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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

On March 2, 1969, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique sent armed forces flagrantly to invade China's Chenpao Island area on the Wusuli River, Heilungkiang Province, killed and wounded many Chinese frontier guards and created an extremely grave border incident involving bloodshed. Subsequently, the Soviet frontier troops time and again made grave encroachments upon Chinese territory and carried out a series of military provocations. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique also organized successively large numbers of ruffians to make wild provocations in front of the Chinese Embassy in Moscow, going a step further in whipping up anti-China hysteria, which reached the height of insanity when the Soviet revisionist renegade clique instigated ruffians to damage seriously the diplomatic mission of the People's Republic of China, attack the Embassy's diplomatic car and beat up Chinese diplomatic personnel.

Included in this booklet are an important editorial by *Renmin Ribao* and *Jiefangjun Bao*, an article by the *Renmin Ribao* Commentator, notes of protest from the Chinese Government and the Chinese Embassy in the Soviet Union to the Soviet Government and an article by the Information Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry. They expose the towering crimes committed by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique in colluding with U.S. imperialism, blatantly opposing China and carrying out a social-imperialist policy of aggression. They voice the great anger of the Chinese armymen and civilians, hundreds of millions strong. We warn the Soviet revisionist renegade clique: Encroachment on China's sacred territory absolutely will not be tolerated! If the new tsars of Soviet revisionism dare invade China, they will be relentlessly dealt with by the 700 million Chinese people who are armed with Mao Tsetung Thought.

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Quotation from Chairman Mao Tsetung

“Lifting a rock only to drop it on one's own feet” is a Chinese folk saying to describe the behaviour of certain fools. The reactionaries in all countries are fools of this kind.

**Quotation from
Chairman Mao Tsetung**

Make trouble, fail, make trouble again, fail again . . . till their doom; that is the logic of the imperialists and all reactionaries the world over in dealing with the people's cause, and they will never go against this logic.

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DOWN WITH THE NEW TSARS!

(March 4, 1969)

Renmin Ribao and Jiefangjun Bao Editorial

On March 2, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique sent armed soldiers to flagrantly intrude into Chenpao Island on the Wusuli River, Heilungkiang Province, China, and killed and wounded many frontier guards of the Chinese People's Liberation Army by opening up with cannon and gun fire on them. This is an extremely grave armed border provocation carried out by the Soviet revisionists, a frantic anti-China incident created by them and another big exposure of the rapacious nature of Soviet revisionism as social-imperialism. The Chinese people and the Chinese People's Liberation Army express the greatest indignation at this towering crime committed by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique and voice the strongest protest against it.

This grave border incident of armed provocation was completely premeditated and deliberately engineered by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique. Chenpao Island on the Wusuli River is Chinese territory. It is our sacred right to have our frontier guards patrol our own territory. However, the Soviet revisionist authorities sent large numbers of armed soldiers, armoured vehicles and cars to intrude into China's territory and attack our patrol

unit. Our frontier guards repeatedly warned the Soviet revisionists' frontier troops. But it produced no effect. Only when they were driven to the end of their forbearance were our frontier guards compelled to fight back in self-defence, giving the intruders who carried out the provocations well-deserved punishment and triumphantly safeguarding China's sacred territory. The army-men and civilians throughout China pledge their most resolute support for the just action of the heroic frontier guards in defence of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the motherland.

After creating this grave incident of border provocation, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique had the audacity to make false charges and send China a so-called "note of protest". It shamelessly described Chenpao Island as its territory, alleging that Chinese frontier guards "crossed the Soviet state frontier" and carried out a "provocative attack" on the Soviet revisionists' frontier troops "protecting" the area of Chenpao Island. This is sheer nonsense! It is an indisputable, iron-clad fact that Chenpao Island is Chinese territory. Even according to the "Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking", an unequal treaty imposed on the Chinese people by tsarist Russian imperialism in 1860, the area of Chenpao Island belongs to China. It has always been under China's jurisdiction and patrolled by Chinese frontier guards since long ago. How is it that the area of Chenpao Island suddenly ran over to the side within "the Soviet state frontier"? How is it that this part of Chinese territory became an area "protected" by the Soviet revisionists' frontier troops? The fact is that the Soviet revisionists' troops invaded China's territory Chenpao Island and launched frenzied attacks on Chinese frontier guards, but you Soviet revisionists

made false charges that Chinese frontier guards launched a "provocative attack". You can never succeed in your attempt to cover up your crime of aggression by the old tricks of turning facts upside down and of thief crying "stop thief".

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique has consistently been hostile towards the Chinese people. Filled with hatred and fear, it has redoubled its efforts to carry out anti-China activities especially since China launched the great proletarian cultural revolution and won great and decisive victories. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique has not only wantonly maligned and slandered China and unscrupulously conducted subversive and disruptive activities against her, but has also massed on the Sino-Mongolian and Sino-Soviet borders troops who repeatedly intruded into China's territory and air space, creating border incidents and posing military threats against our country. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique has also done its utmost to collaborate with U.S. imperialism and the reactionaries of all countries in an attempt to form a so-called ring of encirclement against China. The recent intrusion into China's Chenpao Island engineered by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique for armed provocations is obviously a new move to step up its anti-China activities.

The fact that the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has repeatedly carried out armed intrusions into China's territory to create border incidents has once again enabled the people throughout the world to see clearly that this handful of renegades are out-and-out social-imperialists and new tsars pure and simple. They have ruthlessly plundered and brutally oppressed the people of some East European countries at will, and even sent

several hundred thousand troops to occupy Czechoslovakia and turned a vast expanse of land in East Europe into their sphere of influence in an attempt to set up a tsarist-type colonial empire. At the same time, they are pushing the same line in Asia. They have not only turned the Mongolian People's Republic into their colony, but are also trying vainly to go further and invade and occupy China's territory. They regard those areas the tsars occupied as theirs and are stretching their hands into areas the tsars did not occupy. They are even more voracious than the tsars. What is the difference between the gangsterism of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique and U.S. imperialism which occupies other countries' territory and encroaches upon their sovereignty at will and rides roughshod everywhere?

In 1900, Lenin, in his essay "The War in China", indignantly condemned the crimes of the tsars in invading China "like savage beasts". He pointed out: "**The policy of the tsarist government in China is a criminal policy**". "And in this case, as always, the autocratic tsarist government has proved itself to be a government of irresponsible bureaucrats servilely cringing before the capitalist magnates and nobles". These words of Lenin's can be used in their entirety today to portray the shameless features of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique which has taken over the mantle of the tsars.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique's armed provocation against our country is a frenzied action that has been taken out of the need of its domestic and foreign policies at a time when it is beset with difficulties at home and abroad and has landed in an impasse. In doing so, it tries to whip up anti-China sentiments for the purpose of diverting the attention of the Soviet people

whose resentment and resistance against its reactionary bourgeois fascist rule are growing daily and, at the same time, to please U.S. imperialism and curry favour with the newly installed Nixon Administration so that the United States and the Soviet Union may enter into further counter-revolutionary deals on a global scale. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique thought that it would get out of its predicament by creating a new anti-China incident. But the result is just the opposite. There is a profound revolutionary friendship between the peoples of China and the Soviet Union and all the anti-China schemes of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique are bound to go bankrupt completely. This perverse action of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique only serves to reveal its counter-revolutionary features still more clearly and arouse even stronger opposition from the Soviet people and the people all over the world. In lifting a rock only to drop it on its own feet, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique will only hasten its own destruction.

Our great leader Chairman Mao points out: "**Historically, all reactionary forces on the verge of extinction invariably conduct a last desperate struggle against the revolutionary forces**". This is what the Soviet revisionist renegade clique is doing. Its recent military provocation against China is precisely an expression of its inherent weakness.

We warn the Soviet revisionist renegade clique: We will never allow anybody to encroach upon China's territorial integrity and sovereignty. **We will not attack unless we are attacked; if we are attacked, we will certainly counter-attack.** Gone for ever are the days when the Chinese people were bullied by others. You are utterly blind and day-dreaming if you think you can deal

with the great Chinese people by resorting to the same old tricks used by tsarist Russia. If you continue making military provocations, you will certainly receive severe punishment. No matter in what strength and with whom you come, we will wipe you out **resolutely, thoroughly, wholly and completely**. The 700 million Chinese people and the Chinese People's Liberation Army who are armed with Mao Tsetung Thought and have been tempered in the great proletarian cultural revolution are more powerful than ever before. Whoever dares to invade our great socialist motherland will inevitably be badly battered and smashed!

Down with the new tsars! Down with the Soviet revisionists' social-imperialism!

**NOTE OF PROTEST FROM THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN CHINA**

(March 2, 1969)

Embassy of the U.S.S.R. in China:

On the morning of March 2, 1969, Soviet frontier guards intruded into the area of Chenpao Island, Heilungkiang Province, China, and killed and wounded many Chinese frontier guards by opening fire on them, thus creating an extremely grave border armed conflict. Against this, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China is instructed to lodge the strongest protest with the Soviet Government.

At 09:17 hours on March 2, large numbers of fully armed soldiers, together with four armoured vehicles and cars, sent out by the Soviet frontier authorities, flagrantly intruded into the area of Chenpao Island which is indisputable Chinese territory, carried out blatant provocations against the Chinese frontier guards on normal patrol duty and were the first to open cannon and gun fire, killing and wounding many Chinese frontier guards. The Chinese frontier guards were compelled to fight back in self-defence when they reached the end of their forbearance after their repeated warnings to the Soviet frontier guards had produced no effect. This grave incident of bloodshed was entirely and solely created by the

Soviet authorities. It is another grave new crime perpetrated by the Soviet authorities which have long been deliberately encroaching upon China's territory, carrying out armed provocations and creating ceaseless incidents of bloodshed.

The Chinese Government firmly demands that the Soviet Government punish the culprits of this incident and immediately stop its encroachment upon China's territory and its armed provocations, and reserves the right to demand compensation from the Soviet side for all the losses suffered by the Chinese side. The Chinese Government once again sternly warns the Soviet Government: China's sacred territory brooks no violation; if you should wilfully cling to your reckless course and continue to provoke armed conflicts along the Sino-Soviet border, you will certainly receive resolute counter-blows from the Chinese people; and it is the Soviet Government that must bear full responsibility for all the grave consequences arising therefrom.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the People's Republic of China

Peking, March 2, 1969

**SOVIET REVISIONIST RENEGADE CLIQUE DIRECTS SOVIET
FRONTIER GUARDS TO INTRUDE FLAGRANTLY INTO
CHINA'S TERRITORY CHENPAO ISLAND**

On March 2 the Soviet modern revisionist renegade clique directed Soviet frontier guards to intrude flagrantly into the area of Chenpao Island, Heilungkiang Province, China, and outrageously open cannon and gun fire, killing and wounding many Chinese frontier guards. The Chinese frontier guards were compelled to fight back in self-defence. This extremely grave incident of armed provocations deliberately created by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique is another grave crime perpetrated by it against the Chinese people and once again reveals its fiendish features as social-imperialism.

At about 09:00 hours on March 2, large numbers of fully armed soldiers, together with armoured vehicles, a lorry and a command car, sent by the Soviet frontier authorities, flagrantly intruded into the area of Chenpao Island which is indisputably Chinese territory, and carried out provocations against the Chinese frontier guards who were on normal patrol duty on the island. At that time, the Chinese frontier guards, showing very great restraint, repeatedly warned the intruding Soviet soldiers and ordered them to stop their provocations and withdraw from the Chinese territory. However, the intruding Soviet soldiers refused to heed these warnings and became even more truculent. At 09:17 hours, the intruding Soviet soldiers outrageously opened up with cannon and gun fire on the Chinese frontier guards. Having reached the end of their forbearance, the Chinese frontier guards were compelled to fight back in self-defence, giving the intruders, who

were committing provocations, their deserved punishment and triumphantly safeguarding our country's sacred territory.

This extremely grave armed conflict single-handedly created by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique is by no means an isolated incident. For a long time, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, ignoring the repeated warnings of the Chinese Government, has time and again encroached upon China's territory and her air space and created incidents involving bloodshed on many occasions. During the ice-bound seasons in the more than two years between January 23, 1967 and March 2 this year, Soviet frontier guards intruded into the area of Chenpao Island on sixteen occasions, and on several occasions wounded Chinese frontier guards who were on normal patrol duty, and looted arms and ammunition. Between the end of November 1967 and January 5, 1968, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique sent Soviet frontier guards on eighteen occasions to intrude into the area of Chilichin Island, north of Chenpao Island, Heilungkiang Province, China, disrupting Chinese people's production and on many occasions killing and wounding Chinese people engaged in productive labour. Soviet frontier guards also intruded into the area of Kapotzu Island, south of Chenpao Island, Heilungkiang Province, China, on many occasions. And, on a still greater number of occasions, Soviet military planes intruded into China's air space over Heilungkiang Province.

The criminal activities of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique in deliberately encroaching upon China's territory and creating incidents involving bloodshed one after another have glaringly exposed the vicious features of the clique, which for a long time has collaborated with U.S. imperialism, frenziedly opposed China and practised social-imperialism and social-fascism. These grave crimes of the clique have aroused the utmost indignation of the Chinese armymen and civilians. The Chinese people sternly warn the Soviet revisionist renegade clique: The 700 million Chinese people, tempered in the

great proletarian cultural revolution, are not to be trifled with. China's sacred territory brooks no violation. If you should wilfully cling to your reckless course and continue to provoke armed conflicts along the Sino-Soviet border, you will certainly receive resolute counter-blows from the 700 million Chinese people who are armed with Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tsetung Thought!

(Hsinhua, March 3, 1969)

**NOTE OF PROTEST FROM THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN CHINA**

(March 13, 1969)

Embassy of the U.S.S.R. in China:

Between 11:50 and 15:19 hours on March 4, eight armoured vehicles, three trucks fully loaded with armed personnel and two command cars of the Soviet frontier troops intruded into China's territory Chenpao Island. Between 12:17 and 12:20 hours on the same day, a Soviet helicopter intruded into the air space over Chenpao Island and landed on Chinese territory to the east of the island.

Between 11:40 and 14:55 hours on March 5, six armoured vehicles, two trucks fully loaded with armed personnel and a command car of the Soviet frontier troops intruded into China's territory Chenpao Island.

Between 09:55 and 10:02 hours on March 7, six armoured vehicles of the Soviet frontier troops intruded into China's territory Chenpao Island, three of which even penetrated deep into the Chinese waterway to the west of Chenpao Island before landing on the island. At 09:04, 09:25 and 11:27 hours on the same day, Soviet helicopters intruded in three sorties into the air space over China's territory Chenpao Island.

Between 05:27 and 06:55 hours on March 10, an armoured vehicle and three armed personnel of the Soviet frontier troops intruded into China's territory Chenpao Island.

Between 15:14 and 18:45 hours on March 11, an armoured vehicle and 14 armed personnel of the Soviet frontier troops intruded into China's territory Chenpao Island.

Between 14:40 and 14:57 hours on March 12, three armoured vehicles of the Soviet frontier troops intruded into China's territory Chenpao Island and the Chinese waterway to the west of the island.

The above facts show that after provoking the border armed conflict on March 2, Soviet frontier troops have again made repeated grave encroachments upon China's territory and carried out a series of military provocations in an attempt to provoke fresh armed conflicts. Against this, the Chinese Government hereby lodges a strong protest with the Soviet Government, firmly demands that you immediately stop all activities of intrusion and provocation and sternly warns you: It is absolutely impermissible for anyone to encroach upon China's territory; if you should cling to your reckless course, the Soviet Government must be held fully responsible for all the grave consequences arising therefrom.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the People's Republic of China

Peking, March 13, 1969

**URGENT AND STRONG PROTEST NOTE FROM
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO
THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN CHINA**

(March 15, 1969)

Embassy of the U.S.S.R. in China:

Beginning from the early morning of March 15, the Soviet Government sent large numbers of armoured vehicles, tanks and armed troops to intrude once again into China's territory Chenpao Island and the Chinese waterway to the west of the island. The intruding troops were the first to open fire on Chinese frontier guards patrolling the island. The Chinese frontier guards were compelled to fight back in self-defence. The Soviet side has kept on sending out more armoured vehicles, tanks and armed troops and has opened artillery fire on areas deep within Chinese territory. The incident is expanding.

After provoking the March 2 grave incident of bloodshed, the Soviet Government, in disregard of the repeated warnings of the Chinese Government, has incessantly sent troops to intrude into China's territory Chenpao Island and carry out armed provocations, and now it has again created single-handedly a fresh incident of bloodshed. The Soviet Government must be held fully

responsible for all the grave consequences arising therefrom.

The Chinese Government hereby lodges an urgent and strong protest with the Soviet Government. The Soviet Government must immediately stop its armed provocations against China. The Chinese Government reserves the right to raise further demands.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
the People's Republic of China

Peking, March 15, 1969

SOVIET REVISIONISTS ONCE AGAIN INTRUDE INTO CHINA'S TERRITORY CHENPAO ISLAND AREA

Starting from about 04:00 hours on the morning of March 15, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique successively sent dozens of tanks and armoured vehicles and large numbers of armed troops to cross the main channel of the ice-bound Wusuli River and intrude into the Chenpao Island area, which is Chinese territory. The intruders reached the middle part and southern end of Chenpao Island and the Chinese waterway to the west of the island, and carried out wanton provocations against the Chinese frontier guards who were on patrol duty on the island.

The Chinese frontier guards seriously warned the intruding Soviet revisionist armed troops and ordered them to withdraw from the Chinese territory at once. But the Soviet revisionists' armed troops ignored the serious warnings of the Chinese frontier guards. They were the first outrageously to open up with gun and cannon fire on the Chinese frontier guards at about 08:00 hours. The Chinese frontier guards rose in self-defence and dealt head-on blows to the intruders who were carrying out provocations.

Suffering heavy blows, the Soviet revisionists' armed troops, starting from 13:00 hours, went so far as to use heavy artillery from the deep rear areas of the Soviet side on the eastern bank of the Wusuli River to frenziedly shell China's Chenpao Island and the bank of the Wusuli River on the Chinese side. The shelling reached as far as seven kilometres inside the Chinese territory. At the same time, under the cover of tanks and armoured vehicles, the Soviet revisionists'

armed troops made repeated assaults on the Chinese frontier guards patrolling the island. The Chinese frontier guards resolutely fought back. By about 19:00 hours they had driven off all the intruders and triumphantly safeguarded the sacred territory of our great socialist motherland.

Chenpao Island is Chinese territory. The grave incident involving bloodshed on March 15 was created entirely and single-handedly by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique. At 16:30 hours on March 15, the Chinese Foreign Ministry arranged for an urgent meeting with the Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Soviet Embassy in China to lodge an urgent, strong protest. However, he rejected the meeting without any justification. Several hours later, the Soviet Government hurriedly issued a so-called "statement of protest". On the one hand, it hypocritically stated that "it takes all steps to avoid them (clashes)". But, on the other hand, it clung to its assertion that Chenpao Island "is inalienable part of Soviet territory". The Soviet revisionist renegade clique failed to provide any ground to prove that Chenpao Island is its territory. It dare not refer to the explicit stipulation in the "Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking", 1860, that this section of the Sino-Russian boundary line runs along the Wusuli River. And, according to established principles of international law, in the case of navigable boundary rivers, the central line of the main channel shall form the boundary line which determines the ownership of islands. Chenpao Island is situated on the Chinese side of the central line of the main channel of the Wusuli River. It has always been under China's jurisdiction and is indisputably Chinese territory. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique refused to listen to reason and arbitrarily called Chinese territory its territory. Moreover, it pretended that it wanted peace, that is, peace in words but aggression in deeds, the gangster logic of the social-imperialism of the Soviet revisionists. This is another big exposure of the rapacious features of the Soviet revisionist renegade

clique in persistently ganging up with U.S. imperialism, frantically opposing China and stubbornly setting itself against the Chinese people.

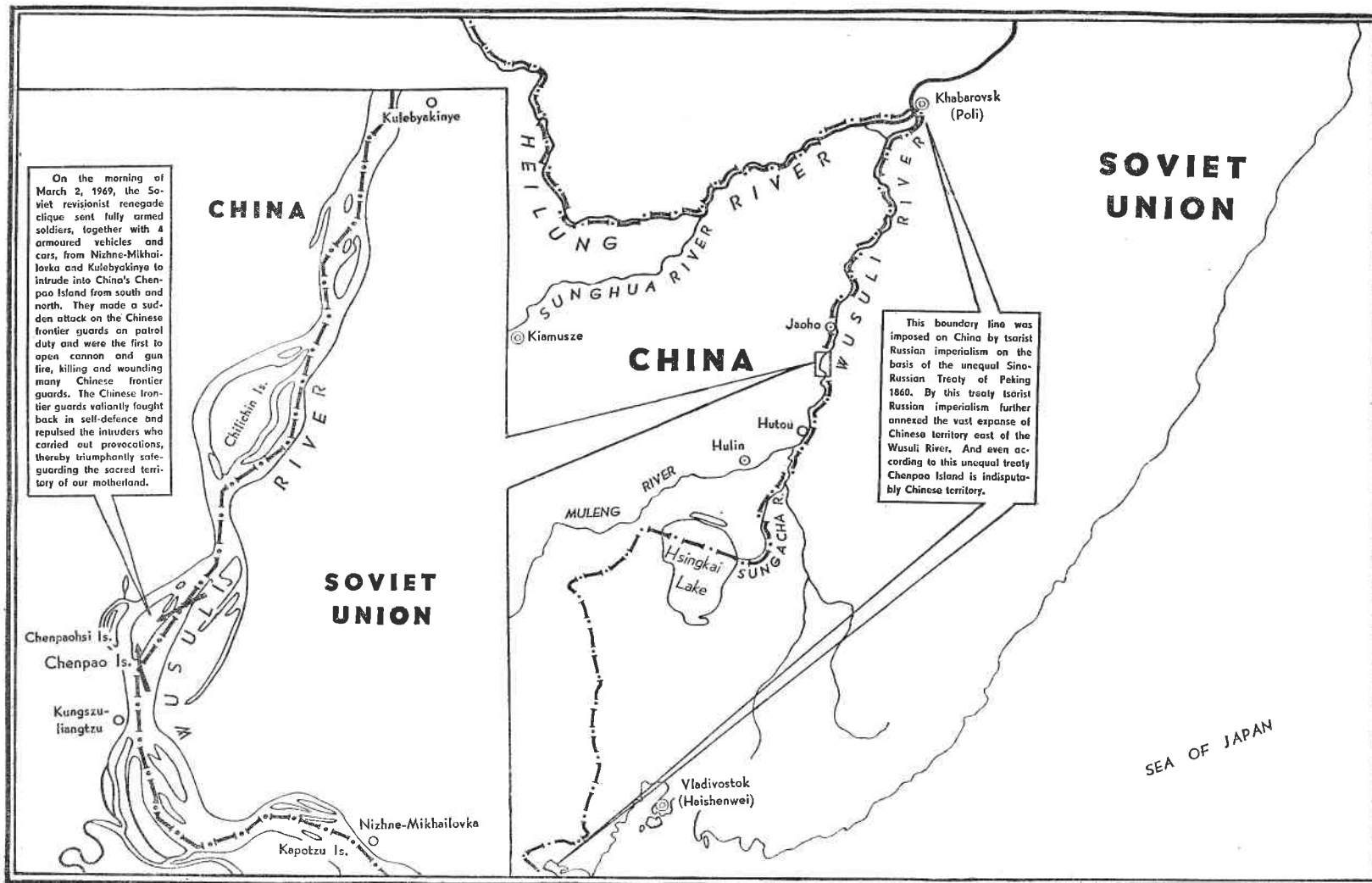
Our great leader Chairman Mao long ago warned those reactionaries who had lost their senses:

We hope that those who are playing with fire will not get too dizzy. We now serve them with this formal warning: Better be careful. This fire is not a plaything. Look out for your own skins!

The Chinese people will seriously deal with the vicious, truculent anti-China activities of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique has bullied all its neighbouring countries. It has flagrantly sent troops to occupy Czechoslovakia and now it is stretching its sinister claws of aggression to socialist China. It is collaborating with U.S. imperialism, stepping up armaments expansion and war preparations and suppressing the revolutionary movements of the people of various countries in a vain effort to redivide the world between themselves. All the people in the world who oppose aggression, unite and strike down U.S. imperialism, Soviet revisionism and the new tsars!

(Hsinhua, March 15, 1969)

SKETCH MAP SHOWING INTRUSION BY SOVIET REVISIONISTS' TROOPS INTO CHINESE TERRITORY CHENPAO ISLAND



CHENPAO ISLAND HAS ALWAYS BEEN CHINESE TERRITORY

Information Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry

On March 2, 1969, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique sent out large numbers of armed soldiers who intruded flagrantly into Chenpao Island on the Wusuli River in Hulin County, Heilungkiang Province, China, and launched a sudden attack on our frontier guards on patrol duty, killing and wounding many of them. It has thus committed a new grave crime against the Chinese people and incurred another debt in blood. The armymen and civilians of our country in their hundreds of millions have expressed the deepest indignation at this.

However, after the incident, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, calling black white and confusing right and wrong, described China's Chenpao Island as part of Soviet territory and the Soviet revisionist armed troops' intrusion into Chinese territory and their attack on Chinese frontier guards as Chinese frontier guards crossing Soviet state frontier to attack Soviet frontier troops. This is sheer nonsense!

Chenpao Island has always been Chinese territory. The "Sino-Russian Treaty of Nipchu" of September 8, 1689 stipulated that the Erhkuna River, the Gorbitza River and the Outer Khingan Mountains form the east-

ern sector of the Sino-Russian boundary and that the vast areas north of the Heilung River, south of the Outer Khingan Mountains and east of the Wusuli River are all Chinese territory. The Wusuli River where Chenpao Island is situated was then an inland river of China. While the allied British-French imperialist troops were attacking Tientsin and threatening Peking in their aggression against China, tsarist Russian imperialism seized the opportunity to compel the authorities of the Ching Dynasty by armed force to sign the unequal "Sino-Russian Treaty of Aigun" on May 28, 1858, by which it annexed more than 600,000 square kilometres of Chinese territory north of the Heilung River and placed some 400,000 square kilometres of Chinese territory east of the Wusuli River under the joint possession of China and Russia. Again taking advantage of the military pressure brought about by the British-French imperialist war of aggression against China and after the occupation of Peking by the British and French aggressor troops, tsarist Russian imperialism forced the government of the Ching Dynasty to sign another unequal treaty, the "Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking", on November 14, 1860, by which it forcibly incorporated all the Chinese territory east of the Wusuli River into Russia.

As Marx pointed out in 1857 and 1858, the Opium War of 1840 was followed by **"the successful encroachment of Russia from the north"** on China, and Russia **"took possession of the banks of the River Amur [the Heilung River — translator], the native country of the present ruling race (the Manchu — editor) in China"**. Furthermore, after the signing of the "Sino-Russian Treaty of Aigun", Engels penetratingly pointed out: **"When at last England resolved to carry the war**

to Peking, and when France joined her in the hope of picking up something to her advantage", Russia despoiled **"China of a country as large as France and Germany put together, and of a river as large as the Danube"**. Lenin also pointed out that the task of the Russian imperialist policy in Asia was **"to seize the whole of Persia, complete the partition of China"**. By these brilliant conclusions, Marx, Engels and Lenin fully exposed the aggressive and unequal nature of the "Sino-Russian Treaty of Aigun" and the "Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking" tsarist Russian imperialism had imposed on China.

Even according to the unequal "Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking", Chenpao Island is indisputable Chinese territory. The "Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking" stipulated: "From the estuary of the Wusuli River southward to the Hsingkai Lake, the boundary line runs along the Wusuli and Sungacha Rivers. The land lying east of these rivers belongs to Russia and the land west of these rivers belongs to China." According to established principles of international law, in the case of navigable boundary rivers, the central line of the main channel shall form the boundary line which determines the ownership of islands. Chenpao Island and the nearby Kapotzu and Chilichin Islands are all situated on the Chinese side of the central line of the main channel of the Wusuli River and have always been under China's jurisdiction. Chinese frontier guards have always been patrolling these islands and Chinese inhabitants have always been carrying on production on these islands. During the Sino-Soviet boundary negotiations in 1964, the Soviet side itself could not but admit that these islands are Chinese territory.

On September 27, 1920, the Soviet Government led by Lenin proclaimed that it "declares null and void all the treaties concluded with China by the former Governments of Russia, renounces all seizure of Chinese territory and all Russian concessions in China and restores to China, without any compensation and for ever, all that had been predatorily seized from her by the Tsar's Government and the Russian bourgeoisie". This great testament of Lenin's failed to come true because China was then ruled by a reactionary government.

After the founding of the People's Republic of China, the boundary question between China and the Soviet Union could have been reasonably settled. The Chinese Government consistently holds that boundary questions left over by history should be settled through negotiations and that, pending a settlement, the status quo of the boundary should be maintained. The Government of China has, in succession, satisfactorily settled complicated boundary questions left over by history with her neighbouring countries Burma, Nepal, Pakistan, the People's Republic of Mongolia and Afghanistan. But the boundary questions between China and the Soviet Union and between China and India have remained unsettled. The Chinese Government repeatedly held negotiations with the Indian Government on the Sino-Indian boundary question, but they were disrupted by the Indian reactionaries. In 1964, the Chinese Government held boundary negotiations with the Soviet Government, during which the Chinese side made it clear that the "Sino-Russian Treaty of Aigun", the "Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking" and other treaties relating to the present Sino-Soviet boundary are all unequal treaties tsarist Russian imperialism imposed on China when

power was not in the hands of the peoples of China and Russia. But, prompted by the desire to strengthen the revolutionary friendship between the Chinese and Soviet peoples, the Chinese side was willing to take these treaties as the basis for determining the entire alignment of the boundary line between the two countries and for settling all existing questions relating to the boundary; any side which occupies the territory of the other side in violation of the treaties must, in principle, return it wholly and unconditionally to the other side, but this does not preclude necessary readjustments at individual places on the boundary by both sides on the basis of the treaties and in accordance with the principles of consultation on an equal footing and of mutual understanding and mutual accommodation. However, the Soviet side refused to accept the above-mentioned reasonable proposals of the Chinese side. It refused to recognize the treaties relating to the present Sino-Soviet boundary as unequal treaties and obstinately refused to take these treaties as the basis for settling the boundary question between the two countries in its vain attempt to force China to accept a new unequal treaty and thus to perpetuate in legal form its occupation of the Chinese territory which it seized by crossing the boundary line defined by the unequal treaties. This great-power chauvinist and territorial expansionist stand of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique was severely condemned by the Chinese side. The Chinese side clearly pointed out that if the Soviet side should obdurately insist on such a stand and inexorably refuse to mend its ways, the Chinese side will have to reconsider its position as regards the Sino-Soviet boundary question as a whole.

Not only has the Soviet revisionist renegade clique refused to settle the Sino-Soviet boundary question through negotiations, but it has incessantly disrupted the status quo of the boundary and created border incidents. After the Sino-Soviet boundary negotiations were sabotaged by the Soviet revisionists, and particularly since Brezhnev and Kosygin assumed power, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, motivated by its counter-revolutionary needs for allying with U.S. imperialism against China and diverting the attention of the people at home, has sent large reinforcements to the Sino-Soviet border, stepped up its disruption of the status quo of the boundary, occupied still more Chinese territories, carried out armed provocations and created incidents of bloodshed. Take Chenpao Island for instance, during the ice-bound seasons in the two years and more between January 23, 1967 and March 2 of this year alone, Soviet frontier troops intruded into the Chenpao Island area of China on 16 occasions, and during several of these intrusions they wounded Chinese frontier guards on normal patrol duty and looted Chinese arms and ammunition.

The latest incident in which Soviet revisionist troops intruded into Chinese territory Chenpao Island to carry out armed provocations has further revealed the ugly features of the Soviet revisionist renegade clique which has taken over the mantle of tsarist Russian imperialism and is pursuing its social-imperialist policy of aggression. They regard as theirs those places which tsarist Russian imperialism occupied and have made further claims for places which tsarist Russian imperialism failed to occupy. They are the new tsars of today.

It is absolutely impermissible for anyone to violate China's sovereignty and territorial integrity. **We will not attack unless we are attacked; if we are attacked, we will certainly counter-attack.** Should the Soviet revisionist renegade clique cling to its reckless course and continue to provoke armed conflicts on the border, the Chinese people, following the teaching of our great leader Chairman Mao, will certainly wipe out the invading enemy **resolutely, thoroughly, wholly and completely.**

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**SOVIET REVISIONIST RENEGADE CLIQUE CAN
ONLY BE DIGGING ITS OWN GRAVE IN
RABIDLY OPPOSING CHINA**

(March 11, 1969)

Renmin Ribao Commentator

After sending its armed troops to intrude into Chinese territory and creating an extremely grave border incident involving bloodshed on March 2, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique headed by Brezhnev and Kosygin has gone a step further in stirring up vicious anti-China waves. On March 7 and 8, the Soviet revisionist authorities successively organized large numbers of ruffians to carry out wild provocations, under the personal direction of a major-general of the Soviet revisionist clique, in front of the Chinese Embassy in Moscow. These ruffians damaged our embassy buildings, wrecked its news picture display cases with iron objects and rocks and shot at our embassy personnel with air-guns. This is an out-and-out fascist act. Most infuriating was that this gang of ruffians went so far as to grossly insult Chairman Mao, the great leader of the Chinese people. This is what the 700 million Chinese people absolutely will not tolerate. The fact that the Soviet revisionist clique has so frantically and repeatedly engineered grave anti-China incidents shows that it has gone out of its mind. We must

warn the Soviet revisionist renegade clique: You must be held responsible for the extremely grave consequences of your reckless evil actions.

While organizing anti-China "demonstrations", the Soviet revisionist renegade clique set all its propaganda machines in motion and held a "press conference", unscrupulously turning the truth upside down in an attempt to cover up its crime of invading Chinese territory and carrying out armed provocation. But the more it tries to hide it, the more conspicuous the truth becomes. No matter how you try to reverse the facts and lie and quibble, you can never change this iron-clad fact: Chen-pao Island is Chinese territory and it is you who directed your frontier troops to intrude into Chinese territory to make provocation. It is precisely you, a bunch of social-imperialists who, beside yourselves with expansionist ambitions, have tried to realize your aggressive designs at the expense of the blood of Soviet soldiers. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique thus owes a debt in blood to the Chinese people and to the Soviet people as well.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique has brazenly described the nefarious anti-China manoeuvre it planned itself as something that expresses the "firm will of the entire Soviet people". Enough! You who are a pack of shameless renegades only represent the "will" of a handful of new bourgeois elements sitting on the backs of the Soviet people. You are insulting the broad masses of the Soviet people when you talk about the "will" of the Soviet people. In the anti-China "demonstrations" organized by you were people coerced into taking part who heroically stepped forth to evince their strong disapproval of and opposition to your anti-China provocations and express their friendship for the Chinese people. This

is the genuine will of the Soviet people. This genuine will of the great Soviet people can never be suppressed by any fascist persecution by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique. A profound friendship exists between the Soviet people and the Chinese people. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique can never succeed in its attempts to disrupt the revolutionary friendship between the Soviet and the Chinese peoples by using brazen methods of lying and deception.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique also raised a hue and cry and alleged that the Chinese people's counter-attack against the clique's provocations and the Chinese people's exposure of its social-imperialist crimes were "anti-Soviet". This is completely the trick of a thief crying "stop thief". It is precisely you yourselves, a pack of renegades, and nobody else, who are anti-Soviet. You have betrayed the great Lenin, desecrated the homeland of Leninism, and destroyed the fruits of the October Revolution, turning the robust socialist Soviet Union into a land of darkness saddled with capitalist restoration. What else is this if not anti-Soviet! Since the day of the birth of the Soviet state, imperialism had been trying in a thousand and one ways to overthrow the dictatorship of the proletariat in the Soviet Union. From the fourteen-nation armed intervention to Hitler hurling millions of troops in an attack, imperialism had expended stupendous efforts but failed to achieve its object. But you, a pack of renegades, have done what imperialism could not possibly do itself, carrying out the counter-revolutionary scheme of imperialism from within the Soviet Union. You are the arch anti-Soviet criminals in the world, and you are the ferocious enemy of the Soviet people. A

gang of criminals in history, you can in no way escape history's punishment!

The border armed conflict created by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique in China's Chenpao Island area is definitely no accidental incident, but a planned action to carry out deliberate aggression against Chinese territory and to intensify opposition to China. After their claws stretching into our territory were seized, the Soviet revisionist authorities, instead of penitently admitting their crime, went even further in creating new anti-China incidents. This is further proof that, though they have been punished for their intrusion into our territory, they are not reconciled to their defeat and are obstinately persisting in their social-imperialist policy of aggression.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique which has completely inherited the mantle of the tsar vainly attempts to redivide the world in collusion with U.S. imperialism and establish world social-imperialist hegemony. In Europe, not satisfied with turning a vast expanse of land in East Europe into its sphere of influence, this clique has put Czechoslovakia under direct military occupation. In Asia, not satisfied with turning the Mongolian People's Republic into its colony, it has even tried to go further and invade and occupy China's territory. In the Middle East and South Asia, it is also making desperate efforts to widen its colonial influence. The aggressive ambition of the social-imperialism of the Soviet revisionists is rabid to the extreme. This rabid aggressive policy of the social-imperialism of the Soviet revisionists not only will be repulsed with a vengeance by the Chinese people, it will certainly be condemned by the people the world over.

**Our defence was strong as a wall already,
Now did our wills unite like a fortress.**

The Chinese people have seen through the rapacious nature of the social-imperialism of the Soviet revisionists. We will further heighten our vigilance and we stand ready at all times to deal resolute counter-blows to provocations and aggression by the social-imperialism of the Soviet revisionists. We once again serve warning on the Soviet revisionist new tsars: If you dare test the might of the Chinese people of all nationalities who have been tempered in the great proletarian cultural revolution in defending their motherland and in hitting back at aggression, the end that awaits you can only be a most dismal one.

Referring to diehards, our great leader Chairman Mao has pointed out that **“they always get the opposite of what they want. They invariably start by doing others harm but end by ruining themselves”**. The same will certainly happen to the Soviet revisionist renegade clique. By frantically opposing China, this clique is in fact only digging its own grave.

**NOTE OF PROTEST FROM THE EMBASSY OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN
THE SOVIET UNION TO THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE U.S.S.R.**

(March 7, 1969)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R.:

After creating the grave incident of armed provocation on Chinese territory Chenpao Island, the Soviet authorities went still farther and organized a despicable anti-China demonstration before the Embassy of the People's Republic of China at 13:30 hours on March 7. The Soviet authorities collected a group of ruffians who grossly insulted and abused the great leader of the Chinese people Chairman Mao Tsetung and the Chinese people, barbarously damaged the buildings of the Chinese Embassy, wrecked its newsphoto display cases and threw iron objects and fired air-guns at embassy personnel, thus seriously hampering the normal functioning of the Embassy and seriously menacing the personal safety of its personnel. The Embassy of the People's Republic of China hereby lodges a strong protest against the new anti-China provocation made by the Soviet authorities before the Chinese Embassy and demands that they immediately stop this anti-China farce solely stage-managed by them and compensate for all the losses of the Chinese Embassy caused by the ruffians' sabotaging activities.

It must be pointed out that the above grave new anti-China provocation engineered by the Soviet authorities is a continuation of the armed provocation against China on the Sino-Soviet border which they plotted single-handedly. The Soviet authorities must be held fully responsible for their anti-China crime which has further worsened Sino-Soviet relations.

Embassy of the People's Republic
of China in the Soviet Union

Moscow, March 7, 1969

**SOVIET REVISIONIST RENEGADE CLIQUE OPENLY
DIRECTS RUFFIANS TO ASSAULT THE CHINESE
EMBASSY IN THE SOVIET UNION, DELIBERATELY
CREATING ANOTHER EXTREMELY GRAVE
ANTI-CHINA INCIDENT**

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique on March 7 and 8 successively organized an outrageous anti-China provocation in front of the Chinese Embassy in the Soviet Union, openly instigating ruffians to assault the Embassy and attack its personnel. This is another extremely grave anti-China incident following the armed provocation the clique had engineered on March 2 against the frontier guards of the Chinese People's Liberation Army on China's territory Chenpao Island.

This clique instigated ruffians on March 7 and 8 to make trouble in front of the gate of the Chinese Embassy. These ruffians carried anti-China placards and uttered vile anti-China shouts. What is particularly infuriating is that some of the ruffians frenziedly insulted and abused Chairman Mao, the great leader of the Chinese people.

They hurled iron objects and rocks at the Chinese embassy buildings and personnel, smashing hundreds of embassy window panes and the gate of the consular department. Almost every window pane in the office and the living quarters of the Hsinhua Moscow Office was broken. Some ruffians threw bottles of coloured ink which stained the embassy walls. Some smashed the embassy windows with flagpoles and some even repeatedly shot at embassy personnel with air-guns.

All the glass panes of the news picture display cases erected within the embassy compound were smashed by the ruffians, who were directed by the Soviet revisionists. Some ruffians even tore up portraits of our great leader Chairman Mao.

This new fascist anti-China outrage was manufactured solely and deliberately by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique. Before the incident, this clique sent a large number of troops, police and secret agents to surround the Chinese Embassy and brought the ruffians in cars to where it is located. The Soviet revisionist renegade clique sent a major-general of the army and several military and police officers holding the rank of colonel to take command on the spot. The troops and police of the Soviet revisionist clique were equipped with walkie-talkies and were in constant contact with the clique. Throughout the provocative anti-China incident, the troops, police and secret agents not only did their best to protect and instigate the ruffians to attack the buildings of the Chinese Embassy and its personnel, but also took part in planting anti-China placards in the embassy compound. They sent loud-speaker vans to lead in the shouting of anti-China slogans. Correspondents of the Soviet revisionist clique flagrantly directed anti-China scenes by ordering some ruffians to line up, raise their fists and indulge in all kinds of nauseating acts.

On March 7, An Chih-yuan, Charge d'Affaires ad interim of the Chinese Embassy in the Soviet Union, sought an urgent meeting with officials of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, but the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, which has a guilty conscience, refused time and again to meet him.

This new premeditated fascist anti-China outrage, perpetrated by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique after its armed provocation on March 2, was for the criminal purpose of stirring up further anti-China sentiments and diverting the Soviet people's strong resentment and resistance against Soviet revisionist fascist rule, and was a vain attempt to

extricate the clique from its impasse. Its despicable actions, however, have further revealed its diabolic social-imperialist and social-fascist features. Many people who were coerced into taking part in this new anti-China incident expressed strong discontent and opposition to the anti-China incident and cordial and friendly feelings towards Chinese comrades in defiance of strict surveillance and persecution by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique and the ruffians gathered together by it. One ruffian who took part in the provocation against the Chinese Embassy was seen to be severely punished by some people who beat him up with their fists and his hat was knocked off. Passing by the Chinese Embassy, some people waved to the Chinese comrades warmly. When the loud-speaker vans of the Soviet revisionist clique took the lead in shouting anti-China slogans, very few responded, and the whole crowd was disorderly and dispirited.

Our great leader Chairman Mao has pointed out:

Make trouble, fail, make trouble again, fail again . . . till their doom; that is the logic of the imperialists and all reactionaries the world over in dealing with the people's cause, and they will never go against this logic.

The Soviet revisionist renegade clique will never succeed in its anti-China schemes. The Chinese and Soviet peoples have a deep revolutionary friendship. In following such a perverse course the Soviet revisionist renegades will be lifting a rock only to drop it on their own feet and will arouse the Soviet people to stronger discontent and resistance against their criminal rule, thereby hastening their own doom.

(Hsinhua, March 10, 1969)

**NOTE OF PROTEST FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE SOVIET
UNION TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE U.S.S.R.**

(March 11, 1969)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R.:

At 15:00 hours on March 10, 1969, when a driver of the Chinese Embassy who was on a mission drove his car to building No. 93, Lenin Street, a group of Soviet ruffians wrested open the door of the embassy car, broke into it and forcibly took away 20 packs of letters and materials which the Embassy addressed to foreign correspondents in Moscow. This piratical incident of flagrant robbery is another new grave anti-China provocation which is wholly the making of the Soviet authorities.

Meanwhile, the Soviet authorities have since March 7 organized despicable anti-China demonstrations before the Chinese Embassy, in which they flagrantly directed ruffians to inflict serious damage on the embassy premises and garage, smash several hundred panes of door and window glass and the glass of all the Embassy's news picture display cases and smear large stretches of the walls of the embassy premises, causing heavy losses to the Embassy. It should be pointed out that Soviet ruffians are still carrying on these savage destructive activities.

After carrying out armed provocations on Chinese territory Chenpao Island, the Soviet authorities have become insensate in whipping up anti-China hysteria throughout the country. Grossly trampling upon the principles of international law, the Soviet authorities have gone so far as to direct ruffians to violate a diplomatic car of the Chinese Embassy, brazenly take away by force letters and materials and raid and damage the diplomatic mission of the People's Republic of China. The Chinese Embassy hereby lodges a strong protest with the Soviet authorities against these barefaced fascist outrages and demands that they severely punish the culprits, return the seized documents, compensate for all the losses suffered by the Chinese Embassy, immediately stop their unbridled anti-China criminal activities and guarantee against the recurrence of similar incidents.

The Soviet authorities must be held fully responsible for their above-mentioned fresh crime against China. In rabidly opposing China, the Soviet authorities are lifting a rock only to drop it on their own feet. All their anti-China schemes are doomed to utter bankruptcy.

Embassy of the People's Republic
of China in the Soviet Union

Moscow, March 11, 1969

**NOTE OF PROTEST FROM THE EMBASSY OF
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN
THE SOVIET UNION TO THE MINISTRY
OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE U.S.S.R.**

(March 12, 1969)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the U.S.S.R.:

With a view to supporting the rabid anti-China hysteria they have whipped up at home, the Soviet authorities are resorting to every possible means in repeatedly directing ruffians to use fascist violence against personnel of the Chinese Embassy going out on official missions. Ignoring the Chinese Embassy's strong protest against Soviet ruffians attacking and ransacking a diplomatic car of the Embassy on March 10, the Soviet authorities have further organized ruffians to brazenly insult and beat up the Embassy's working personnel.

On March 12, when working personnel of the Chinese Embassy went to the residence of foreign correspondents at No. 7, Kutuzov Street on an official mission, a group of Soviet ruffians waiting there in advance all of a sudden peremptorily and unwarrantedly interfered in the embassy working personnel's official functions under the direction of special agents, beating them up with fists and using violence to push them down from the fifth floor. These ruffians, some carrying iron clubs in hand and others striking with their fists and feet, intimidated

and abused the embassy personnel in every possible way, thus seriously endangering the personal safety of the embassy working personnel and hampering and disrupting the normal functioning of the Chinese Embassy. It must be pointed out that these ruffians declared outright that they were acting on behalf of the Soviet Government and that the Soviet policemen on the spot, far from stopping the outrage of the Soviet ruffians, took a direct part in this anti-China provocation. The Chinese Embassy hereby lodges a strong protest with the Soviet authorities against these increasingly unbridled fascist outrages and demands that they punish the culprits and put an immediate end to these grave criminal activities. The Soviet authorities will never succeed in their attempt to save themselves from their ill fate by engineering anti-China fascist outrages, but this will only accelerate their complete doom.

Embassy of the People's Republic
of China in the Soviet Union

Moscow, March 12, 1969

CLUMSY ANTI-CHINA FARCE STAGED BY SOVIET REVISIONIST RENEGADE CLIQUE

After creating an extremely grave border incident involving bloodshed by sending its armed troops to intrude into China's territory Chenpao Island on March 2, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has turned on its propaganda machine full blast in the following days and it also held a "press conference" to openly fabricate lies and distort the truth in a vain effort to cover up its crime of intruding into Chinese territory and carrying out armed provocation. But because they have a guilty conscience, the more denials the Soviet revisionist anti-China buffoons made, the more inconsistencies they revealed, thus showing more clearly their vicious features as social-imperialists.

In the midst of the hysterical outcries against China in Moscow, two Soviet revisionist flunkys — Leonid Zamyatin, head of the press department of the Soviet revisionist Foreign Ministry, and Pyotr Ionov, deputy chief of the main board of Soviet frontier troops — staged a fantastic "press conference" in Moscow on March 7 after painstaking preparations. At the "press conference", they resorted to the Soviet revisionists' notorious old trick of a thief crying "stop thief", brazenly vilifying and attacking the great socialist China and frantically fanning up anti-China sentiments with the help of phoney photos and sensational materials. But their

drivel and the inconsistency in their statements were so fantastic that they made a laughing-stock of themselves at the "press conference".

Zamyatin and Ionov made a futile attempt at the "press conference" to describe the indisputably Chinese territory Chenpao Island as "Soviet territory". Zamyatin glibly told newsmen that "this is a Soviet island and its ownership by the Soviet Union has been affirmed by treaty". Ionov chimed in with: "I can show you the treaty. . . ." Ionov's offer of assistance threw Zamyatin into a panic. Without letting Ionov finish, he cut in and said hastily: "No, it's unnecessary. It's history." Why did Zamyatin interrupt Ionov so hurriedly? Because he, the head of the Soviet revisionists' press department, was troubled with a bad conscience. He was trying to use the ambiguous statement of having been "affirmed by treaty" to make people believe his fabrications. But Ionov rashly offered to "show the treaty" and this gave Zamyatin a bad fright. It is known to all that even according to the unequal treaty, the "Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking" imposed on the Chinese people by tsarist Russian imperialism in 1860, Chenpao Island is indisputably Chinese territory. So, what treaty could Ionov produce? Zamyatin had no alternative but to hastily cut short Ionov's unrehearsed statement before the public gaze. This was indeed clumsy in the extreme.

In a futile attempt to prove that Chenpao Island is "Soviet territory", Zamyatin said with affected seriousness: "On the night of March 1-2, about 300 armed Chinese soldiers, having violated the Soviet state border, crossed over an arm of the Ussuri River" to Chenpao Island. However, Zamyatin's statement, which amounts

to a self-confession, precisely proved that the Chinese frontier guards were on normal patrol duty on Chinese territory. As is well known, according to established principles of international law, in the case of navigable boundary rivers, the central line of the main channel shall form the boundary line which determines the ownership of islands. Chenpao Island and the river arm are precisely situated within Chinese territory on the Chinese side of the Wusuli River main channel's central line which forms the boundary line. How could the Chinese frontier guards have "violated the Soviet state border" when they crossed the river arm inside Chinese territory to go to Chenpao Island inside the Chinese state border? This shows that this head of the Soviet revisionists' press department not only has no knowledge of the boundary but also has gone out of his mind.

In order to throw the blame on China, these two Soviet revisionist anti-China knaves also did their best at the "press conference" to spread lies and to vilify the Chinese frontier guards as having "planned beforehand" to provoke the Chenpao Island incident. Zamyatin racked his brains inventing a cock-and-bull story for this purpose, saying that in order to "create" this incident, "about 300 soldiers and officers of the Chinese regular army" "lay in ambush on the island on the night of March 1". However, press department head Zamyatin, while straining himself to invent this fantastic tale, had forgotten the "report" the correspondent of the Soviet revisionist journal *Trud* got from the staff headquarters of the Soviet revisionist Pacific military border area on March 5, that is, two days before the "press conference". According to the *Trud* report, more than 200 Chinese "armed per-

sonnel" "rushed towards" Chenpao Island "shouting anti-Soviet slogans". Thus, one said that about 300 Chinese lay in ambush on the island beforehand while the other said that more than 200 Chinese rushed towards the island shouting slogans. So Zamyatin and *Trud* are contradicting each other. It is useless for the Soviet revisionist renegade clique to try by telling lies to deny its responsibility for the crime of provoking single-handedly the border incident involving bloodshed.

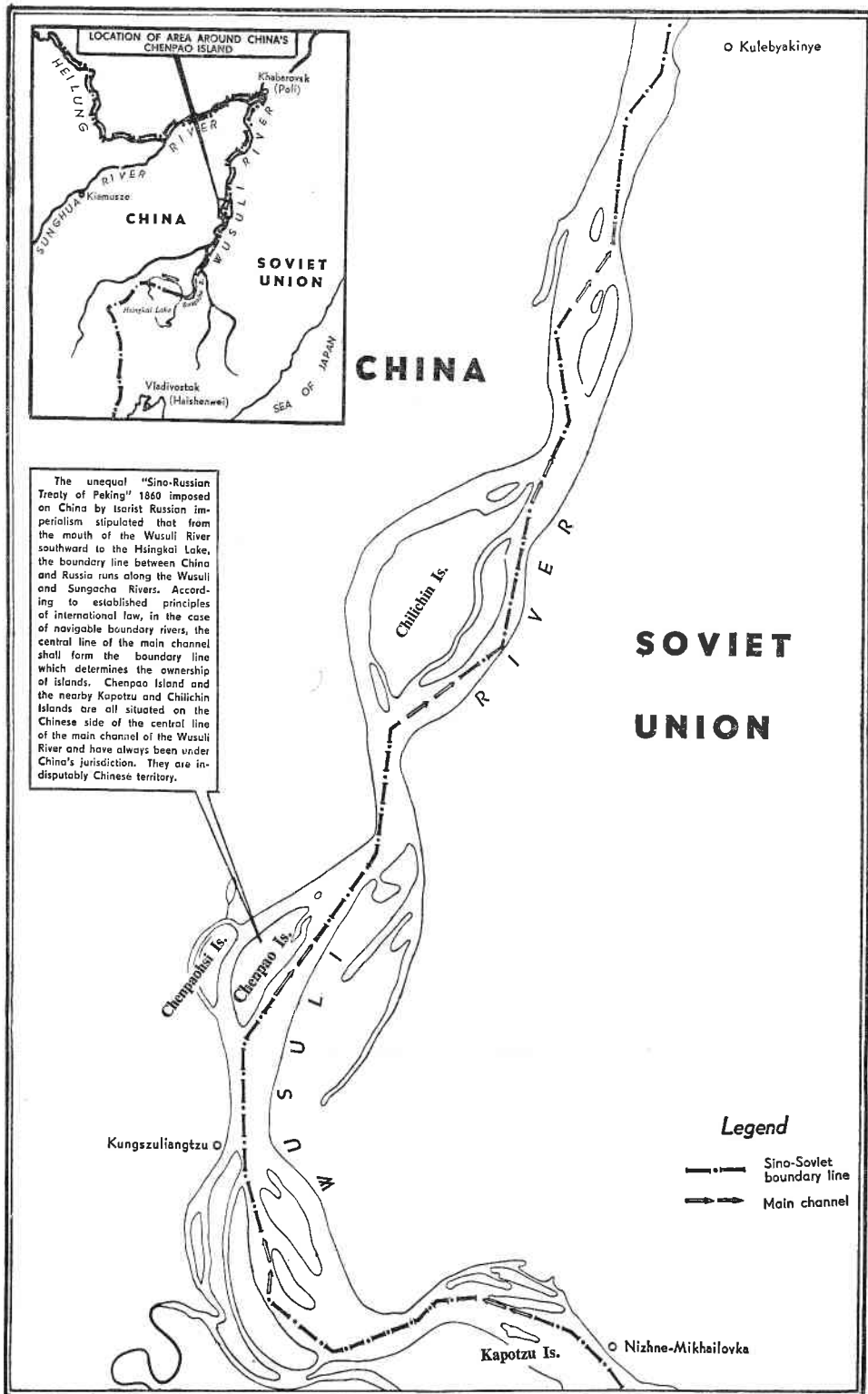
In the anti-China farce staged by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, there are countless cases of inconsistencies and absurdities such as those mentioned above. For instance, Pyotr Ionov denied at the "press conference" that the Soviet frontier troops had sent armoured vehicles to attack the Chinese frontier guards, while the Soviet revisionists' journal *Komsomolskaya Pravda* confessed that the Soviet revisionists' frontier troops "under the command of senior lieutenant Vitaly Bubenin", "mounted armoured troop carriers and rushed" there. This is a true picture of the utter confusion and helplessness which the Soviet revisionist renegade clique is in.

You Soviet revisionist anti-China knaves, there is incontrovertible evidence of your crime of intruding into Chinese territory and making armed provocation. Your crime cannot be covered up or washed away no matter whether you held anti-China "rallies", anti-China "demonstrations", or "press conferences". Your frantic anti-China hysterical ravings cannot in the least save you from your miserable fate of being beset with difficulties at home and abroad and being in an impasse, nor can they harm the revolutionary militant friendship between the

Chinese and Soviet peoples. On the contrary, your vile anti-China deeds can only serve as a negative example to educate the Soviet people, enabling them to see more clearly your counter-revolutionary features and to rise up and overthrow you.

(Hsinhua, March 14, 1969)

SKETCH MAP SHOWING SINO-SOVIET BOUNDARY LINE IN AREA AROUND CHINESE TERRITORY CHENPAO ISLAND



LIES CANNOT COVER UP THE WOLF'S MURDEROUS CLAWS

— Evidence of the Soviet Revisionists' Crime in Intruding into China's Territory Chenpao Island Area

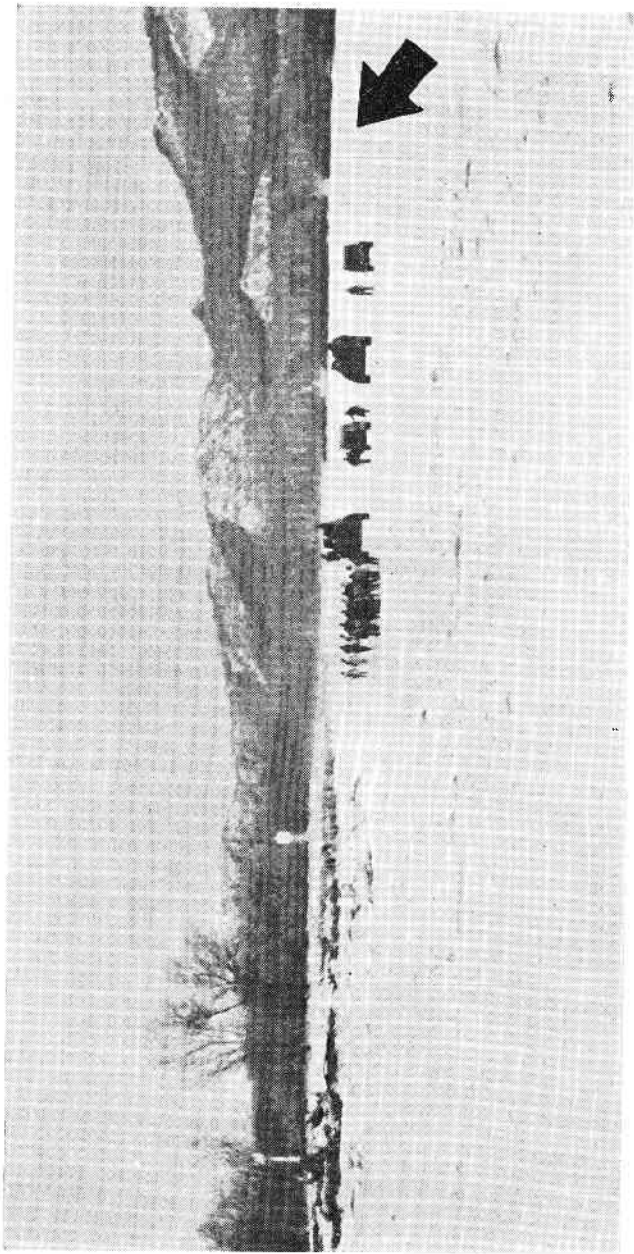
On March 2, 1969, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique directed fully armed Soviet frontier troops, together with armoured vehicles and cars, to flagrantly intrude into China's Chenpao Island on the Wusuli River, Heilungkiang Province, and attack the Chinese frontier guards on patrol duty, killing and wounding many of them. It thus committed yet another monstrous crime against the Chinese people.

However, after the incident, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, standing facts on their head and confusing right and wrong, described China's Chenpao Island as Soviet territory and the Soviet revisionist armed troops' intrusion into Chinese territory and their attack on the Chinese frontier guards as crossing of the Soviet state frontier by Chinese frontier guards to attack Soviet frontier troops. It has set in motion all its propaganda machines, held a "press conference" and distributed faked photographs, in order to blatantly distort the facts and create anti-China public opinion. What effrontery!

Ignoring the repeated warnings of the Chinese Government, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique has for a long time repeatedly encroached upon China's territory and air space. During the ice-bound seasons in the more than two years between January 23, 1967 and March 2 this year, Soviet revisionist frontier troops intruded into China's Chenpao Island area on sixteen occasions and on several of these, wounded Chinese frontier guards on normal patrol duty and looted arms and ammunition.

Here, we make public these photographs which were taken on February 7, 1969, on one of the sixteen occasions when Soviet revisionist frontier troops intruded into China's Chenpao Island area. They will enable people to see how the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, taking over the mantle of the tsars, has deliberately encroached upon Chinese territory and repeatedly provoked armed border conflicts.

(Photos by Hsinhua correspondent)



On February 7, 1969, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique directed its frontier authorities to send two armoured vehicles and two cars packed with fully armed frontier troops to cross the central line of the main channel of the ice-bound Wusuli River and intrude into China's Chenpao Island area in Heilungkiang Province. The left side of the picture shows the southern end of China's territory Chenpao Island. The arrow indicates the central line of the main channel of the Wusuli River. The land and mountains on the right side of the picture are the eastern bank of the Wusuli River, Chinese territory lying east of the Wusuli River that, under the "Sino-Russian Treaty of Peking" imposed on China in 1860, was annexed by tsarist Russian imperialism.



Fully armed Soviet revisionist frontier troops in armoured vehicles and cars brazenly intrude into China's Chenpao Island area. Chinese frontier guards on normal patrol duty immediately warn them, ordering them to halt their provocation and preventing them from intruding further.



Chinese frontier guards in a tit-for-tat struggle reason with the Soviet revisionist frontier troops who intrude into China's Chenpao Island area. Devoid of all arguments, the Soviet revisionist frontier troops have to pull back their armoured vehicles. However, a small officer of the Soviet revisionist frontier troops (5th from left) keeps on making trouble.

The Chinese frontier guards rebuff another provocation by Soviet revisionist frontier troops. They flee helter-skelter from China's Chenpao Island area and head for the eastern bank of the Wusuli River.

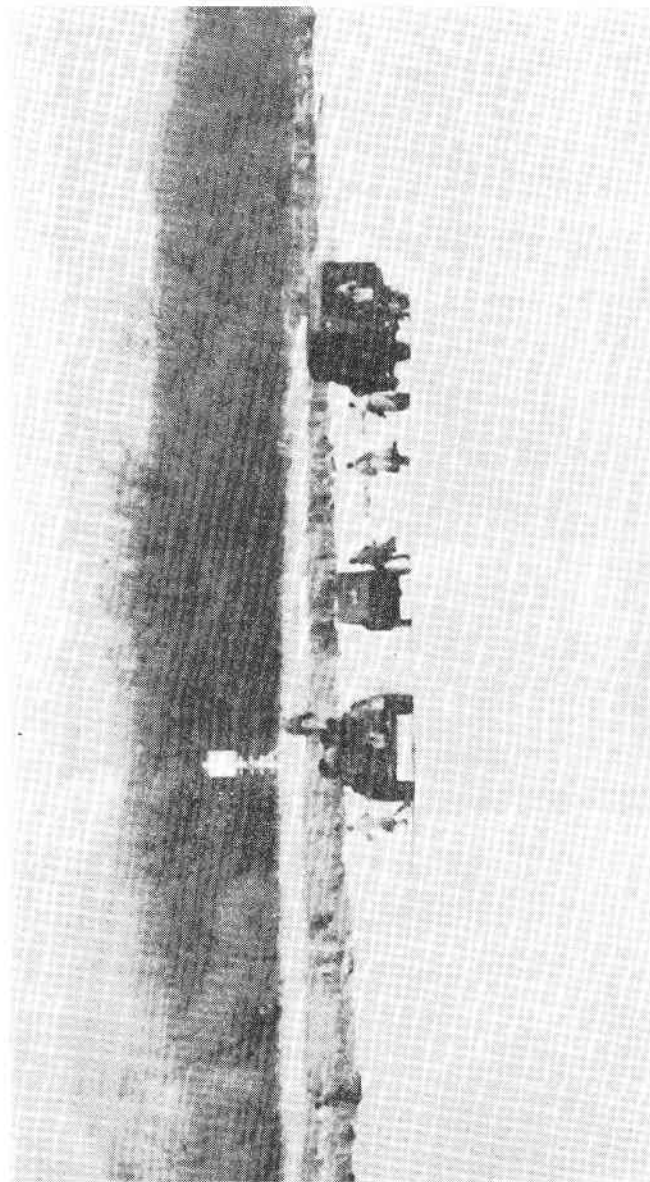


IGNOMINIOUS END OF THE SOVIET REVISIONIST INTRUDERS

— Evidence of the Soviet Revisionists' Crime in Intruding into
China's Territory Chenpao Island on March 2, 1969

Exposing the crime of the Soviet revisionists' frontier troops in intruding into China's Chenpao Island to carry out armed provocations on March 2, 1969, the photographs published here will enable the Chinese people and the people all over the world to see for themselves the wolfish nature of the new tsars and the ignominious defeat they suffered. Ignoring the Chinese Government's strong protests, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, which has gone out of its mind, has been wilfully following its reckless course and repeatedly directing the Soviet frontier troops to invade the Chinese territory to carry out armed provocations. The Chinese people have resolutely acted in the way taught by Chairman Mao: **"If they fight, we will wipe them out completely. This is the way things are: if they attack and we wipe them out, they will have that satisfaction; wipe out some, some satisfaction; wipe out more, more satisfaction; wipe out the whole lot, complete satisfaction."** This is a historical lesson.

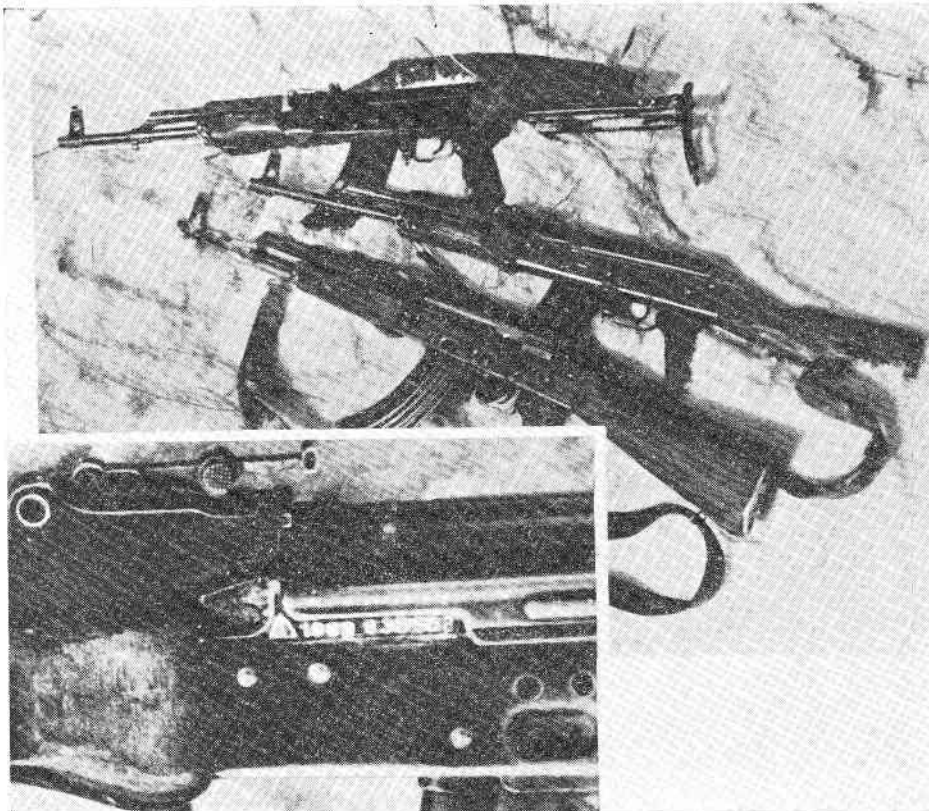
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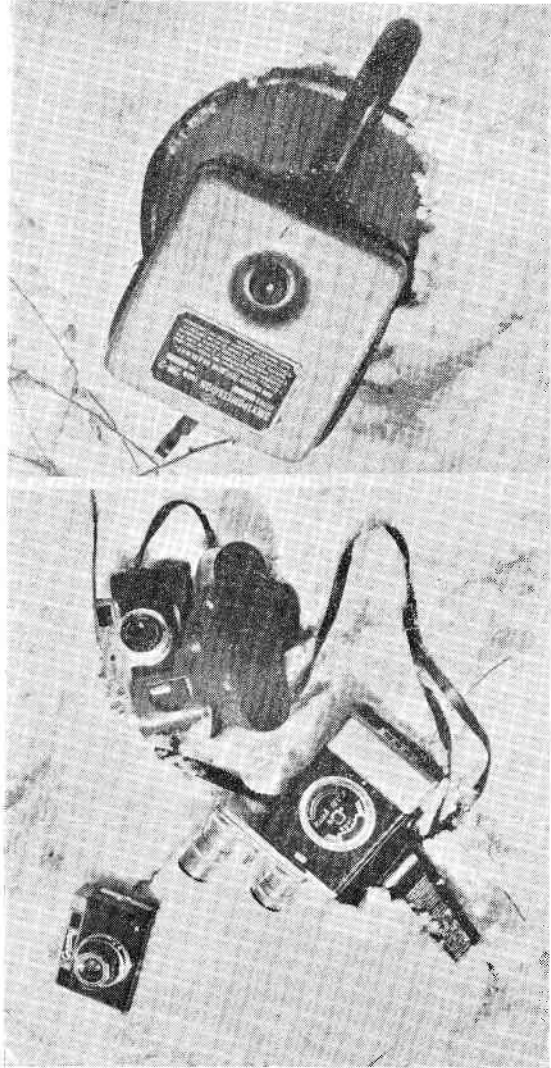
On March 2, 1969, large numbers of Soviet frontier troops, together with armoured vehicles and cars, sent out by the Soviet revisionist renegade clique, flagrantly intruded into China's Chenpao Island and killed and wounded many Chinese frontier guards by opening cannon and gun fire on them. Photo shows the Soviet frontier troops attacking the southern end of China's Chenpao Island.



The Soviet frontier troops who had intruded into China's Chenpao Island were routed by the Chinese frontier guards. Photo shows the arms and ammunition as well as a movie camera and other cameras captured by the Chinese frontier guards from the Soviet frontier troops.



The sub-machine-guns captured on China's Chenpao Island by the Chinese frontier guards from the Soviet frontier troops. Inset shows one of these guns with the number — 1962 Б 30508,



The "Kiev" movie camera (lower left, in the photo on the left), "Zorki" camera (upper right, in the photo on the left) and "Semena" camera (upper left, in the photo on the left) and the transistor amplifier (photo on the right) which were captured on China's Chenpao Island by the Chinese frontier guards from the Soviet frontier troops.

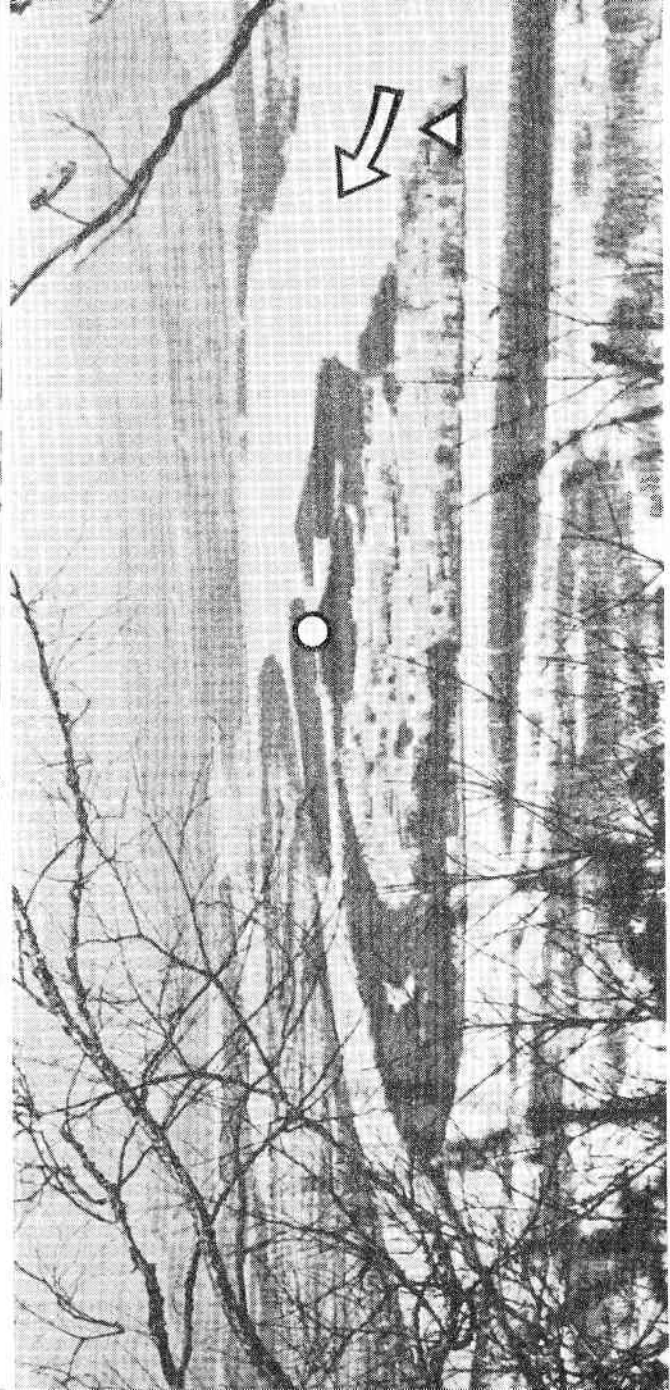
"LIFTING A ROCK ONLY TO DROP IT ON ONE'S OWN FEET"

— Evidence of Soviet Armed Troops' Crime in Intruding into China's Territory Chenpao Island on March 15, 1969

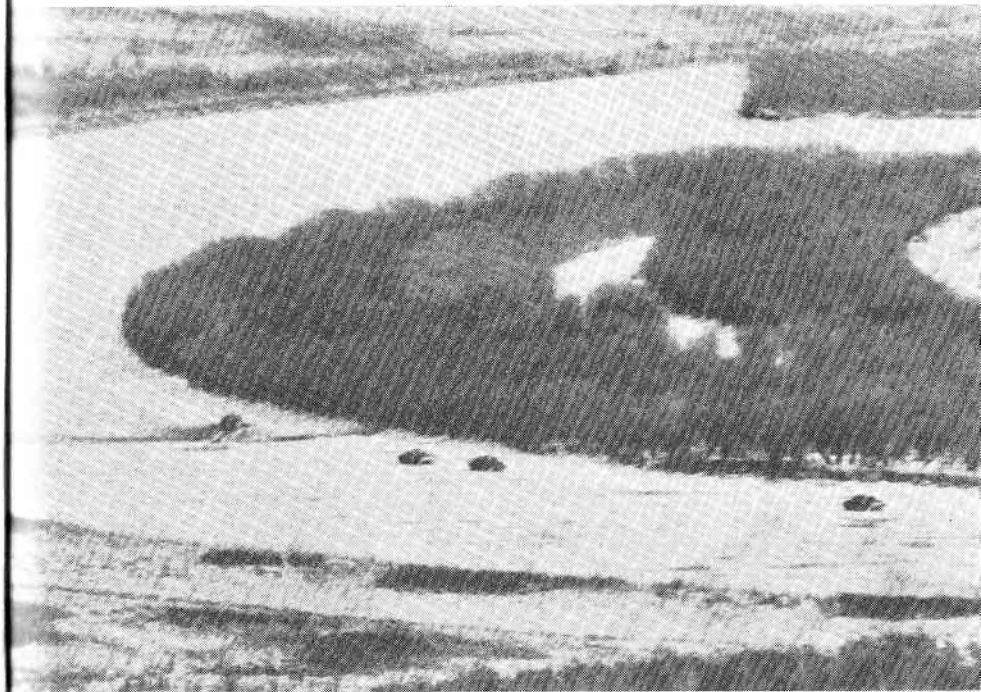
Beginning early in the morning on March 15, 1969, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique successively sent dozens of tanks and armoured vehicles and large numbers of armed troops to cross the main channel of the ice-bound Wusuli River and intrude into China's territory Chenpao Island and the Chinese waterway to the west of the island. The intruders opened up with cannon and gun fire on the Chinese frontier guards patrolling the island who were compelled to fight back in self-defence and dealt head-on blows to the intruders. After suffering heavy blows, the frantic Soviet revisionist renegade clique went so far as to direct its frontier troops to use heavy artillery to wantonly shell China's Chenpao Island and the areas west of the island. The shelling reached as far as seven kilometres inside the Chinese territory. At the same time, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique kept sending more armoured vehicles, tanks and armed troops to make assaults on the Chinese frontier guards.

Following our great leader Chairman Mao's teaching: "We will not attack unless we are attacked; if we are attacked, we will certainly counter-attack", the Chinese frontier guards, who are armed with the invincible Mao Tsetung Thought, meted out severe punishment to the Soviet revisionist intruders and triumphantly defended the sacred territory of the great socialist motherland.

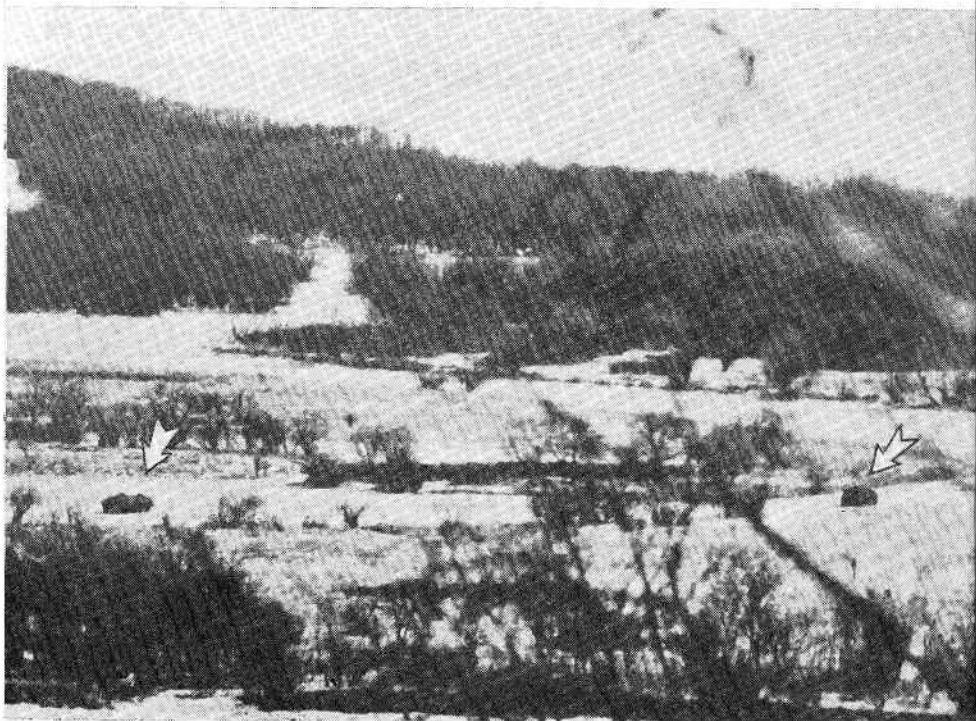
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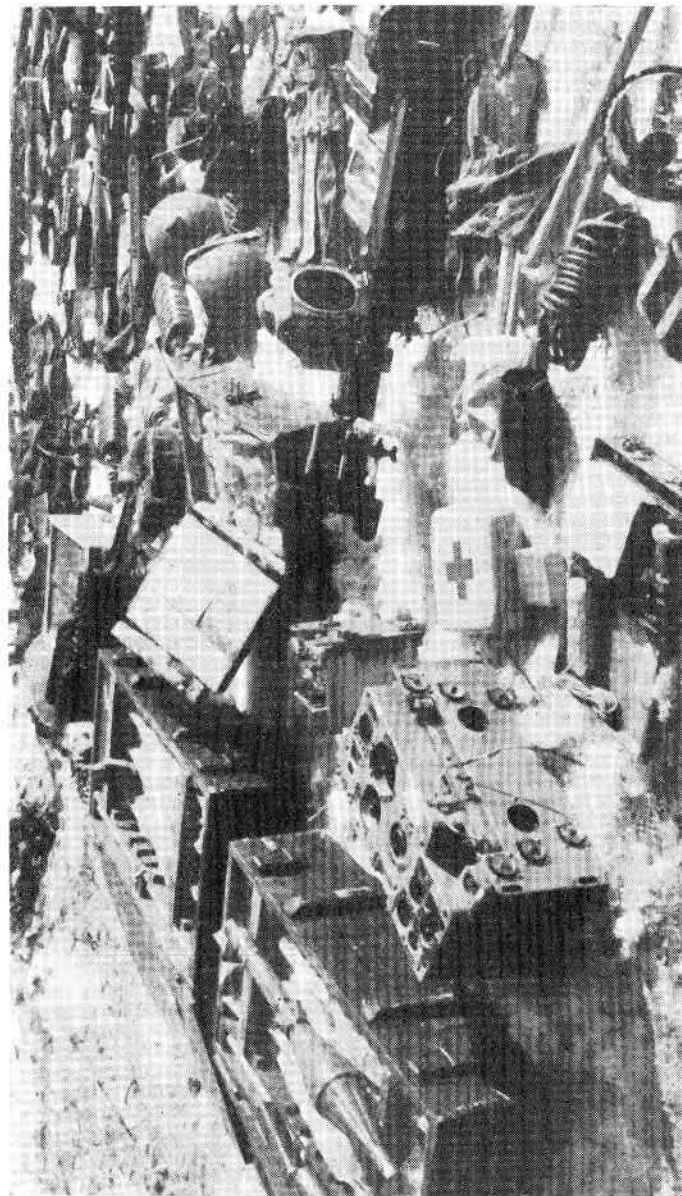
An overall view of Chenpao Island which is on the Chinese side of the central line of the main channel of the Wusuli River. The arrow indicates the main channel of the Wusuli River, the triangle the southern end of China's Chenpao Island and the circle the northeastern part of the island.



On March 15, the Soviet revisionist renegade clique successively sent dozens of tanks and armoured vehicles and large numbers of armed troops to intrude into China's Chenpao Island area and open up with cannon and gun fire on the Chinese frontier guards on patrol duty. Photo shows four tanks of the Soviet armed troops which had already intruded into the Chinese waterway to the west of China's Chenpao Island.



Armoured vehicles of the Soviet armed troops (*indicated by arrows*) intruding as far as the middle part of China's Chenpao Island.



After suffering heavy blows from the Chinese frontier guards, the Soviet armed troops fled pell-mell and left behind large quantities of arms and ammunition as well as equipment and apparatus. This is part of what was captured by Chinese frontier guards.



A radio transmitter-receiver (*upper photo*) and a telescopic sight (*lower photo*) from a tank of Soviet armed troops.