



Special good news was issued by the Central People's Broadcasting Station on the evening of December 28, 1968. China has successfully conducted a new hydrogen bomb test! With great joy the broad masses of workers and civilians in the capital went out into the streets all night, warmly hailing the new great victory of the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tang.



Spreading the good news.

WARMLY HAIL THE SUCCESS OF THE NEW HYDROGEN BOMB TEST



On Peking's streets, people were eager to read the happy news as soon as possible, and then passed it on to others.



Braving the heavy snow, the broad masses of the capital's revolutionary people came to the site of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party to extend their warm congratulations.



After listening to the broadcast of the special good news, the revolutionary workers of the Peking Huoshu Printing Press gathered for informal discussions, enthusiastically hailing another fruitful achievement of the great proletarian cultural revolution.

The Great Victory of Mao Tse-tung's Thought The Fruitful Result of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution

CHINA SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTS NEW HYDROGEN BOMB TEST

We hail with great joy the success of this hydrogen bomb test which marks a new leap forward in the development of China's nuclear weapons. It is a significant gift to the forthcoming Ninth National Congress of the Party.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Cultural Revolution Group Under the Party's Central Committee, the State Council, and the Military Commission of the Central Committee of the Party extend warm congratulations to the workers, the commanders and fighters of the People's Liberation Army, the engineers, technicians and scientists and other people who are engaged in the research, manufacture and testing of nuclear weapons! It is hoped that they will guard against conceit and impetuosity and continue to exert themselves and hold still higher the great red banner of Marxism, Leninism, Mao Tse-tung's thought, carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end, and make new and still greater contributions to accelerating the development of our country's national defence science and technology and to realizing the modernization of our national defence!

The success of China's new hydrogen bomb test is another blow at the policy of nuclear threat and nuclear blackmail pursued by U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism. It is a great inspiration and support to the heroic Vietnamese people in carrying their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation through to the end and to the people of all countries in their revolutionary struggles.

Press Communique

In the advance to the all-round victory of her great proletarian cultural revolution and under the tremendous inspiration of the Communiqué of the Enlarged 12th Plenary Session of the Eighth Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, China exploded another hydrogen bomb over her western region on December 27, 1968, and thereby successfully conducted a new thermonuclear test.

This is another great victory for the invincible thought of Mao Tse-tung, another fruitful result of the great proletarian cultural revolution and a significant gift to the forthcoming Ninth National Congress of the Party. We hail with great joy the success of this hydrogen bomb test which marks a new leap forward in the development of China's nuclear weapons.

Our great leader Chairman Mao teaches us: "We cannot just take the beaten track traversed by other countries in the development of technology and trail behind them at a snail's pace. We must break away from conventions and do our utmost to adopt advanced techniques in order to build our country into a powerful modern socialist state in not too long a historical period."

The success of this hydrogen bomb test is the result of the all-out efforts in grasping revolution and promoting production with vigor and militancy by the Chinese workers, People's Liberation Army men and scientists and technical personnel engaged in the research, manufacture and testing of nuclear weapons, who, by holding aloft the great red banner of Marxism, Leninism, Mao Tse-tung's thought, have closely

followed Chairman Mao's great strategic plan and resolutely responded to Chairman Mao's great call to "carry out the task of struggle-criticism-transformation conscientiously." In the course of the research, manufacture and testing, they made a penetrating study of the history of the struggle between the two lines, forcefully repudiated the counter-revolutionary revisionist line pushed by the renegade, traitor and scab Liu Shao-chi and his agents, and resolutely defended the proletarian revolutionary line represented by Chairman Mao. They brought into full play the leading role of the working class and carried out the principle of integrating the scientific and technical personnel with the workers and of integrating theory with practice. Pooling their wisdom and relying on their own efforts, they boldly undertook scientific experiments, overcame all kinds of difficulties and solved a series of new problems, thus ensuring the complete success of this new hydrogen bomb test.

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hold still higher the great red banner of Marxism, Leninism, Mao Tse-tung's thought, energetically give prominence to proletarian politics, implement Chairman Mao's latest instructions in an all-round way, and raise to a new level the mass movement for the creative study and application of Chairman Mao's works. They should further promote the revolutionization of their thinking, constantly strengthen their revolutionary spirit, scientific approach and sense of organization and discipline, work hard to fulfil the tasks set by Chairman Mao for the various stages of struggle-criticism-transformation, carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end, and make new and still greater contributions to accelerating the development of our country's national defence science and technology and to realizing the modernization of our national defence!

At present, the world revolution has entered a great new era. Riddled with contradictions and beset with difficulties both at home and abroad, the imperialists headed by the United States and the modern revisionists with the Soviet revisionist renegade clique as their centre are disintegrating; they are at the end of their tether and are becoming increasingly isolated. In order to save themselves from doom, U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism are both colluding and struggling with each other and are stepping up arms expansion in a vain attempt to re-divide the world. On the question of nuclear weapons, they concocted a so-called nuclear non-proliferation treaty and are plotting to make a new deal on "limitation and reduction of strategic nuclear weapons systems"

in an effort to maintain their nuclear monopoly — which has already been broken — and to push nuclear colonialism. But their counter-revolutionary collusion only serves as a negative example to educate the revolutionary people all over the world and promote the latter's great struggle against imperialism headed by the United States, modern revisionism with the Soviet revisionist renegade clique as its centre and all reaction. The success of China's new hydrogen bomb test is another blow at the policy of nuclear threat and nuclear blackmail pursued by U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism. It is a great inspiration and support to the heroic Vietnamese people in carrying their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation through to the end and to the people of all countries in their revolutionary struggles.

The Chinese Government reiterates once again that the conducting of necessary and limited nuclear tests and the development of nuclear weapons by China are entirely for the purpose of defence and for breaking the nuclear monopoly, with the ultimate aim of abolishing nuclear weapons. We solemnly declare once again that at no time and in no circumstances will China be the first to use nuclear weapons. We always mean what we say. As in the past, the Chinese people and Government will continue to make common efforts with the other revolutionary people and other countries in the world with self-reliant independence and cherish peace in striving to achieve the lofty aim of complex prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons.

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