

ALL-OUT SUPPORT FOR CUBA!

The Government of the People's Republic of China strongly condemns armed U.S. aggression against Cuba. It declares that the Chinese people are determined to adopt all necessary measures in every field to support the Cuban people's just and patriotic struggle and, whatever happens, will stand resolutely and unshakably by the heroic Cuban people.

Following is the text of the statement issued on April 20, 1961, by the Government of the People's Republic of China opposing armed U.S. aggression against Cuba. — Ed.

After a period of covert planning, U.S. imperialism has openly launched armed aggression against Cuba. U.S. aircraft have raided Cuba. U.S. mercenaries have landed in Cuba. This is another towering crime committed by U.S. imperialism which does not scruple to breach world peace in pursuing its aggressive aims. This is a provocation against the heroic Cuban people. This is a provocation against the Latin American peoples as a whole. This is a provocation against all the peace-loving people and countries of the world. The Government of the People's Republic of China and the Chinese people strongly protest against the aggressive crime of the U.S. Government, and pledge resolute support to the Cuban Revolutionary Government headed by Prime Minister Fidel Castro and the Cuban people in their just and patriotic struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression.

Ever since the victory of the Cuban revolution, the U.S. Government has set its mind on overthrowing the revolutionary regime in Cuba and plunging the Cuban people back into enslavement. In order to realize this criminal aim, the U.S. Government has in the past two years or more adopted all kinds of vicious means to interfere in the internal affairs of Cuba, trying everything from economic blockade, political divisive tactics, and military threats up to and including subversive and disruptive activities. With all these scheming activities smashed by the heroic Cuban people, the U.S. Government, in defiance of universal condemnation, has launched a perfidious armed attack against Cuba, thus revealing its true features as an imperialist gangster.

In face of angry protests and condemnation from the people of the world, the U.S. Government has repeatedly quibbled that it has not taken part in this attack on Cuba. But as everybody knows, the planes raiding Cuba are U.S. aircraft; the troops landing in Cuba are mercenaries mustered, trained and equipped by the United States; these mercenaries are transported by U.S. warships and aircraft for landing in Cuba; the bases from which the attack is being launched are in the United States and

U.S.-controlled Guatemala; and moreover, the U.S. Government is using U.S. armed forces to provide direct cover for this attack on Cuba on the pretext of preparing for military manoeuvres. The facts show that the United States is the organizer, supporter and director of this military attack. No quibbling can cover up the U.S. criminal act of armed aggression against Cuba. The armed U.S. aggression against Cuba has torn off the Kennedy Administration's mask of peace and proved that Kennedy and Eisenhower are jackals from the very same lair.

The U.S. aggression against Cuba has taken place at a time when the socialist countries and all other peace-loving countries are striving for a peaceful solution to the Laotian question and relaxation of international tension together with the Western countries. The U.S. Government has declared that it is willing to settle the Laotian question peacefully. But it is inconceivable that one can stand for peace in one region while deliberately creating war in another. The U.S. act of war against Cuba has exposed its peace hoax concerning Laos. The U.S. act of aggression has served to educate and unite the people of the world. People are learning more and more from their own experience that U.S. imperialism is solely bent on aggression whether it adopts war or non-war means. The U.S. imperialist scheme to use hypocritical peace talk to paralyse the anti-imperialist fighting will of the people of the world so that it can concentrate its forces to strangle the Cuban revolution is doomed to failure.

The U.S. imperialist gangster act of aggression against Cuba has aroused the sacred wrath and righteous protest of the peoples of Cuba, the whole of Latin America, Asia, Africa and the whole world. Under the leadership of the Cuban Revolutionary Government, the Cuban people have bravely taken up arms to deal head-on blows to the aggressors and defend their motherland and revolution. The peoples of the other Latin American countries have risen in a surging tide to support the Cuban people and oppose U.S. imperialism. The Government of the Soviet Union has issued a statement and N.S. Khrushchov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union, has written to U.S. President Kennedy, justly condemning the U.S. act of aggression against Cuba and serving a fitting warning. In all parts of the world, millions upon millions of people are shouting "U.S.A., hands off Cuba!"

The Chinese people cannot be indifferent to the armed U.S. aggression against Cuba. Like the Cuban people, the Chinese people are subjected to U.S. aggression. The United States of America is occupying China's territory Taiwan, interfering in China's internal affairs, and incessantly violating China's territorial sea and air space. The Chinese people stand on the same battlefield as the Cuban people. The Chinese people are determined to adopt all necessary measures in every field to support the Cuban people's just and patriotic struggle. Whatever happens, the Chinese people will stand resolutely and un-

shakably by the heroic Cuban people. The Chinese people who have gone through a protracted anti-imperialist struggle firmly believe that, under the leadership of Prime Minister Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolutionary Government, the Cuban people, united as one and persisting in struggle, will certainly be able to overcome all difficulties in their way ahead and safeguard and expand the fruits of victory of the Cuban revolution.

U.S. imperialism will surely fail, Cuba will surely win!