

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

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Respected Ambassador Aurel Duma,
Comrades and friends,

Today is the 24th anniversary of the liberation of the Rumanian people from the yoke of fascism. On behalf of the Chinese people and Government, I extend warm congratulations to the Rumanian people and Government.

Twenty-four years ago, the Rumanian Communist Party led the people in an armed uprising to overthrow the reactionary Antonescu regime, thus opening a new chapter in Rumanian history. Making use of their national resources and relying on their own efforts, the Rumanian people and their leaders have scored significant successes in the cause of building their motherland in the past twenty-four years. We wish the Rumanian people new successes in the struggle to defend and build their motherland with greater industry and courage.

Comrades and friends! A few days ago, the Soviet revisionist leading clique and its followers brazenly dispatched massive armed forces to launch a surprise attack on Czechoslovakia and swiftly occupied it, with the Czechoslovak revisionist leading clique openly

calling on the people not to resist, thus perpetrating towering crimes against the Czechoslovak people.

This is the most barefaced and most typical specimen of fascist power politics played by the Soviet revisionist clique of renegades and scabs against its so-called allies. It marks the total bankruptcy of Soviet modern revisionism.

The Chinese Government and people strongly condemn the Soviet revisionist leading clique and its followers for their crime of aggression — the armed occupation of Czechoslovakia — and firmly support the Czechoslovak people in their heroic struggle of resistance to Soviet military occupation.

Over a long period of time, modern revisionism with the Soviet revisionist leading clique as its centre has been beset with internal contradictions and riddled with crises. The aim of the

Soviet revisionist leading clique in brazenly invading and occupying Czechoslovakia is to prevent the Czechoslovak revisionist leading clique from directly hiring itself out to the Western countries headed by U.S. imperialism and to prevent this state of affairs from giving rise to uncontrollable chain reactions. This is an inevitable result of the great-power chauvinism and national egoism practised by the Soviet revisionist leading clique, and of the Khrushchov revisionism the Soviet revisionist clique of renegades has practised over the years.

Discarding all its fig-leaves, its so-called "Marxism-Leninism", "internationalism", etc., the Soviet revisionist leading clique has brazenly resorted to direct armed aggression and intervention and is trying to create puppets with

the help of guns. It is exactly what Hitler did in the past in his aggression against Czechoslovakia and the U.S. imperialism of today is doing in its aggression against Vietnam. The Soviet revisionist clique of renegades has long since degenerated into a gang of social-imperialists and social-fascists.

The Soviet revisionist leading clique has all along pursued the counter-revolutionary policy of U.S.-Soviet collaboration for world domination. Since the Glassboro talks, not to mention anything earlier, U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism have struck a series of dirty deals on such important questions as Vietnam, the Middle East and the prevention of nuclear proliferation. The present Czechoslovak incident is no exception. It is a result of the sharpening contradictions in the

scramble for and division of spheres of influence by U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism in Eastern Europe; it is, moreover, a result of the U.S.-Soviet collusion in a vain attempt to redivide the world. The aggression by Soviet revisionism was carried out with the tacit understanding of U.S. imperialism. Since U.S. imperialism has acquiesced in the invasion and occupation of Czechoslovakia by Soviet revisionism, how is it possible for Soviet revisionism to oppose the forcible occupation of south Vietnam by U.S. imperialism? In fact, Soviet revisionism has long become the No. 1 accomplice of U.S. imperialism in its aggression against Vietnam and the rest of the world. That a big nation should have so wilfully trampled a small nation underfoot serves as a most profound lesson for those harbouring

illusions about U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism.

The armed aggression by Soviet revisionism has brought calamity to the Czechoslovak people, but it has also educated them, enabling them to realize gradually that revisionism is the root cause of this calamity. This is likewise a very good lesson for the people of the Soviet Union, the other East European countries and the rest of the world. Our great leader Chairman Mao has long ago pointed out:

For a while some people may not see things clearly, may be hoodwinked or may make mistakes, but so long as they want to make revolution, having once understood the true situation and seen revisionism in its true colours, they will eventually break with revisionism and come over

to the side of Marxism-Leninism in the course of their revolutionary practice.

We are convinced that the Czechoslovak people with their glorious revolutionary tradition will never submit to the Soviet revisionist military occupation but will surely continue to rise and carry on the revolutionary struggle against the Soviet revisionist leading clique and the revisionist leading clique at home, whereas by their perverse acts the Soviet revisionist leading clique and its followers will only hasten their complete downfall as well as the total collapse of the entire modern revisionist bloc.

Comrades and friends! Rumania is now facing the danger of foreign intervention and aggression. The Rumanian Government is mobilizing the people

to wage struggles in defence of their independence and sovereignty. The Chinese people, who have grown even stronger through the tempering of the great proletarian cultural revolution, support you. It is our firm belief that so long as one truly relies on the masses and perseveres in protracted struggle, any foreign intervention and aggression can be and certainly will be defeated.

Defeat to U.S. imperialism!

Defeat to Soviet revisionism!

Victory to the people!

Long live the friendship between the Chinese and Rumanian peoples!