ARMED SOVIET INTRUSION INTO CHENPAO ISLAND, CHINA

EXPOSES SOVIET REVISIONISTS AS SOCIAL IMPERIALISTS AND NEW TSARS

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China lodges strongest protest with Soviet government against Soviet frontier guards' intrusion into area of Chenpao Island in China's Heilungkiang province, killing and wounding many Chinese frontier guards.

Peking, March third (hsinhuá) -- On March second, 1969, Soviet frontier guards intruded into the area of Chenpao Island, Heilungkiang province, China, and killed and wounded many Chinese frontier guards by opening fire on them, thus creating an extremely grave incident of bloodshed. However, alleging that the Chinese territory Chenpao Island belonged to the Soviet Union, the Soviet government slanderously charged Chinese frontier guards with intruding into Soviet territory and published its so-called "note of protest" to the Chinese government. A spokesman of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs pointed out that even according to the Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking 1860, an unequal treaty imposed on the Chinese people by tsarist Russian imperialism, Chenpao Island is indisputable Chinese territory and it has always been under Chinese jurisdiction and patrolled by Chinese frontier guards since long ago. The so-called "note of protest" from the Soviet Union is the fond trick of thief crying thief played by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique; it is the gangster logic of this clique which has taken over the mantle of tsarist Russian imperialism and pushed the social imperialist policy of aggression. The Chinese government sent a note of protest to the Soviet government on March 2, 1969, exposing the true picture of how the Soviet frontier guards intruded into Chinese territory and carried out armed provocations, thus creating the grave incident of bloodshed. The full text of the note follows:
on the morning of March 2, 1969, Soviet frontier guards intruded into the area of Chenshao Island, Heilungkiang province, China, and killed and wounded many Chinese frontier guards by opening fire on them, thus creating an extremely grave border armed conflict. Against this, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China is instructed to lodge the strongest protest with the Soviet government.

At 0917 hours on March 2, large numbers of fully armed soldiers, together with four armoured vehicles and cars, sent out by the Soviet frontier authorities flagrantly intruded into the area of Chenshao Island which is indisputable Chinese territory, carried out blatant provocations against the Chinese frontier guards who were on normal patrol duty and were the first to open cannon and gun fire, killing and wounding many Chinese frontier guards. The Chinese frontier guards were compelled to fight back in self-defence when they reached the end of their forbearance after their repeated warnings to the Soviet frontier guards had produced no effect. This grave incident of bloodshed was entirely and solely created by the Soviet authorities. It is another grave new crime perpetrated by the Soviet authorities which have long been deliberately encroaching upon China's territory, carrying out armed provocations and creating ceaseless incidents of bloodshed.

The Chinese government firmly demands that the Soviet government punish the culprits of this incident and immediately stop its encroachment upon China's territory and its armed provocations, and reserves the right to demand compensation from the Soviet side for all the losses suffered by the Chinese side. The Chinese government once again sternly warns the Soviet government: China's sacred territory brooks no violation; if you should wilfully cling to your reckless course and continue to provoke armed conflicts along the Sino-Soviet border, you will certainly receive resolute counter-blows from the Chinese people; and it is the Soviet government that must bear full responsibility for all the grave consequences arising therefrom.

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soviets revisionist renegade clique directs soviet frontier guards flagrantly to intrude into area of chenpao island, heilungkiang province, china, and open fire, killing and wounding chinese frontier guards.

peking, march third (hsinhu) -- on march 2 the soviet modern revisionist renegade clique directed soviet frontier guards flagrantly to intrude into the area of chenpao island, heilungkiang province, china, and outrageously open cannon and gun fire, killing and wounding many chinese frontier guards.

the chinese frontier guards were compelled to fight back in self-defense.

this extremely grave incident of armed provocations deliberately created by the soviet revisionist renegade clique is another grave crime it perpetrated against the chinese people and once again reveals its fiendish features as social-imperialism.

around nine o'clock on march second, large numbers of fully armed soldiers, together with two armoured vehicles, a lorry and a command car, sent by the soviet frontier authorities, flagrantly intruded into the area of chenpao island which is indisputable chinese territory, and carried out provocations against the chinese frontier guards who were on normal patrol duty on the island. at that time, with very great restraint, the chinese frontier guards gave repeated warnings to the intruding soviet soldiers and ordered them to stop their provocations and withdraw from the chinese territory. however, the intruding soviet soldiers turned a deaf ear to these warnings and became even more truculent. at nine seventeen hours, the intruding soviet soldiers outrageously opened cannon and gun fire on the chinese frontier guards. the chinese frontier guards were compelled to fight back in self-defence when they reached the end of their forbearance, giving the intruders, who carried out provocations, punishment which they deserved and successfully safeguarding the sacred territory of our country.

this extremely grave armed conflict created by the soviet revisionist renegade clique is by no means an isolated incident. for a long time, the soviet revisionist renegade clique, ignoring the repeated warnings of the chinese government, has constantly encroached upon china's territory and her air space and created incidents of bloodshed on many occasions. during the frost seasons in the more than two years between january 23, 1967 and march second of this year, soviet frontier guards intruded into the area of chenpao island on sixteen occasions, and on several occasions wounding chinese frontier guards who were on normal patrol duty and looting arms and ammunition.
between the end of November, 1967 and January 5 of 1968, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique sent Soviet frontier guards on 18 occasions to intrude into the area of Chiliching Island, north of Chenpao Island, Heilungkiang Province, China, disrupting Chinese people's production and on many occasions killing and wounding Chinese people who were engaged in productive labour. Soviet frontier guards also intruded into the area of Kapotzu Island, south of Chenpao Island, Heilungkiang Province, China, on many occasions and, on a still greater number of occasions, Soviet military planes intruded into China's air space over Heilungkiang Province.

The crimes of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique in deliberately encroaching upon China's territory and creating one incident of bloodshed after another have glaringly exposed the hideous features of the clique, which has for a long time collaborated with U.S. imperialism, frenziedly opposed China and practised social imperialism and social fascism. These grave crimes of the clique have aroused the utmost indignation of the Chinese army men and civilians. The Chinese people sternly warn the Soviet revisionist renegade clique: the seven hundred million Chinese people, tempered in the great proletarian cultural revolution, are not to be trifled with. China's sacred territory brooks no violation. If you should wilfully cling to your reckless course and continue to create armed conflicts along the Sino-Soviet border, you will certainly receive resolute counter-blowes from the seven hundred million Chinese people who are armed with Marxism, Leninism, Mao Tse-Tung's thought!
peking, march third (hsinhuA) -- following is the full text of the editorial "down with the new tsars!" in the "people's daily" and "liberation army daily" of march 4:

on march the second the soviet revisionist renegade clique sent armed soldiers to flagrantly intrude into chenpao island on the ussuri river, heilungkiang province, china, and killed and wounded many frontier guards of the chinese people's liberation army by opening cannon and gun fire on them. this is an extremely grave border armed provocation carried out by the soviet revisionists, a frantic anti-china incident created by them and another big exposure of the heinous nature of soviet revisionism as social imperialism. the chinese people and the chinese people's liberation army express great indignation at this towering crime committed by the soviet revisionist renegade clique and lodge the strongest protest against it.

this grave border incident of armed provocations had entirely been plotted beforehand and was deliberately engineered by the soviet revisionist renegade clique. chenpao island on the ussuri river is chinese territory. it is our sacred right for our frontier guards to patrol our own territory. however, the soviet revisionist authorities despatched large numbers of armed soldiers, armoured vehicles and cars to intrude into china's territory and attack our patrol unit. our frontier guards gave repeated warnings to the soviet revisionists' frontier troops. but that produced no effect. only when they were driven to the end of their forbearance, our frontier guards were compelled to fight back in self-defence, giving well-deserved punishment to the intruders who carried out provocations and triumphantly safeguarding china's sacred territory. the armymen and civilians throughout china pledge their most resolute support for the just action of the heroic frontier guards in defence of the territorial sovereignty of the motherland.

after creating this grave incident of border provocations, the soviet revisionist renegade clique had the impudence to make false counter-charges and send a so-called "note of protest" to china. it shamelessly described chenpao island as its territory, alleging that chinese frontier guards "crossed the soviet state frontier" and carried out a "provocative attack" on the soviet revisionists' frontier troops "protecting" the area of chenpao island. this is sheer nonsense! it is an indisputable, iron-clad fact
that chenpao island is chinese territory. even according to the sino-russian treaty of peking, an unequal treaty imposed on the chinese people by tsarist russian imperialism in 1860, the area of chenpao island belongs to china. it has always been under china's jurisdiction and patrolled by chinese frontier guards since long ago. how is it that the area of chenpao island suddenly ran over to that side of "the soviet state frontier"? and how is it that this part of chinese territory became an area "protected" by the soviet revisionists' frontier troops? the fact is that your troops invaded the chinese territory of chenpao island and launched frenzied attacks on chinese frontier guards, but you, soviet revisionists, made false counter-charges that chinese frontier guards launched a "provocative attack". you can absolutely not succeed in your attempt to cover up your crime of aggression by playing the fond trick of calling black white and of thief crying "stop thief".

the soviet revisionist renegade clique has consistently been hostile towards the chinese people. filled with hatred and fear, it has redoubled its efforts to carry out anti-china activities especially since china launched the great proletarian cultural revolution and won great, decisive victory in the revolution. the soviet revisionist renegade clique has not only wantonly calumniated and slandered china and vigorously conducted subversive and disruptive activities against her, but also amassed troops on the sino-mongolian and sino-soviet borders, repeatedly intruded into china's territory and air space, creating border incidents and posing military threat against our country. the soviet revisionist renegade clique has also done its utmost to collude with u.s. imperialism and all reaction in an attempt to form a so-called ring of encirclement against china. the recent intrusion into china's chenpao island made by the soviet revisionist renegade clique for armed provocation is obviously a new move to step up its anti-china activities.

the repeated armed intrusions into china's territory made by the soviet revisionist renegade clique to create border incidents have once again enabled the people throughout the world to see clearly that this handful of renegades are out-and-out social imperialists and new tsars. they have ruthlessly plundered and brutally oppressed the people of east european countries at will and have even sent several hundred thousand troops to occupy czechoslovakia and marked large expanses of land in east europe as their sphere of influence in an attempt to set up a colonial empire of the tsarist type. at the same time, they are pushing the same line in asia. they have not only turned the mongolian people's republic into their colony but also vainly attempted...
to go further and occupy China's territory. They regard as theirs those areas the tsars once occupied and are stretching their hands to areas the tsars did not occupy. They are even more gluttonous than the tsars.

What is the difference between the gangsterism of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique and U.S. imperialism which occupies other countries' territory and encroaches upon their sovereignty at will and rides roughshod everywhere?

In 1900, Lenin, in his essay "The War in China," furiously condemned the crimes of the tsars in invading China. He pointed out that "the policy of the tsarist government in China is a criminal policy." And in this case, as always, the autocratic tsarist government has proved itself to be a government of irresponsible bureaucrats servilely cringing before the capitalist magnates and nobles. These words from Lenin can fully be used today to portray the shameless features of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique which has taken over the mantle of the tsars!

The armed provocation by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique against our country is a frenzied action it has taken out of the need of its domestic and foreign policies at a time when it is beset with internal and external difficulties and landed in an impasse. In so doing, it attempts to fan up anti-China sentiments for the purpose of diverting the attention of the Soviet people whose resentment and resistance against its reactionary bourgeois fascist rule are growing daily and, at the same time, to please U.S. imperialism and curry favour with the new Nixon administration, so that the United States and the Soviet Union may enter into further counter-revolutionary bargains on a global scale. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique thought that they would free themselves of their predicament by engineering a new anti-China incident. But the result is just the opposite. The people of China and the Soviet Union have a profound revolutionary friendship between them and all the anti-China schemes engineered by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique are bound to go bankrupt. This perverse action of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique serves only to reveal its counter-revolutionary features still more clearly and arouse even stronger opposition from the Soviet people and the people all over the world. Like lifting a rock to crush its own toes, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique will only accelerate its own destruction.

Our great leader Chairman Mao points out: "Historically, all reactionary forces on the verge of extinction invariably conduct a last desperate struggle against the revolutionary forces." This is what...
the soviet revisionist renegade clique is doing. its recent military provocation against china is precisely an expression of its inherent weakness.

we warn the soviet revisionist renegade clique: nobody is allowed to encroach upon china's territorial sovereignty. (boldface begins) we will not attack unless we are attacked; if we are attacked, we will certainly counter-attack (boldface ends). gone are the days when the chinese people were bullied by others. you are utterly blind and day-dreaming when you think you can deal with the great chinese people by resorting to the old tricks of tsarist russia. if you continue making military provocations, you will certainly receive severe punishment. no matter in what strength and with whom you come, we will wipe you out (boldface begins) resolutely, thoroughly, wholly and completely (boldface ends). the seven hundred million chinese people and the chinese people's liberation army who are armed with mao tse-tung's thought and have been tempered in the great proletarian cultural revolution are more powerful than ever before. whoever dares to invade our great socialist motherland will inevitably be badly battered and smashed!

down with the new tsars! down with soviet revisionist social imperialism!
armymen and civilians throughout china denounce soviet armed provocations

peking, march fourth (hsinhua) -- armymen and civilians in their hundreds of millions throughout china are enraged at the extremely grave and bloody incident created by the soviet revisionist renegade clique who directed soviet frontier troops flagrantly to intrude into chinese territory.

from china's capital, peking, to the vast border regions, and from the cities to the countryside, millions upon millions of the revolutionary masses and commanders and fighters of the chinese people's liberation army are holding rallies and mammoth demonstrations to condemn the towering crimes of the soviet revisionist renegade clique which, in collaboration with u.s. imperialism, is frenziedly opposing china and pushing a social-imperialist policy of aggression. the demonstrators voice their resolute support for the strong protest the chinese government has lodged with the soviet government. they warmly salute the heroic chinese frontier guards who gave the intruding provocateurs a well-deserved punishment.

holding aloft placards bearing the slogans, "we strongly protest against the soviet revisionists' intrusion into our territory of chenpao island !" "we vow to defend the sacred territory of our motherland at all costs !" and others, mighty contingents of demonstrators marching through the streets of the different places shouted in anger:"down with soviet revisionist social-imperialism !" "down with the new tsars !" and "down with u.s. imperialism !" "down with soviet revisionism !" "down with all reaction !" armymen and civilians everywhere solemnly warned the soviet revisionist renegade clique: we will never tolerate intrusion into china's sacred territory. if you persist in what you are doing and continue to instigate armed conflicts along the sino-soviet borders, you will be sure to meet with resolute counter-blows from the 700 million chinese people who are armed with marxism, leninism, mao tse-tung's thought !

in peking, the capital of our great motherland, more than 400,000 armymen and civilians rallied and paraded yesterday, in strong protest against the towering crimes of the soviet revisionist renegade clique. throughout the day, they marched to "fanhsiu" (anti-revisionism) road, where the soviet embassy is located. the shouts rang out: "we strongly protest against soviet revisionists' armed provocations !" "down with soviet revisionist social-imperialism !" "down with the new tsars !" "down with u.s. imperial-
the armymen and civilians pointed out: the situation in China is excellent as the great proletarian cultural revolution advances to all-round victory, but the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, faced with difficulties at home and abroad, is in an impasse and is having a very tough time. The fact that the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has carried out extremely grave armed provocations on the Sino-Soviet border at this time is a reflection of its difficulties and extreme weakness. This incident provides further evidence of the frenzied anti-China activities pursued by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique by all along colluding with U.S. imperialism and currying favour with its new chieftain Richard Nixon and of its social-imperialist and social-fascist nature.

The revolutionary masses recall that our great leader Chairman Mao pointed out long ago: "'Lifting a rock only to drop it on one's own feet' is a Chinese folk saying to describe the behaviour of certain fools. The reactionaries in all countries are fools of this kind." The Soviet revisionist renegade clique are indeed fools of this kind. Whatever method they may resort to, they will meet with ignominious defeat in the end.

In Heilungkiang province, from Harbin, the provincial capital, to the vast countryside on the Sino-Soviet border, mammoth mass demonstrations of indignant protest were held by the revolutionary people and P.L.A. commanders and fighters. In Harbin, 150,000 armymen and civilians held a rally yesterday, protesting against the armed provocations by the Soviet revisionists. They sent heartfelt greetings and high tribute to the heroic P.L.A. fighters defending the frontiers, the armymen and civilians throughout the province solemnly declared: "To us who live on the frontier armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought, every house is a sentry post and everyone stands guard. We will not give up a single inch of the sacred territory of our motherland even if we have to shed our blood or lay down our lives!"

The poor and lower-middle peasants of the hutou production brigade of Hulin county near Chenpao island declared: "In recent years, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has directed Soviet frontier guards to intrude constantly into the territory of our country to conduct trouble-making and sabotage. Chenpao island and the Kapotzu island areas, which are under our county administration, have all along been China's territory, and our frontier guards have always patrolled there. In order to safeguard the territorial integrity of the motherland, our frontier guards and residents in the border areas have many times waged struggles against Soviet revisionism. Now the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has committed a new
On the morning of March 2, 1969, the Soviet revisionist regime launched a full-scale military operation. Together with reinforcements, tanks, and artillery, the Soviet forces crossed the border and invaded China's Changpu Island from the south and north. They made a sudden attack on the Chinese border guards on patrol duty and were the first to open fire with cannon and heavy artillery, killing and wounding many Chinese border guards. The Chinese border guards bravely fought back in self-defense and repelled the invaders, thereby thwarting the invasion and safeguarding the national territory of our motherland.

KAINIMA Telephoto, Peking, March 11, 1969—SKETCH MAP SHOWING SOVIET REVISIONIST TROOPS INTO CHINESE TERRITORY.
The caption on the left side of the sketch map reads:

On the morning of March 2, 1969, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique sent fully armed soldiers, together with 4 armoured vehicles and cars, from Nizhne-Mikhailovka and Kulebyakinya to intrude into China's Chenpao Island from south and north. They made a sudden attack on the Chinese frontier guards on patrol duty and were the first to open cannon and gun fire, killing and wounding many Chinese frontier guards. The Chinese frontier guards valiantly fought back in self-defence and repulsed the intruder who carried out provocations, thereby triumphantly safeguarding the sacred territory of our motherland.

The caption on the right side of the sketch map reads:

This boundary line was imposed on China by tsarist Russian imperialism on the basis of the unequal Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking, 1860. By this treaty tsarist Russian imperialism further annexed the vast expanse of Chinese territory east of the Ussuri River. And even according to this unequal treaty Chenpao Island is indisputable Chinese territory.
crime. we resolutely demand that the soviet government punish the culprits responsible for the incident. we people in the border areas are determined to make further efforts to arm ourselves with mao tse-tung's thought and to fight back resolutely against any enemy who dares to intrude into our territory."

thousands upon thousands of revolutionary people yesterday turned out to demonstrate in the streets of shanghai, tientsin, shenyang, kwangchow, sian, wuhan, chengtu, nanking, lanchow, shinkiachwang, hofei, kwelyang and other big and medium-sized cities. their roars of protests rose over these cities all day long. demonstrating revolutionary workers and other revolutionary people sternly warned the soviet revisionist renegade clique that the chinese people, who have been tempered in the great proletarian cultural revolution and are armed with marxism, leninism and mao tse-tung’s thought, are invincible. if the soviet revisionists wilfully cling to their reckless course and go on with their armed provocations along the sino-soviet borders, the iron fists of the chinese people will crush their heads.

many workers in their condemnation pointed out that the soviet revisionist renegade clique has once again revealed its ugly social-imperialist face before the people of the world by intruding into chinese territory and causing bloodshed. the chinese people, they declared, believe that the soviet proletariat and labouring masses educated by lenin and stalin want to make revolution; a profound revolutionary friendship exists between them and the chinese people; they have already started, and will continue, to rebel against kosygin, brezhnev and company. the day is not far off when the soviet revisionist renegade clique will collapse utterly !

revolutionary people of the various nationalities and p.l.a. fighters and commanders in inner-mongolia, sinkiang, kwangsi, yunnan, fukien, chekiang, tibet and kirin which are located on anti-imperialist and anti-revisionist outposts, have shown great indignation at the monstrous crime of soviet revisionist intrusion into china’s territory. they held protest rallies and demonstrations.

revolutionary masses pointed out: our great leader chairman mao has indicated: "all reactionaries are paper tigers." they said that the soviet revisionist renegade clique, in collaboration with u.s. imperialism and reactionaries in other countries, is frenziedly carrying out anti-china activities and pushing its social-imperialist and social-fascist policy of aggression. they will eventually be crushed by the iron fists of the revolutionary people of the soviet union and other parts of the world.
armymen and civilians in the coastal city foochow, southeast china, and 300,000 armymen and civilians in the northeast china coastal city lushun-dairen yesterday took to the streets to denounce the soviet revisionist armed provocations. commanders and fighters of the p.l.a. units in foochow have pledged to make further efforts to study and apply chairman mao's works in a living way, firmly grasp the gun in their hands and safeguard the integrity of the sacred territory of their motherland with their lives.

the poor and lower-middle peasants of the fangchuan production brigade of the chingtsin people's commune in hunchun county, yenpien korean autonomous chou, which borders the soviet union, joined frontier guards stationed there in holding a rally to denounce the crimes of the soviet revisionists. at the rally, the peasants and frontier guards took this solemn vow to our great leader chairman mao: we will be boundlessly loyal to chairman mao. we will rather lose our lives or shed our blood than give up even a single blade of grass on our motherland. we will wipe out the soviet revisionists resolutely should they dare to encroach upon even one inch of china's territory!

the commanders and fighters of the frontier guards in tibet said that the sacred territory of the great motherland brooked no encroachment. they had completely defeated the provocations which the indian reactionaries, supported by u.s. imperialism and soviet revisionism, had carried out along the sino-indian borders. "if the soviet revisionist renegade clique dares to encroach upon china's territory, it will face even more ignominious failure," they declared.

the commanders and fighters of the air force units which repeatedly made contributions to the country by dealing heavy blows to the u.s. marauders over kwangsi solemnly warned the soviet revisionist renegade clique: "if you dare to continue intruding, we will resolutely follow our great leader chairman mao's teaching 'go all out and be sure to destroy the enemy intruders' and wipe you out resolutely, thoroughly, and completely." end item
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information department of the chinese foreign ministry

on march 2, 1969, the soviet revisionist renegade clique sent out large numbers of armed soldiers who intruded flagrantly into chenpao island on the ussuri river in hulin county, heilungkiang province, china, and launched a sudden attack on our frontier guards on patrol duty, killing and wounding many of them. it has thus committed a new grave crime against the chinese people and incurred another debt in blood. the armymen and civilians of our country in their hundreds of millions have expressed deepest indignation at this.

however, after the incident, the soviet revisionist renegade clique, calling black white and confusing right and wrong, described china's chenpao island as part of soviet territory and the soviet revisionist armed troops' intrusion into chinese territory and their attack on chinese frontier guards as chinese frontier guards crossing soviet state frontier to attack soviet frontier troops. this is sheer nonsense!

chenpao island has always been chinese territory. the "sino-russian treaty of nipchu" of september 8, 1689 stipulated that the ernkund river, the gorbitza river and the outer khingan mountains form the eastern sector of the sino-russian boundary and that the vast areas north of the heilungkiang river, south of the outer khingan mountains and east of the ussuri river are all chinese territory. the ussuri river where chenpao island is situated was then an inland river of china. while the allied british-french imperialist troops were attacking tientsin and threatening peking in their aggression against china, tsarist russian imperialism seized the opportunity to compel the authorities of the ching dynasty by armed force to sign the unequal "sino-russian treaty of aigun" on may 28, 1858, by which it annexed more than 600,000 square kilometres of chinese territory north of the heilungkiang river and placed some 400,000 square kilometres of chinese territory east of the ussuri river under the joint possession of china and russia. again taking advantage of the military pressure brought about by the british-french imperialist war of aggression against china and after the occupation of peking by the british and french aggressor troops, tsarist russian imperialism forced the government of the ching dynasty to sign another unequal treaty, the "sino-russian treaty of peking", on november 14, 1860, by which it forcibly incorporated all the chinese territory east of the ussuri river into russia.
as marx pointed out in 1857 and 1858, the opium war of 1840 was followed by "THE SUCCESSFUL ENCROACHMENT OF RUSSIA FROM THE NORTH" on china, and russia "TOOK POSSESSION OF THE BANKS OF THE RIVER AMUR (the heilungkiang river -- translator), THE NATIVE COUNTRY OF THE PRESENT RULING RACE (the manchu -- editor) IN CHINA". furthermore, after the signing of the "sino-russian treaty of aigun", engels penetratingly pointed out: "WHEN AT LAST ENGLAND RESOLVED TO CARRY THE WAR TO PEKING, AND WHEN FRANCE JOINED HER IN THE HOPE OF PICKING UP SOMETHING TO HER ADVANTAGE", russia despoiled "CHINA OF A COUNTRY AS LARGE AS FRANCE AND GERMANY PUT TOGETHER, AND OF A RIVER AS LARGE AS THE DANUBE". lenin also pointed out that the task of the russian imperialist policy in asia was "TO SEIZE THE WHOLE OF PERSIA, COMPLETE THE PARTITION OF CHINA". by these brilliant conclusions, marx, engels and lenin fully exposed the aggressive and unequal nature of the "sino-russian treaty of aigun" and the "sino-russian treaty of peking" tsarist russian imperialism had imposed on china.

even according to the unequal "sino-russian treaty of peking", chenpao island is indisputable chinese territory. the "sino-russian treaty of peking" stipulated: "from the estuary of the ussuri river southward to the hsingkai lake, the boundary line runs along the ussuri and sungacha rivers. the land lying east of these rivers belongs to russia and the land west of these rivers belongs to china." according to established principles of international law, in the case of navigable boundary rivers, the central line of the main channel should form the boundary line which determines the ownership of islands. chenpao island and the nearby kapotzu and chilichin islands are all situated on the chinese side of the central line of the main channel of the ussuri river and have always been under china's jurisdiction. chinese frontier guards have always been patrolling these islands and chinese inhabitants have always been carrying on production on these islands. during the sino-soviet boundary negotiations in 1964, the soviet side itself could not but admit that these islands are chinese territory.

on september 27, 1920, the soviet government led by lenin declared that "all the treaties concluded by the previous russia government with china are null and void, and it renounces all the seized chinese territory and all russian concessions in china and returns to china gratis and forever everything the tsarist government and the russian bourgeoisie seized rapaciously from her." this great testament of lenin's failed to come true because china was then ruled by a reactionary government.
after the founding of the people's republic of china, the boundary question between china and the soviet union could have been reasonably settled. the chinese government consistently holds that boundary questions left over by history should be settled through negotiations and that, pending a settlement, the status quo of the boundary should be maintained. the government of china has, in succession, satisfactorily settled complicated boundary questions left over by history with her neighbouring countries burma, nepal, pakistan, the people's republic of mongolia and afghanistan, but the boundary questions between china and the soviet union and between china and india have remained unsettled. the chinese government repeatedly held negotiations with the indian government on the sino-indian boundary question, but they were disrupted by the indian reactionaries. in 1964, the chinese government held boundary negotiations with the soviet government, during which the chinese side made it clear that the "sino-russian treaty of aigun", the "sino-russian treaty of peking" and other treaties relating to the present sino-soviet boundary are all unequal treaties of tsarist russian imperialism imposed on china when power was not in the hands of the peoples of china and russia. but, prompted by the desire to strengthen the revolutionary friendship between the chinese and soviet peoples, the chinese side was willing to take these treaties as the basis for determining the entire alignment of the boundary line between the two countries and for settling all existing questions relating to the boundary; any side which occupies the territory of the other side in violation of the treaties must, in principle, return it wholly and unconditionally to the other side, but this does not preclude necessary readjustments at individual places on the boundary by both sides on the basis of the treaties and in accordance with the principles of consultation on an equal footing and of mutual understanding and mutual accommodation. however, the soviet side refused to accept the above-mentioned reasonable proposals of the chinese side. it refused to recognize the treaties relating to the present sino-soviet boundary as unequal treaties and obstinately refused to take these treaties as the basis for settling the boundary question between the two countries in its vain attempt to force china to accept a new unequal treaty and thus to perpetuate in legal form its occupation of the chinese territory which it seized by crossing the boundary line defined by the unequal treaties, this great-power chauvinist and territorial expansionist stand of the soviet revisionist renegade clique was severely condemned by the chinese side. the chinese side clearly pointed out that if the soviet side should obdurately insist on such a stand and inexorably refuse to mend its ways, the chinese side will have to reconsider its position as regards the sino-soviet boundary question as a whole.
not only has the soviet revisionist renegade clique refused to settle the sino-soviet boundary question through negotiations, but it has incessantly disrupted the status quo of the boundary and created border incidents. after the sino-soviet boundary negotiations were sabotaged by the soviet revisionists, and particularly since brezhnev and kосygin assumed power, the soviet revisionist renegade clique, motivated by its counter-revolutionary needs for allying with u.s. imperialism against china and diverting the attention of the people at home, has sent large reinforcements to the sino-soviet border, stepped up its disruption of the status quo of the boundary, occupied still more chinese territories, carried out armed provocations and created incidents of bloodshed. take chenpao island for instance, during the ice-bound seasons in the two years and more between january 23, 1967 and march 2 of this year alone, soviet frontier troops intruded into the chenpao island area of china on 16 occasions, and during several of these intrusions they wounded chinese frontier guards on normal patrol duty and looted chinese arms and ammunition.

the latest incident in which soviet revisionist troops intruded into chinese territory chenpao island to carry out armed provocations has further revealed the ugly features of the soviet revisionist renegade clique which has taken over the mantle of tsarist russian imperialism and is pursuing its social-imperialist policy of aggression. they regard as theirs those places which tsarist russian imperialism once occupied and have made further claims for places which tsarist russian imperialism failed to occupy. they are the new tsars of today.

it is absolutely impermissible for anyone to violate china's sovereignty and territorial integrity. we will not attack unless we are attacked; if we are attacked, we will certainly counter-attack. should the soviet revisionist renegade clique cling to its reckless course and continue to provoke armed conflicts on the border, the chinese people, following the teaching of our great leader chairman mao, will certainly wipe out the invading enemy RESOLUTELY, THOROUGHLY, WHOLLY AND COMPLETELY. end item
soviet revisionist renegade clique is number one accomplice of u.s. imperialism

peking, march ninth (hsinhuia correspondent) -- with tempestuous revolutionary storms rising all round, the soviet revisionist renegade clique, rotting away day by day, is finding the going tougher and tougher. in these circumstances, it hopes to extricate itself from its internal and external dire straits and impasse through intensified collusion with u.s. imperialism for the redivision of the world. in this last-ditch struggle, the soviet revisionist ruling clique has in recent years quickened its pace to collude and yet contend with the u.s. imperialists with whom it has formed a counter-revolutionary alliance against china, against communism and against the people. countless iron-clad facts show that the soviet revisionist renegade clique is the number one accomplice of u.s. imperialism and the public enemy of all the people of the world.

partner of u.s. imperialism in rabid opposition to china

socialist china, tempered in the great proletarian cultural revolution and holding high the great red banner of mao tse-tung's thought, is the biggest obstacle to the soviet-u.s. collusion for the redivision of the world. consequently, the major aim of the u.s.-soviet "holy alliance" for counter-revolution is to oppose china. filled with hatred for and fear of china's great proletarian cultural revolution, the soviet revisionist renegade clique has, since the revolution was launched, redoubled its efforts to attack and slander china unscrupulously and carry out anti-china activities frantically. it has massed troops along the sino-mongolian and sino-soviet borders in the northern part of china, repeatedly encroached on chinese territory and air space and engineered border incidents, threatening china militarily. it has also done its utmost to collude with the u.s. imperialists and the reactionaries in southeast asia in a bid to rig up a ring of encirclement against china.

in recent years, the soviet revisionist renegade clique has in close collaboration with u.s. imperialism carried out a series of criminal activities to knock together an anti-china counter-revolutionary "holy alliance" in asia. early in 1967, the director of the southeast asia department of the foreign ministry of the soviet revisionist clique made a secret trip to thailand, "malaysia" and the philippines where he had surreptitious connections with the local running dogs of u.s. imperialism. later the soviet revisionists announced the establishment of diplomatic relations with
"Malaysia", a tool of U.S. and British imperialism. Afterwards, they openly declared that they had "common interests" with "Malaysia", that is, the "containment of China". Not long afterwards, under the joint sponsorship of the U.S. and British imperialists and Soviet revisionists, an anti-China, anti-communist and anti-people organization called "Association of Southeast Asian Nations" was formed by "Malaysia", the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique also invited the former Japanese Foreign Minister Miki to visit the Soviet Union. Soviet revisionist chieftain Kosygin openly told Miki that the Soviet revisionists would "cooperate" with the Japanese militarists in "organizing counter-attacks against aggression". This is tantamount to announcing the formation of an anti-China military alliance with the U.S. and Japanese reactionaries.

Meanwhile, Soviet revisionism tried hard to court and foster the reactionaries in Japan, India, Indonesia and other Asian countries, encouraging and supporting them to oppose China. In recent years, under the overt encouragement and covert persuasion of U.S. imperialism, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique signed at the cost of national interests a series of agreements with the reactionary Sato government in an attempt to rig up a U.S.-Soviet-Japanese tripartite anti-China alliance. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique has spared no efforts in backing the Indian reactionaries politically, economically and militarily in their opposition to China. Working hand-in-glove with U.S. imperialism, the Soviet revisionist clique fostered the Suharto-Nasution fascist military regime and the reactionaries of other countries with large quantities of arms and rubles, to support them in their criminal activities of opposing China, communism and the people.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique by colluding with U.S. imperialism and the reactionaries and brazenly setting itself against the people of Asia will be lifting a rock only to drop it on its own feet and accelerating its own doom.

Sabotage the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. imperialism and for national salvation.

The heroic South Vietnamese people have been persisting in people's war and beating the U.S. aggressors, who are in an impasse, black and blue. U.S. imperialism is sinking deeper and deeper in Vietnam and is in a quandary. For a long time, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique used the Vietnam issue as an important item in its dirty political bargaining with U.S. imperialism. It actively coordinated with U.S. imperialism in
its death-bed struggle in viet nam, and energetically helped u.s. imperialism in its political swindle in the hope of stamping out the raging revolutionary fire of the vietnamese people, it helps u.s. imperialism to realise its criminal aim of occupying south viet nam permanently and dividing the vietnamese nation, since soviet revisionism had the tacit consent of u.s. imperialism in its armed aggression against czechoslovakia, it has been serving u.s. imperialism with redoubled efforts.

at the beginning of this year, before the new boss of u.s. imperialism nixon came into office, ksygin made no delay in issuing a statement to offer him advice on how the united states and the soviet union can jointly "stabilize" the "political situation" of the world. since nixon came into power, the soviet revisionist ambassador to the united states dobrynin scuttled between moscow and washington to carry out sinister activities. it is no wonder that the u.s. imperialist boss nixon, at a press conference on march 4, gleefully praised the soviet revisionist renegade clique for its close "cooperation" with and big help to u.s. imperialism on the viet nam question, nixon could not hide his joy when he disclosed that the soviet revisionist renegade clique, at the bid of u.s. imperialism, has been exerting pressure to bear on the vietnamese people and hopelessly trying to induce and compel the vietnamese people to stop their war against u.s. aggression and for national salvation. these criminal moves have thoroughly laid bare the diabolic features of the soviet revisionist renegade clique of sham support but real betrayal on the viet nam question and sham opposition but real capitulation to u.s. imperialism.

inducing and forcing arab people to surrender

to push the social-imperialist policy of expansion in the middle east, stamp out the raging flames of the people's revolutionary struggle there and enslave the arab people, the soviet revisionist renegade clique has long been colluding and at the same time contending with u.s. imperialism in this area, it takes counter-revolutionary "joint actions" with the u.s. imperialists to suppress the arab people, acting as the biggest accomplice of u.s. imperialism.

the large-scale u.s.-israeli war of aggression against the arab countries in 1967 was launched with the tacit consent and connivance of the soviet revisionists. brazenly playing the counter-revolutionary dual tactics, the soviet renegades, while verbally rendering support to the arab people's "actions against aggression", actually collaborated closely with u.s. imperialism. they worked zealously hand-in-glove with the u.s. imperialists -- from diplomatic activities...
to political collaboration, from behind-the-scenes "dealings" to open "alliance", from the exchanges of secret envoys to the dialogue through the "hot line", etc. together with u.s. imperialism they manipulated the united nations into forcing the arab countries to "cease fire" under the situation that large areas of the arab territory were occupied by israel.

since a secret agreement was reached in glassboro, u.s. imperialism and soviet revisionism have stepped up in a big fanfare their efforts to cook up a big fraud on the "political settlement" of the middle east question. under their manipulation, the u.n. security council adopted a "resolution" on "solving" the middle east question which was followed by a "seven-point program" put forward by u.s. imperialism and a "five-point plan" by soviet revisionism. although this "plan" and "program" are different in form, they are common in their counter-revolutionary character. all of them are aimed at peddling the "political settlement" fraud in a vain attempt to completely strangle the cause for liberation of palestine, to stamp out the armed struggle of the palestine people, to force the arab countries to capitulate to the u.s.-israeli aggressors, to establish joint u.s.-soviet domination over the middle east and to enslave the arab people.

around the time of nixon's inauguration, the soviet revisionists were carrying out more energetically their sinister activities on the middle east question. a "four-power conference" for suppressing the arab people's struggle is now being vigorously planned by the united states and the soviet union. as revealed by nixon at a press conference several days ago, the soviet revisionists have already made a dirty deal with u.s. imperialism on the middle east question behind the back of the arab people.

cooking up nuclear fraud in betrayal of world peoples' interests

to maintain their nuclear hegemony and carry out nuclear blackmail against other countries so as to push their counter-revolutionary "global strategy", u.s. imperialism and soviet revisionism have for years tried to make a deal over the so-called "nuclear non-proliferation" question. they cooked up a so-called "treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons" at the beginning of 1968 after compromises and concessions were made by the soviet revisionists, and manipulated the u.n. general assembly into adopting it last june. under this treaty, not only can the u.s. imperialists and the soviet revisionists produce and stockpile nuclear weapons and expand their nuclear bases, they make no commitments whatsoever not to use nuclear weapons against the non-nuclear states. the non-nuclear states,
However, are totally deprived of their right to develop nuclear weapons for self-defence and are even restricted in the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes. To put it bluntly, the treaty is something imposed on the non-nuclear states to bind them hand and foot. The Soviet revisionists also joined with the U.S. imperialists in manipulating the U.N. Security Council into adopting a so-called "nuclear protection" plan, scheming to turn the non-nuclear states into their "protectorates" so as to control and subjugate them at will.

Scared out of their wits by the remarkable progress of socialist China in the development of guided missiles and nuclear weapons, Soviet revisionism and U.S. imperialism have in the past few years intensified their collusion against China on the nuclear question. In fact, the Soviet revisionists have formed a nuclear military alliance with the U.S. imperialists against China.

At present, further deals are brewing between Soviet revisionism and U.S. imperialism on the so-called question of "limiting the anti-ballistic missile race". Many heinous moves of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique made in collusion with U.S. imperialism under the cloak of "nuclear disarmament" constitute an additional grave crime in betraying the interests of the people the world over and in allying with U.S. imperialism to oppose China.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique can never escape from punishment of history.

Our great leader Chairman Mao has pointed out: "Make trouble, fail, make trouble again, fail again ... till their doom; that is the logic of the imperialists and all reactionaries the world over in dealing with the people's cause, and they will never go against this logic." Willing to serve as an accomplice of U.S. imperialism, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has done all the evil things it possibly can and has made itself the enemy of the people of the world. The more Soviet revisionism and U.S. imperialism step up their collusion for a last-ditch struggle, the more will they promote the awakening of the people of the world and the speedier they will head for their doom. A new historical period of opposing U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism has begun today. The ever mounting revolutionary storm of the people the world over will undoubtedly do away with all pests and sweep U.S. imperialism and all its accomplices, big or small, into the garbage heap of history. End item.