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**STATEMENT CALLING ON THE PEOPLE OF  
THE WORLD TO UNITE TO OPPOSE  
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION BY U.S.  
IMPERIALISM AND SUPPORT THE  
AMERICAN NEGROES IN THEIR  
STRUGGLE AGAINST RACIAL  
DISCRIMINATION**

An American Negro leader now taking refuge in Cuba, Mr. Robert Williams, the former President of the Monroe, North Carolina, Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, has twice this year asked me for a statement in support of the American Negroes' struggle against racial discrimination. On behalf of the Chinese people, I wish to take this opportunity to express our resolute support for the American Negroes in their struggle against racial discrimination and for freedom and equal rights.

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Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, made this statement when receiving a group of African friends on August 8, 1963. — *Ed.*

There are more than 19 million Negroes in the United States, or about 11 per cent of the total population. They are enslaved, oppressed and discriminated against — such is their position in society. The overwhelming majority of the Negroes are deprived of their right to vote. In general, it is only the most backbreaking and despised jobs that are open to them. Their average wages are no more than a third or a half those of the white people. The ratio of unemployment among them is the highest. In many states they are forbidden to go to the same school, eat at the same table, or travel in the same section of a bus or train as the white people. Negroes are frequently and arbitrarily arrested, beaten up and murdered by the U.S. authorities at various levels and by members of the Ku Klux Klan and other racists. About half of the American Negroes are concentrated in eleven states in the south of the United States, where the discrimination and persecution they suffer are especially shocking.

The American Negroes are awakening and their resistance is becoming stronger and stronger. In recent years there has been a continuous expansion in the mass struggle of the American Negroes against racial discrimination and for freedom and equal rights.

In 1957 the Negro people in Little Rock, Arkansas, waged a fierce struggle against the barring of their children from public schools. The authorities used armed force against them, and there resulted the Little Rock incident which shocked the world.

In 1960 Negroes in more than twenty states held "sit-in" demonstrations protesting against racial segregation in local restaurants, shops and other public places.

In 1961 the Negroes launched a campaign of "freedom riders" to oppose racial segregation in transport, a campaign which rapidly spread to many states.

In 1962 the Negroes in Mississippi fought for the equal right to enrol in colleges, and the authorities greeted them with a blood bath.

This year, the struggle of the American Negroes started early in April in Birmingham, Alabama. Unarmed, bare-handed Negro people were subjected to wholesale arrests and the most barbarous suppression merely because they were holding meetings and parades against racial discrimination. On June 12 Mr. Medgar Evers, a leader of the Negro people in Mississippi, was murdered in cold blood. Aroused to indignation and defying brutal suppression, these Negro masses carried on their struggle even more courageously and quickly won

the support of Negroes and all sections of the people throughout the United States. A gigantic and vigorous nation-wide struggle is going on in nearly every state and city of the United States; and the struggle is mounting. American Negro organizations have decided to start a "freedom march" on Washington on August 28, in which 250,000 people will take part.

The speedy development of the struggle of the American Negroes is a manifestation of the sharpening of class struggle and national struggle within the United States; it has been causing increasing anxiety to U.S. ruling circles. The Kennedy Administration has resorted to cunning two-faced tactics. On the one hand, it continues to connive at and take part in the discrimination against Negroes and their persecution; it even sends troops to suppress them. On the other hand, in its attempt to lull the fighting will of the Negro people and deceive the masses throughout the country, the Kennedy Administration is parading as an advocate of the "defence of human rights" and "the protection of the civil rights of Negroes", is calling upon the Negro people to exercise "restraint" and is proposing the "civil rights legislation" to Congress. But more and more Negroes are seeing through these tactics of the Kennedy Administration. The fascist atrocities committed by the U.S. imperial-

ists against the Negro people have laid bare the true nature of the so-called democracy and freedom of the United States and revealed the inner link between the reactionary policies pursued by the U.S. government at home and its policies of aggression abroad.

I call on the workers, peasants, revolutionary intellectuals, enlightened elements of the bourgeoisie and other enlightened persons of all colours in the world, whether white, black, yellow or brown, to unite to oppose the racial discrimination practised by U.S. imperialism and support the American Negroes in their struggle against racial discrimination. In the final analysis, a national struggle is a question of class struggle. In the United States, it is only the reactionary ruling circles among the whites who oppress the Negro people. They can in no way represent the workers, farmers, revolutionary intellectuals and other enlightened persons who comprise the overwhelming majority of the white people. At present, it is the handful of imperialists headed by the United States, and their supporters, the reactionaries in different countries, who are inflicting oppression, aggression and intimidation on the overwhelming majority of the nations and peoples of the world. We are in the majority and they are in the minority. At most, they make up less than 10 per cent of the

3,000 million population of the world. I am firmly convinced that, with the support of more than 90 per cent of the people of the world, the American Negroes will be victorious in their just struggle. The evil system of colonialism and imperialism grew up along with the enslavement of Negroes and the trade in Negroes, and it will surely come to its end with the thorough emancipation of the black people.

**STATEMENT OPPOSING AGGRESSION  
AGAINST SOUTHERN VIET NAM AND  
SLAUGHTER OF ITS PEOPLE BY  
THE U.S.-NGO DINH DIEM  
CLIQUE**

Recently, the reactionary Ngo Dinh Diem clique in southern Viet Nam has been intensifying its sanguinary suppression of Buddhists, students, intellectuals and the mass of the people there. The Chinese people are deeply indignant at this monstrous crime of the Ngo Dinh Diem clique and vehemently condemn it. President Ho Chi Minh has issued a statement strongly protesting against the criminal acts of the U.S.-Ngo Dinh Diem clique. We, the Chinese people, warmly support President Ho Chi Minh's statement.

U.S. imperialism and its lackey Ngo Dinh Diem have been pursuing a policy of turning southern Viet Nam into a U.S. colony, of unleashing counter-

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Chairman Mao Tse-tung made this statement when receiving a delegation of the South Viet Nam National Liberation Front on August 29, 1963. — *Ed.*

revolutionary war and of reinforcing their fascist, dictatorial rule. This has compelled the people of various strata in southern Viet Nam to unite on a wide scale and wage a resolute struggle against the U.S.-Ngo Dinh Diem clique.

Having set itself against all the people of southern Viet Nam, the U.S.-Ngo Dinh Diem clique now finds itself besieged by them. No matter what inhuman weapons U.S. imperialism may use or what ruthless means of suppression the Ngo Dinh Diem clique may employ, the Ngo Dinh Diem regime cannot escape its doom of total isolation and disintegration and U.S. imperialism will finally have to get out of southern Viet Nam.

Ngo Dinh Diem is a faithful lackey of U.S. imperialism. However, once a lackey has outlived his usefulness, and becomes an encumbrance to the carrying out of the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression, the U.S. imperialists do not hesitate to replace him with another lackey. The downfall of Syngman Rhee of south Korea is a case in point. A flunkey who servilely allows himself to be led by the nose by U.S. imperialism will only end up as a sacrifice and be buried along with it.

U.S. imperialism has violated the agreements reached at the first Geneva Conference by obstructing the unification of Viet Nam, conducting open armed aggression against southern Viet

Nam and engaging in so-called special warfare over many years. It has also violated the agreements of the second Geneva Conference by its flagrant intervention in Laos in an attempt to rekindle the civil war there. Apart from those who are deliberately deceiving the people or are utterly naive, no one will believe that a treaty can make U.S. imperialism lay down its butcher's knife and suddenly become a Buddha, or even behave itself a little better.

The oppressed people and oppressed nations must not entrust their liberation to the "wisdom" of imperialism and its lackeys. Only by strengthening their unity and persevering in their struggle will they triumph. This is what the people of southern Viet Nam have been doing.

The people of southern Viet Nam have won important victories both politically and militarily in their just patriotic struggle against the U.S.-Ngo Dinh Diem clique. We, the Chinese people, firmly support their just struggle.

I am convinced that through this struggle they will attain the goal of liberating the southern part of Viet Nam and contribute to the peaceful unification of their fatherland.

It is my hope that the working class, the revolutionary people and progressives all over the world will all stand by the people of southern Viet Nam

and, in response to the call of President Ho Chi Minh, support the just struggle of the heroic people of the southern part of Viet Nam and oppose aggression and oppression by the counter-revolutionary U.S.-Ngo Dinh Diem clique, so that the people there will be saved from slaughter and achieve their complete liberation.

## **STATEMENT EXPRESSING THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE'S JUST PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE**

The heroic struggle now being waged by the people of Panama against U.S. aggression and in defence of their national sovereignty is a great and patriotic struggle. The Chinese people stand firmly on the side of the Panamanian people and fully support their just action in opposing the U.S. aggressors and seeking to regain sovereignty over the Panama Canal Zone.

U.S. imperialism is the most ferocious enemy of the people of the world.

It has not only committed the grave crime of aggression against the Panamanian people and deliberately and stubbornly plotted to strangle socialist Cuba, but has also never ceased to plunder and trample on the people of the Latin American

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Chairman Mao Tse-tung made this statement to a *Renmin Ribao* (*People's Daily*) correspondent on January 12, 1964. — Ed.

countries and suppress their national-democratic revolutionary struggles.

In Asia, U.S. imperialism has forcibly occupied China's Taiwan, converted the southern parts of Korea and of Viet Nam into its colonies, kept Japan under its control and semi-occupied by its armed forces, undermined the peace, neutrality and independence of Laos, plotted to subvert the Royal Government of Cambodia, and perpetrated intervention and aggression against other Asian countries. More recently, it has decided to send a U.S. fleet into the Indian Ocean, menacing the security of the Southeast Asian countries.

In Africa, U.S. imperialism is feverishly pursuing its neo-colonialist policies, actively seeking to replace the old colonialists, plunder and enslave the peoples of Africa, and undermine and stamp out their national-liberation movements.

The aggressive and bellicose policies of U.S. imperialism also seriously threaten the Soviet Union, China and the other socialist countries. Moreover, it is energetically striving to push its policy of "peaceful evolution" in the socialist countries, in order to restore capitalism in and disintegrate the socialist camp.

U.S. imperialism is even pursuing a jungle law policy towards its own allies in Western Europe,

North America and Oceania, trying hard to trample them underfoot.

The aggressive plans of U.S. imperialism to dominate the whole world run in a continuous line from Truman, through Eisenhower and Kennedy, to Johnson.

The people of the countries in the socialist camp should unite, the people of the countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America should unite, the people of the continents of the world should unite, all peace-loving countries and all countries subjected to U.S. aggression, control, interference and bullying should unite, and should form the broadest united front to oppose the U.S. imperialist policies of aggression and war and to safeguard world peace.

Riding roughshod everywhere, U.S. imperialism has made itself the enemy of the people the world over and has increasingly isolated itself. The atom bombs and hydrogen bombs in the hands of the U.S. imperialists can never cow anyone who refuses to be enslaved. The raging tide of the people of the world in opposition to the U.S. aggressors is irresistible. The struggle of the people of the world against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys will assuredly win still greater victories.

**STATEMENT EXPRESSING THE CHINESE  
PEOPLE'S SUPPORT FOR THE  
JAPANESE PEOPLE'S GREAT  
PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE**

The massive anti-U.S. demonstration by the Japanese people on January 26 is a great patriotic movement. On behalf of the Chinese people, I wish to express deep respect for the heroic Japanese people.

Recently, a large-scale mass movement has started throughout Japan to oppose the entry and stationing in Japan of U.S. F-105D aircraft carrying nuclear weapons and nuclear submarines and to demand the dismantling of all U.S. military bases, the withdrawal of U.S. armed forces, the return of Japan's territory of Okinawa, the abrogation of the Japan-U.S. "Security Treaty", etc. All this reflects the will and aspirations of the entire Japanese people. The Chinese people whole-

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Chairman Mao Tse-tung made this statement when receiving a group of Japanese friends on January 27, 1964. — Ed.

heartedly support the just struggle of the Japanese people.

Ever since the end of World War II, Japan has been subjected to U.S. imperialist political, economic and military oppression. The U.S. imperialists have not only oppressed the workers, peasants, students, intellectuals, urban petty bourgeoisie, religious circles and medium and small entrepreneurs of Japan; they have also brought many big Japanese entrepreneurs under their control, interfered in Japan's foreign policy and treated Japan as a dependency. U.S. imperialism is the most ferocious enemy of the Japanese nation.

Japan is a great nation. It will certainly not allow U.S. imperialism to ride roughshod over it for long. The last few years have seen the constant broadening of the patriotic united front of all strata of the Japanese people against U.S. imperialist aggression, oppression and control. This is the surest guarantee of victory in their patriotic, anti-U.S. struggle. The Chinese people are convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Japanese people will be able to drive the U.S. imperialists from their soil and realize their aspirations for independence, democracy, peace and neutrality.

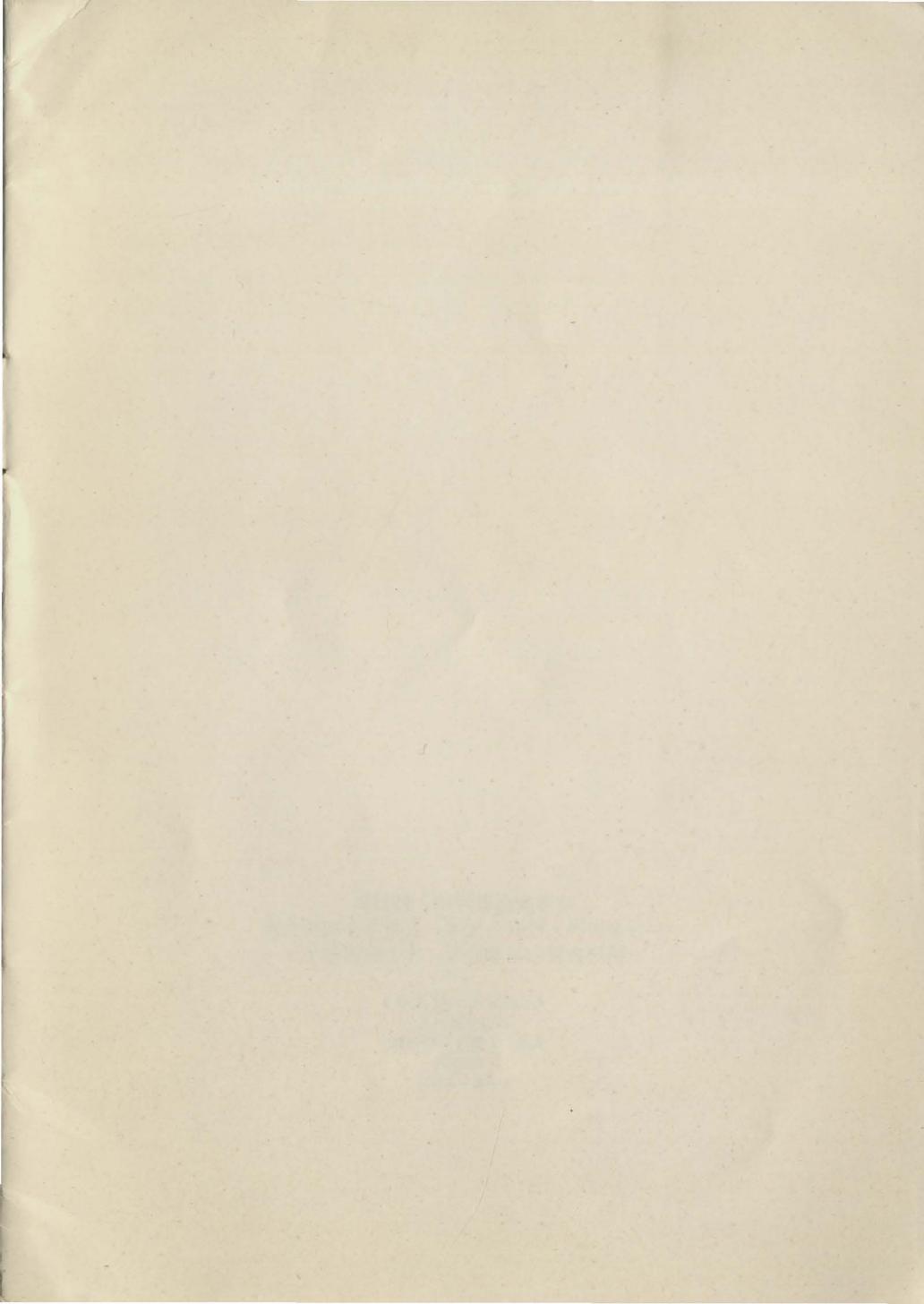
The Chinese and Japanese peoples should unite, the people of various Asian countries should unite,

all oppressed people and nations of the world should unite, all peace-loving countries should unite, all countries and individuals subjected to U.S. imperialist aggression, control, interference and bullying should unite and form a broad united front against U.S. imperialism to frustrate its plans for aggression and war and to safeguard world peace.

U.S. imperialism, get out of Japan, get out of the Western Pacific, get out of Asia, get out of Africa and Latin America, get out of Europe and Oceania, get out of the countries and places subjected to U.S. aggression, control, interference and bullying!

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