S. imperialism is carrying out such flagrant activities to instigate a new war and create tension is that, in addition to covering up its criminal responsibility for torpedoing the summit conference, it wants to create the right atmosphere for its premeditated plan to further carry out large-scale arms expansion and war preparations. The former U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Spaatz admitted that the intrusion into the Soviet Union by U.S. aircraft "may have been unfortunate diplomatically" but "has been encouraging from a military point of view." This statement reveals most clearly the designs of U.S. monopoly capital. Facts exactly tally with this. UPI divulged that Eisenhower and the United States' major allies would "tighten up its defenses all along the line." (This should read as arms expansion and war preparations.) An AP dispatch also stated, "The United States in particular is expected to speed efforts to offset Soviet superiority in rocket and space weapon developments. The other allies may be asked to boost their defense budgets quickly." The House Appropriations Committee approved without a moment's delay an additional appropriation of 73,000,000 dollars for the development of atomic aircraft, which brought the expenditure for similar purposes up to the total of more than 1,000 million dollars. Brucker, U.S. Army Secretary, also announced that the United States would strengthen its "national defences" around

the whole world. The United States has been stepping up its tests of the "Atlas" and "Polaris" and other types of guided missiles and is going to resume the underground nuclear tests. At the same time, British Minister of Defence Harold Watkinson indicated that "Great Britain makes a most important independent contribution to the nuclear deterrent strength of the West." U.S. atomic guns will soon be shipped to Britain. The West, acting on U.S. directions, will shortly remove certain restrictions on West Germany's rearmament by allowing the latter to build, as a first step, a 6,000-ton destroyer. The Kishi clique by armed force has illegally railroaded the Japan-U.S. military alliance treaty through the Diet. Making no secret of the U.S. and Japanese conspiracy for expansion and aggression, Nixon has said that both the United States and Japan had the ability and will to provide vitally important strength for the broad Pacific region. This shows that the United States is speeding up the execution of its plan to turn West Germany and Japan into hotbeds of a new war. The armed threats and war preparations of U.S. imperialism in the Far East have been more intensive than ever. U.S. Army Secretary Brucker has announced that the United States will reinforce its aggressive troops in Korea and strengthen its "defence" against the so-called "communist Chinese threat." The first shipment of U.S. F-104 jet fighters has arrived in Taiwan. All these are criminal activities carried out by the United States behind the smokescreen of the anti-Soviet ballyhoo.

The propaganda machines of the United States and its accomplices have left no stone unturned in advancing such lame arguments as the claim that their intensified arms expansion and war preparations were the outcome

of a "reappraisal of Western policies in the cold war" allegedly launched by the Soviet Union. What a shameless pretext! Before the summit conference, were the instances of Eisenhower's ballyhoo in his State of the Union Message, in his other messages and on various occasions, for "strengthening deterrent strength," not sufficiently numerous? Were instances of large-scale U.S. arms expansion and war preparations, particularly through the development of guided missiles and establishment of missile bases, not sufficiently numerous? Herter's presentation of a "ten-year plan" for arms expansion to the NATO council meeting; the NATO's American Supreme Commander Norstad's announcement that a new five-power atomic task force would soon be set up, and that West Germany and Japan are stepping up their rearmament — did all this begin only recently? The Pentagon publicly announced that it has already worked out a plan of war operations in the Far East and Southeast Asia and will step up its preparations for starting a local war in the Far East. Felt, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Forces in the Pacific, even announced that the armed forces under his command were in "fighting readiness." A "Blue Star" exercise was staged by the United States in the South China Sea and "Matador" guided missiles were launched in the Taiwan Straits and south Korea. Did not all these present armed threats carried out by the United States long since? The fact is that the United States has intensified and is intensifying arms expansion and war preparations. If there is any difference at all between the present and the past, it is only that the United States wore a "peace" mask in the past, but has now changed over to its shop-worn anti-Soviet and anti-Communist tune. Since the peoples of various countries

have already seen through the U.S. camouflage, how can its anti-Soviet and anti-Communist smokescreen hoodwink the people today?

The people the world over have learned a big lesson from the recent provocations against the Soviet Union and the wrecking of the four-power summit conference by the United States. They see more clearly than ever the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism. The people of various countries whose powers of discernment are sharper than ever before are far more vigilant against the U.S. plots for aggression and war. Whatever camouflage the United States may adopt, its intensified arms expansion and war preparations are bound to meet with the firm opposition of the people of the world and will merely lead the United States into greater isolation than ever.