the oppressed and exploited throughout the world in fulfilment of our great internationalist duty.” Let us hold high the great red banner of Mao Tsetung Thought and, under the leadership of the Party Central Committee with Chairman Mao as its leader and Vice-Chairman Lin as its deputy leader, firmly carry out this great historic task set forth by Chairman Mao and make still greater contributions in supporting the world revolution.

People of the world, unite and defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs!

Long live the great unity of the people of the world!

Long live great Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

Long live the great leader Chairman Mao! A long, long life to Chairman Mao!

Salute Heroic Palestinian People

PALESTINE International Week” activities will take place in Peking, China’s capital, today as a resolute support to the Palestinian people in their just struggle for national rights. We hail the growing in strength of the Palestinian people’s armed forces and congratulate the Palestinian people on the important victories they have won in their struggle; we give our militant salutation to the heroic Palestinian people and the people of various Arab countries who stand at the anti-imperialist front in the Middle East, and warmly welcome the Delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organization that has come to our country to participate in the “International Week” on invitation.

The armed struggle waged by the Palestinian people is an important component part of the present struggle of the world people against U.S. imperialism and its running dogs. For several years now, the Palestinian guerrillas have fought thousands of battles against the Israeli aggressors, and thwarted the various schemes designed by U.S. imperialism and its collaborator to strangle the Palestinian revolution and inspire the fighting will of millions upon millions of Arab people in resisting the U.S. and Israeli aggressors. Today, the Palestinian guerrillas have become a staunch and active anti-imperialist revolutionary force in the Middle East.

The Palestinian guerrillas have further strengthened and developed their unity on the principle of persevering in armed struggle and carrying the Palestinian revolution through to the end. The Eighth Session of the Palestinian National Council, the participants of which had a wide representation, adopted a “political action programme” which embodies the strong will and unaunted fighting spirit of the broad sections of the Palestinian people who are united in struggling against imperialism. This constitutes a powerful blow to U.S. imperialism and its collaborator, which are plotting to disrupt the unity of the Palestinian people.

The Palestinian guerrillas have a profound mass basis among the Palestinian people and enjoy the extensive support of the people of the Arab countries. By acting arbitrarily and playing the jackal to the tiger, the Jordanian reactionaries have found themselves in an extremely isolated position among the Arab countries. The perverse action of the Jordanian reactionaries in suppressing the Palestinian guerrillas is countenanced neither by the Palestinian people nor by the people of Jordan and other Arab countries.

U.S. imperialism and social-imperialism collude and at the same time contend with each other in their activities in the Middle East. While intensifying the arming of Israel and engineering military suppression of the Palestinian guerrillas, U.S. imperialism is actively pushing the plot for a so-called “Palestinian state.” Flaunting the signboard: “For a just and lasting peace in the Middle East,” social-imperialism is work-
The Chinese people and the people of the whole world side with them and resolutely support their struggle. We are deeply convinced that, despite the comparatively difficult conditions in their present struggle, the Palestinian people can steadily develop and strengthen their force in struggle, overcome all difficulties on their way of advance and continuously achieve victories so long as they strengthen their unity and persevere in a protracted people’s war.

U.S. imperialism and Zionism will certainly be defeated! The Palestinian people’s just struggle for national rights is sure to win!

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Fresh Evidence of U.S. Government’s Hostility Towards Chinese People

by “Renmin Ribao” Commentator

U.S. State Department spokesman Charles Bray made statements twice on April 28, openly claiming that the sovereignty over China’s territory Taiwan and the Penghu Islands “is an unsettled question subject to future international resolution”; he also clamoured that this is a question of agreements which ought to be reached between the so-called “two Chinese governments.” He said in the same breath that the sovereignty over Taiwan is “unsettled,” that this is “subject to future international resolution,” and that this should be worked out between the “two Chinese governments.” What self-contradictory and nonsensical remarks! The two statements by Bray are new evidence of the U.S. Government’s crime in flagrantly interfering in China’s internal affairs, persisting in the forcible occupation of China’s territory Taiwan, and taking a hostile attitude towards the Chinese people.

Taiwan is part of Chinese territory from time immemorial. At the end of the 19th century, Japanese militarism forcibly occupied China’s territory Taiwan by launching a war of aggression. But no country in the world has ever acknowledged that Japan’s occupation of Taiwan is justified. The “Cairo Declaration” and the “Potsdam Declaration” to both of which the United States was a signatory clearly proclaimed the restoration of Taiwan to China. Upon its surrender, Japan also accepted this stipulation. This is well known, universally acknowledged and irrefutable. How can it be said that sovereignty over Taiwan is an “unsettled” question? In a statement issued on January 5, 1950, former U.S. President Truman also openly admitted that Taiwan is China’s territory and acknowledged “the exercise of Chinese authority over the island.” He also declared that “the United States has no predatory designs on Formosa (Taiwan—Ed.) or on any other Chinese territory.” Later, Truman perfidiously sent armed forces to occupy China’s territory Taiwan and the Penghu Islands. But this cannot change the fact that Taiwan is China’s territory. Now, the hue and cry made by the U.S. State Department spokesman Bray about the so-called “unsettled” sovereignty over Taiwan can in no way negate China’s sacred sovereignty over Taiwan and the Penghu Islands either.

In order to patch up the tattered fallacy of so-called “unsettled” sovereignty over Taiwan, Bray arbitrarily said that although the Cairo and Potsdam Declarations stipulated that Taiwan should be returned to China, “this statement of purpose was never formally implemented.” This is all the more a barefaced lie. In fact, Taiwan and the Penghu Islands were taken over by the then Chinese Government as early as October 25, 1945. From then on, China has resumed the sovereignty over Taiwan. In a comment on February 9, 1950, the U.S. State Department also admitted: “Formosa (Taiwan—Ed.) has been administered by China since 1945. . . . It was incorporated into China as a province.” Today, 26 years after Taiwan’s return to China, the U.S. State Department has gone so far as to claim that there has been no such thing at all! This clumsy act of slapping oneself in the face indicates nothing but the stubbornness of U.S. imperialism in carrying on its aggressive ambitions towards China’s territory Taiwan Province.