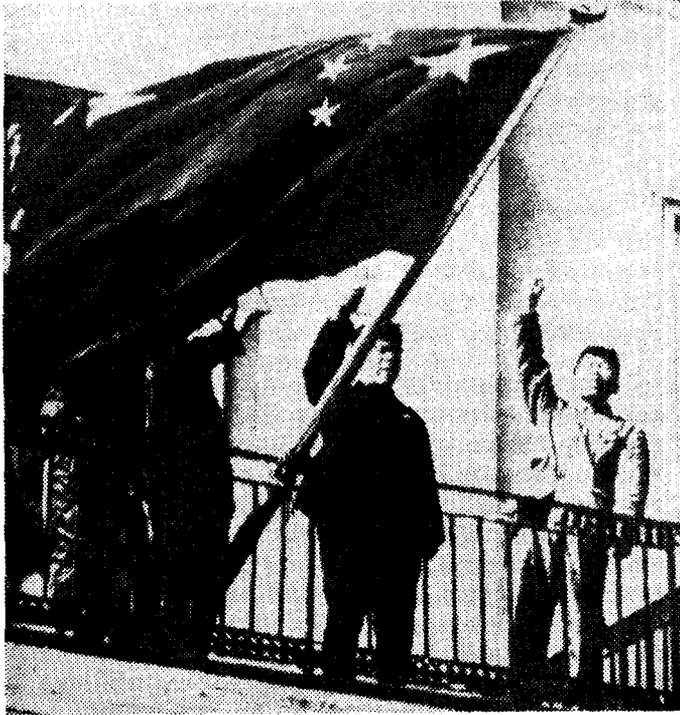


Red Diplomats Armed With Mao Tse-tung's Thought Are Dauntless

BBRITISH imperialism, which is rabidly opposing China, while suppressing our patriotic fellow countrymen in Hongkong, has recently adopted a series of illegal measures and committed savage acts against the Office of the Chinese Charge d'Affaires and Chinese news and commercial agencies in Britain. Apart from unwarranted restrictions on the freedom of movement in and exit from Britain of Chinese diplomatic personnel and functionaries, and their attempt to cut off normal diplomatic telecommunications of the Chinese legation, the British authorities have called out large numbers of police and special agents for round the clock cordoning off the Chinese diplomatic mission and other agencies in Britain. They have carried out repeated outrageous provocations against the Chinese personnel.

At eleven a.m. on August 29, British police and special agents investing the Chinese legation questioned, searched and finally took away a British progressive, who had come to the Chinese Charge d'Affaires' Office with a copy of *Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-tung* in his hand to express support for the just struggle of the Chinese people. When Chinese personnel came out of the office to denounce this fascist act by the police, a group of ruffians came up and started striking them. The police joined in the assault.

One and a half hours later, a plain-clothes man deliberately wore a Chairman Mao badge upside down to provoke the Chinese personnel, who immediately made a serious protest and warned him. At this point, scores of truncheon-wielding police fell upon and bru-



During the British police attacks, Red diplomats of China raised the five-star red flag outside the Office of the Charge d'Affaires. Holding high Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-tung, they shouted slogans from the balcony and told the passers-by about the fascist atrocities of the British police.

tally assaulted them. More than ten Chinese personnel were injured, three suffering serious head wounds, in the two attacks.

In the face of the brutality by the British police and special agents, Chinese legation personnel fought back in self-defence, fully displaying the courage of our Red soldiers in the diplomatic service, who are armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought. Some passers-by who witnessed this incident were deeply moved by the revolutionary spirit of the Chinese diplomatic personnel. Some immediately shouted "Long live Chairman Mao!"

Following the incident, many Britons, Asians, Africans and Latin Americans residing in Britain telephoned or wrote to the Chinese Charge d'Affaires' Office and the London Office of the Hsinhua News Agency, strongly condemning the fascist atrocities of the British authorities and expressing their support for the struggle of the Chinese personnel in London. In their letters, many British people also asked for copies of *Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-tung*.

Early on August 27, scores of British, Asian, African and Latin American progressives came to the Chinese legation which was under siege by police and plain-clothes men. Outside the office gate, these progressives held aloft *Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-tung*, read aloud in unison some of the passages from the booklet and excitedly shouted: "Down with British imperialism!" "Down with U.S. imperialism!" "Down with Soviet revisionism!" and "Long live Chairman Mao, great leader of the people of the world!"



Our Red fighters on the diplomatic front, who are fostered by Mao Tse-tung's thought, display their loyalty and courage beneath the portrait of our great leader Chairman Mao. Unafraid of bloodshed and sacrifice, they recite passages from *Quotations From Chairman Mao Tse-tung* as they struggle to strike back at British imperialism.

Long, long life to him!" Comrades of the Office of the Chinese Charge d'Affaires showed their friends in and chatted with them. Together, hosts and guests sang in different tongues such revolutionary songs as *The East Is Red*, *Sailing the Seas Depends on the Helmsman* and the *Internationale*.

A group of young progressive British workers called on the Chinese legation on August 30 to show their firm solidarity with the Chinese people. No matter how the British imperialists oppose China, they stressed, the British people and the British working class will fully demonstrate their solidarity with the great Chinese people.

Leading members of the Indian Workers' Association in Britain handed a resolution to the personnel in charge of the Office of the Chinese Charge d'Affaires, which said: On behalf of the Indian workers in Britain, the Central Executive Committee of the Association salutes our heroic Chinese comrades at the Charge d'Affaires' Office who have defended and upheld the great honour of the People's Republic of China.

Strongest Protest to British Government

Vice-Foreign Minister Lo Kuei-po summoned British Charge d'Affaires in China D.C. Hopson early in the morning of August 30 and lodged the most urgent, most serious and strongest protest with the British Government for sending large numbers of police and special agents to make provocations against the Office of the Chinese Charge d'Affaires and other Chinese institutions in London, and for the beating of Chinese legation personnel. He also announced two measures taken by the Chinese Government in relation to the Office of the British Charge d'Affaires in China.

The Chinese Government, Lo Kuei-po said, demands that the British Government immediately adopt effective measures to prevent the recurrence of the outrages, provide the injured with medical facilities, truly ensure the safety of the Chinese diplomatic mission and press and commercial establishments in Britain and the safety of all their members, and severely punish the culprits and compensate for our losses. The Chinese Government also reserves the right to make further demands.

Lo Kuei-po pointed out that the British Government must immediately cancel all unwarranted limitations against the Chinese diplomatic mission and press and commercial establishments and stop all provocation and intimidation. Otherwise, the British Government must bear the responsibility for all the consequences arising therefrom.

In conclusion, Vice-Minister Lo Kuei-po announced the following decision of the Chinese Government: (1) Starting from this day, no personnel of the Office of the British Charge d'Affaires in China could leave Chinese territory without the permission of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the exit visas already issued to the personnel of the Office of the British Charge d'Affaires are all cancelled. (2) All the latter's personnel must confine their activities within the sphere of the Office and their respective residences and between them. Application must be submitted 48 hours in advance if there is to be any activity outside the above sphere.
