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STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

(May 27, 1967)

U.S. imperialism is at present hatching a big plot of aggression against Syria, the United Arab Republic and other Arab states by making use of Israel. The Israeli Prime Minister and his Foreign Minister have repeatedly clamoured about opening hostilities with Syria and overthrowing the Syrian Government. Israel is amassing large forces on its borders with Syria and the U.A.R., ready for a large-scale military adventure at any time. The United States has sent its Sixth Fleet to the Eastern Mediterranean to make a big show of force and carry out military threats. The independence and security of the Arab states are being seriously menaced. The facts have once again shown that U.S. imperialism is the arch-criminal supporting Israeli aggression against the Arab states and that it is the most ferocious enemy of the Arab people.

Confronted with the aggression of and the war threat posed by U.S. imperialism and Israel, the people of the Arab states have risen in unity to wage a resolute struggle against their common enemy. Syria, the U.A.R. and other Arab states have declared a state of alert and are ready at all times to deal head-on blows at the aggressors. The U.A.R. has demanded the withdrawal of the

U.N. Emergency Force from the Gaza Strip and U.A.R. territory, and announced the closing of the Gulf of Aqaba and forbade the passage of Israeli ships. The Council of the Arab League has passed a resolution declaring that an attack against any Arab territory will be regarded as aggression against all the Arab states. Iraq, the Yemen, Algeria and other Arab states have adopted emergency measures in support of the struggle of the people of Syria and the U.A.R. These moves of the Arab states are just actions of self-defence against aggression and oppression and fully conform to the interests of the Arab people.

The Arab people's struggle against U.S. imperialism and Zionism is an important component of the worldwide struggle against imperialism. It has dealt hard blows at imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism and given strong support to the people of the world in their struggle against imperialism. The 700 million Chinese people armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought resolutely stand on the side of the Arab people and firmly support all their just struggles. The Chinese people will for ever remain the staunch and reliable comrades-in-arms of the Arab people in the fight against imperialism.

Fully revealing its bestial features, U.S. imperialism is at present openly threatening to use force to compel the U.A.R. to reopen the Gulf of Aqaba; at the same time, its chieftain Lyndon Johnson is conspiring with such a person like U.N. Secretary-General U Thant in a vain attempt to strangle the anti-imperialist struggle of the Arab states by employing its handy tool the United Nations. The intensified contacts between the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain and France, including George Brown's visit to Moscow, are all designed to decide the fate of the Arab people and force them to submit by

means of the so-called "big power status". But no tricks or threats whatsoever can cow or dupe the daily awakening Arab people. Such acts by U.S. imperialism in so baring its fangs and committing aggression and playing the despot everywhere are by no means an indication of its strength, but a manifestation of its desperation and inner weakness. **Chairman Mao has long pointed out:**

U.S. imperialism has over-reached itself. Wherever it commits aggression, it puts a new noose around its neck. It is besieged ring upon ring by the people of the whole world.

U.S. imperialism has suffered an ignominious defeat in its aggression against Vietnam and it will certainly come to no better end in its aggression against the Arab states. The day is not far off when the people of the whole world will completely bury U.S. imperialism.

The Soviet revisionist leading clique is the No. 1 accomplice of U.S. imperialism. Everywhere it renders service to the U.S. imperialist policies of aggression and war. Now, just when the Arab people's struggle against U.S. imperialist and Israeli aggression is mounting to a new high, the Soviet revisionist leading clique once again is colluding with U.S. and British imperialism, busily working to strike a political deal with them and actively peddling its sinister ware of "Tashkent spirit" in a vain attempt to sabotage the just cause of the Arab people against imperialism. It says not a single word about the most essential issue — U.S. imperialist aggression against the Arab states. Nor does it support the just actions of the U.A.R. in demanding the withdrawal of U.N. forces and in closing the Gulf of Aqaba. This is an out-and-out betrayal. We are convinced that through their own ex-

perience, the Arab people, who have a tradition of fighting against imperialism, will surely recognize the Soviet revisionist leading clique in all its ugliness of being a betrayer of the interests of the Arab people, and will never be taken in by it.

The great leader of the Chinese people Chairman Mao says:

People of the world, be courageous, dare to fight, defy difficulties and advance wave upon wave. Then the whole world will belong to the people. Monsters of all kinds shall be destroyed.

The Arab nation is a great nation. The Arab people are a heroic people. So long as they unite as one and persevere in the struggle, the Arab people will definitely defeat U.S. imperialism and its running dog Israel and win victory in the struggle.

The Arab people are bound to win! U.S. imperialism is bound to be defeated!

STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

(June 6, 1967)

On June 5, 1967, instigated and supported by U.S. imperialism, Israel flagrantly launched massive armed aggression against the United Arab Republic, Syria and other Arab states. This is another towering crime against the Arab people committed by U.S. imperialism and its tool Israel as well as a grave provocation against the people of Asia, Africa and the rest of the world. The people of the Arab states, rising as one in their hatred against their common enemy, are dealing head-on blows at the aggressors. A storm of struggle against U.S. imperialist aggression is sweeping the whole Arab world.

Israel is a product of the U.S. and British imperialist policy of aggression. After World War II Israel could not have existed at all without U.S. imperialist fosterage, and it would never have dared to launch an attack against the Arab states without U.S. imperialist support. It is U.S. imperialism that has instigated Israel to attack Syria; it is U.S. imperialism that, in league with British imperialism, has threatened to reopen the Gulf of Aqaba by force of arms; it is again U.S. imperialism that has been supplying Israel with large quantities of arms in order to mount sudden attacks on the United Arab Re-

public and the other Arab countries. Facts have fully proved that U.S. imperialism is the backstage manager of Zionism and the No. 1 enemy of the Arab people and the people of the world.

In this incident, the Soviet revisionist leading clique has connived at the aggression committed by Israel at the instigation and with the support of U.S. imperialism, thus once again revealing its ugly features as a betrayer of the Arab people.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the greatest leader of the Chinese people, has pointed out:

The raging tide of the people of the world against the U.S. aggressors is irresistible. Their struggle against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys will assuredly win still greater victories.

The U.A.R., Syria and the other Arab states and the Arab people of Palestine are waging a just war against U.S.-Israeli aggression. A just war is invincible. The heroic Arab people with a glorious anti-imperialist tradition have raised aloft the just banner of war against aggression. We believe that with the sympathy and support of the people of the whole world, the Arab people will surely win final victory so long as they strengthen their unity, persevere in struggle, advance wave upon wave and surmount all difficulties.

The Chinese Government hereby solemnly declares: Armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought, the 700 million Chinese people who are victoriously carrying on the great proletarian cultural revolution absolutely will not allow the U.S. imperialists and their collaborators to ride roughshod and commit aggression everywhere. We firm-

ly stand on the side of the Arab people and resolutely support them in their just war against U.S.-Israeli aggression.

Victory will surely belong to the heroic fighting Arab people!

**PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S MESSAGE TO
NASSER, PRESIDENT OF THE U.A.R.**

Peking, June 6, 1967

His Excellency Gamal Abdel Nasser,
President of the United Arab Republic,
Cairo

Your Excellency,

On June 5, 1967, instigated and supported by U.S. imperialism, Israel launched cowardly sudden attacks on Cairo, capital of the U.A.R., the Suez Canal zone, the Gaza Strip and other places, thus precipitating a war of aggression against all the Arab states and people. Fearing no brute force and filled with hatred against their common enemy, the people of the U.A.R. and the entire Arab people who have an anti-imperialist tradition have greatly deflated the truculent arrogance of the aggressors and have won the sympathy and praise of all the anti-imperialist revolutionary people of Asia, Africa and the whole world.

The current aggression by Israel has been long premeditated and was launched after Israel had been assured of political and military support from U.S. President Lyndon Johnson. Facts have once again demonstrated that U.S. imperialism is the arch-criminal sup-

porting Israel in its aggression against the Arab states and is the most ferocious enemy of the Arab people. The Chinese people and Government fully agree with the correct conclusion drawn by Your Excellency Mr. President on May 2 that U.S. imperialism is "the headquarters of the counter-revolution in the world".

At present, the situation of the struggle against imperialism in the world is excellent. U.S. imperialism is besieged ring upon ring by the people of the world. By their war adventures U.S. imperialism and its tool Israel can only arouse the Arab people to even more resolute resistance and hasten their own doom. Britain, France and Israel did not come to any good end in their aggression against Egypt in 1956, and today, in instigating and supporting Israel in its aggression against the Arab states U.S. imperialism will definitely come to no good end either.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the great leader of the Chinese people, has said, "The just struggles of the peoples of various countries in the world support each other." The Chinese Government and people have always highly appraised the Arab people's struggle against imperialism and regarded their struggle as our own struggle and their victories as our own victories. Now I wish to reiterate to Your Excellency that in the struggle to repel the aggression by U.S. imperialism and its tool Israel, the Chinese Government and people stand firmly by the U.A.R. people and the entire Arab people and will for ever remain the staunch and reliable comrades-in-arms of the Arab people.

Finally, allow me, on behalf of Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Vice-Chairman Lin Piao as well as in my own

name, to extend to Your Excellency our sincere regards
and greetings.

Chou En-lai

Premier of the State Council of
the People's Republic of China

**PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S MESSAGE TO
ATASSI, HEAD OF STATE OF SYRIA**

Peking, June 6, 1967

His Excellency Nouredin Atassi,
Head of State of the Syrian Arab Republic,
Damascus

Your Excellency,

On June 5, instigated and supported by U.S. imperialism, Israel brazenly launched military aggression against your country. This is a new and grave war provocation against the people of Syria as well as the entire Arab people.

In the face of imperialist aggression, the Government and people of the Syrian Arab Republic have waged a tit-for-tat struggle and are hitting back at the aggressors with resolute and powerful blows. Your just action has demonstrated the strong will of the Syrian people and the entire Arab people to oppose aggression by U.S. imperialism and Israel and has won the sympathy and praise of all the anti-imperialist revolutionary people of Asia, Africa and the rest of the world. The Chinese Government and the 700 million Chinese people will, as in the past, stand firmly by the people of Syria and the other Arab states and give full support to your just struggle against aggression.

Facts have proved once again that U.S. imperialism is the No. 1 enemy of the people of Syria and the other Arab states and is the source of all the sufferings of the Arab people. This war of aggression launched by U.S. imperialism and its tool Israel in no way indicates their strength; on the contrary, it shows that they are at the end of their tether and are putting up a last-ditch struggle. **Chairman Mao Tse-tung, the great leader of the Chinese people, pointed out long ago:**

All reactionaries are paper tigers. In appearance, the reactionaries are terrifying, but in reality they are not so powerful. From a long-term point of view, it is not the reactionaries but the people who are really powerful.

I am deeply convinced that with the sympathy and support of the people of the world, the heroic people of Syria and the other Arab states, who have a glorious anti-imperialist tradition, will certainly win final victory in their struggle against aggression, so long as they strengthen their unity and persevere in struggle.

Finally, allow me, on behalf of Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Vice-Chairman Lin Piao as well as in my own name, to extend to Your Excellency our sincere regards and greetings.

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Premier of the State Council of
the People's Republic of China

**PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S MESSAGE TO SHUKAIRY,
PRESIDENT OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION
ORGANIZATION**

Peking, June 6, 1967

His Excellency Ahmad Shukairy,
President of the Palestine Liberation Organization,
Cairo

Your Excellency,

Instigated and supported by the U.S. and British imperialists, Israel has brazenly launched a massive armed attack on the Arab states and people.

United as one, the Arab people are waging a just war against aggression. The Arab people of Palestine and the Palestine Liberation Army have taken up their fighting posts and, together with the entire Arab armed forces and people, they are giving play to the spirit of courage in battle and fearing no sacrifice and are dealing head-on blows at the aggressors.

Israel is a product of the U.S. and British imperialist policy of aggression. Nineteen years ago, Israel, supported by the U.S. and British imperialists, forcibly occupied the homeland of the Arab people of Palestine and compelled about a million Palestinians to become homeless refugees.

Today, the oppressed Arab people and the disaster-ridden Palestinians have stood up. Wherever there is oppression, there is resistance; wherever there is aggression, there is struggle against aggression. I believe that having taken up arms, the revolutionary Arab people of Palestine and the entire Arab people will not lay down their arms and, like the heroic Vietnamese people, will fight on unflinchingly, resolutely and stubbornly until final victory.

At present, the situation of the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle throughout the world is excellent. U.S. imperialism is heavily besieged by the Vietnamese people, the Arab people and the revolutionary people of the whole world. Your Excellency has on many occasions stated that Palestine can be liberated only by armed struggle. I very much admire this clear-cut view held by Your Excellency. Today, the just war of the Arab states and people against aggression by U.S. imperialism, British imperialism and Israel is a fine beginning of the struggle to liberate Palestine.

The Chinese people's great leader Chairman Mao Tse-tung has taught us: "The seizure of power by armed force, the settlement of the issue by war, is the central task and the highest form of revolution." The practice of revolutionary struggle of the Arab people of Palestine will again prove this indisputable truth.

The Chinese people will for ever remain comrades-in-arms of the Palestinian people and the people of the Arab countries in the struggle against imperialism. The Chinese Government and people will, as always, stand on your side and resolutely support you in carrying through to the end the just struggle against U.S. im-

perialism, British imperialism and their running dog
Israel.

Please accept my regards and greetings.

Chou En-lai

Premier of the State Council of
the People's Republic of China

RESOLUTELY SUPPORT THE ARAB PEOPLE'S WAR AGAINST AGGRESSION

— Editorial of *Renmin Ribao* (*People's Daily*), June 6, 1967 —

On June 5, Israel, a running dog of U.S. imperialism, flagrantly launched a war of aggression against the Arab countries by mounting massive air and ground attacks on the U.A.R., Syria and other countries. Thus, the threat of war conducted by U.S. imperialism in the recent period against the Arab people through Israel has turned into acts of war and U.S. imperialism and its lackey have imposed war on the Arab people.

Now that U.S. imperialism and its lackey have unleashed a war of aggression, the Arab people will naturally rise resolutely to fight a war against aggression. Since the enemy has already crossed the frontier, it is a matter of course to hit back with resolve. At present, the armed forces and people of the U.A.R., Syria and other countries are already dealing head-on blows at the invaders. United by a bitter hatred for their common enemy, the Arab countries have one after another announced their entry into a state of war with Israel. Troops of many Arab countries have moved into frontline positions for joint resistance against aggression. This is the most forceful and staunch answer of the 100 million Arab people to the aggressors.

The frantic aggression unleashed by Israel against the Arab countries has been stage-managed single-handedly by U.S. imperialism. In the past few days, warships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet have sailed into the Eastern Mediterranean to threaten the Arab countries. Lyndon Johnson issued three statements within one week clamouring that the United States would "fulfil" its "promise" to Israel. The U.S. Ambassador to the U.A.R. declared long ago that the United States "will use force" against the Arab countries. The war of aggression now started by Israel in the Middle East is in fact a war in which the United States supplies arms and ideas and Israel provides men to fight for the United States and massacre the Arab people. The aim of this war of aggression stage-managed by U.S. imperialism is to try and put down the Arab people's anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle so as to facilitate its control over and enslavement of the Arab countries.

British imperialism is a co-author of this war of aggression. Of late, Britain has trailed behind the United States in making one threat of war after another against the Arab countries and at the same time has been steadily amassing military forces east of the Suez Canal. Harold Wilson has brazenly declared that if the Arab countries did not bow to Israel, this "could lead to a local war in the Middle East". British imperialism which suffered a dismal defeat in the Suez Canal war is dreaming of riding again on the backs of the Arab people through this new war of aggression.

In the criminal aggressive activities of the United States and its lackey, Israel, the Soviet revisionist ruling clique is playing again the shameful role of No. 1 accomplice. Recently, busy contacts and intensive activities have been carried on between Moscow, Wash-

ington and London. A large number of Soviet war vessels have steamed into the Eastern Mediterranean to cuddle up with the warships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet. Kosygin wrote a letter to the Israeli Premier pretending to urge him to be "cautious". Even Israeli officials found the tone extraordinarily "moderate". The Soviet revisionist clique is bent on stamping out the flames of the Arab people's just struggle, in collusion with U.S. and British imperialism. Its act of betrayal has added greatly to the aggressive arrogance of Israel.

The war of aggression unleashed by the U.S. imperialist lackey Israel is in fact the continuation of the neo-colonialist policy of enslavement that U.S. imperialism has been pursuing towards the Arab countries. The United States, Britain and the Soviet Union have now joined hands in a vain attempt to bring the Arab countries to submission by means of war. While provoking a war, they are getting the United Nations to "mediate" so as to enable the big powers to continue their intervention. This lays bare the United Nations as a tool of U.S. imperialism, a tool of colonialism, a tool of power politics of the big powers, and a tool of the big powers to cover up their war crimes and carry out political deception.

U.S. imperialism and its accomplices and lackeys are bullying the Arab people in such a way that it is absolutely not to be tolerated. The Arab people are a heroic people with a tradition of struggling against aggression. They will never bow to the imperialist gangsters. In 1956 and 1958, they firmly countered the U.S.-British imperialist aggression. They are more united and powerful today than ever before. They will surely mete out redoubled punishment to the aggressors and deal them reinforced blows!

Chairman Mao Tse-tung has said:

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 the way for the Arab people to deal with imperialism and its lackey.

The present situation in the world is very favourable to the Arab people's war against aggression. U.S. imperialism is already badly mauled by the Vietnamese people and is inextricably bogged down in the Vietnam battlefield. It is committing aggression all over the world and is badly trounced everywhere. It is in a position of utter passivity and is beset with difficulties. It puts on a very fierce appearance before the Arab people, but in fact it is extremely weak. What U.S. imperialism and its tool Israel fear most is that the Arab people will persist in this war against aggression. So long as the people of the Arab countries see through the reactionary essence of U.S. imperialism and its cohorts, strengthen their unity and persist in struggle, and refuse to be intimidated or deceived, they will certainly achieve final victory in their just war of self-defence against aggression.

The 700 million Chinese people strongly condemn the criminal aggression committed by U.S. imperialism and its lackey. U.S. imperialism is the common mortal enemy of the Chinese and Arab peoples. The Chinese people firmly stand by the Arab people and resolutely support their war against aggression.

U.S. imperialism and its lackey will be defeated! The Arab people will win!

**ARAB PEOPLE, UNITE, MAKE SUSTAINED
EFFORTS, AND FIGHT IMPERIALISM
TO THE END!**

—Editorial of *Renmin Ribao*, June 11, 1967—

As a result of the large-scale armed aggression suddenly unleashed by the U.S.-Israeli aggressors and the pressure being exerted on the Arab countries by the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union working in collusion, the Governments of the United Arab Republic, Syria and Jordan have been compelled to announce their acceptance of the U.N. Security Council's "ceasefire resolution". But under cover of the U.N. "ceasefire", U.S. imperialism's lackey, Israel, continues to launch large-scale attacks against Syria. The Arab people's struggle of resistance to U.S. imperialism and its lackey is now at a critical stage.

The struggle of the Arab people against U.S. imperialism and its lackey has merely suffered a temporary setback; the flames of the struggle have not been extinguished and they never will be.

Ever since the war of aggression was launched by the United States and Israel, a wave of extensive mass struggle against the United States has been sweeping through the Arab world. This is an expression of the unprecedented awakening of the Arab people. Although a "ceasefire" has been announced, the spirit of the Arab

people remains high and they continue to strike at U.S. imperialism and its lackey in various ways; they are determined to fight the aggressors to the end.

For many years, the Arab people have waged heroic struggles to win and safeguard national independence. Despite repeated setbacks in their struggles, they have nonetheless achieved tremendous successes. Neither the setback in the Arab-Israeli war of 1948, nor the 1950 "tripartite declaration", in which the United States, Britain and France jointly interfered in Arab affairs, have been able to halt the development of the Arab national-liberation struggles. The imperialists were quite arrogant for a while after forming the 1955 Baghdad military bloc, but the Arab people continued to forge ahead. When the Suez war of aggression was launched by the imperialists in 1956, the Arab people closed their ranks and firmly countered the imperialist aggressors. The Arab people were not intimidated when the imperialists plotted aggression against Syria in 1957 or when U.S. imperialism landed its troops in Lebanon and staged armed intervention in the Iraqi revolution in 1958. Facts have demonstrated that the great Arab people have a dauntless fighting spirit and that temporary setbacks only serve to boost their fighting will.

The great leader of the Chinese people Chairman Mao Tse-tung has said: "Fight, fail, fight again, fail again, fight again . . . till their victory; that is the logic of the people." This is a law of Marxism-Leninism, Mao Tse-tung's thought. The Chinese people's revolution has followed this law. The national-liberation struggles of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples have followed this law. The Arab people's struggle against

imperialism and its lackey will also inevitably follow this law.

All the political forces in the world have undergone a test through the developments in the Middle East, especially in the face of the Arab people's just war against aggression. Imperialism, headed by the United States, Soviet modern revisionism and the reactionaries of all countries have in a thousand and one ways instigated and encouraged the Israeli aggression, and tried to suppress the Arab people's struggle against aggression. The Chinese people and the peoples of the world have stood firmly by the Arab people, fully exposed the U.S.-British-Soviet big counter-revolutionary conspiracy and extended their all-out support to the Arab people in their struggle against aggression. This is the clear line of demarcation between the two camps. This is a fact which has opened wide the eyes of the Arab people. It is a deep education to them and enables them to recognize even more clearly who are their sinister enemies and who their loyal, reliable comrades-in-arms.

The ferocious features of U.S. imperialism have been completely revealed. Cold facts have proved that U.S. imperialism is the chief culprit in the staging of this war of aggression, the arch-criminal suppressing the Arab people, the biggest aggressor pushing ahead with neo-colonialism in the Arab world, and the No. 1 sworn enemy of the 100 million Arab people.

The aggressive features of British imperialism have also been thoroughly exposed. It was Britain which joined the United States in engineering and supporting Israel's armed attacks on the Arab countries and which engaged in all sorts of cunning political manoeuvres to bring pressure to bear on them. This senile, decrepit

old-style imperialism has gone utterly mad in promoting its neo-colonialism in an attempt to maintain its shaky colonialist position in Asia and Africa.

French imperialism, which claimed to be "neutral" during these events, has actually played "big power politics" along with the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union and shown itself as standing on the side of the U.S.-Israeli aggressors.

Through the recent developments in the Middle East, the Arab people have learnt an important lesson. They have come to gradually recognize the sinister features of the Soviet revisionist clique as those of a false and treacherous friend. Israel's armed aggression against the Arab people was in essence a frantic attack jointly plotted by the United States and the Soviet Union. It was also a joint U.S.-Soviet political manoeuvre to trap the Arab countries. Examine the facts! The Soviet revisionist clique on the one hand "guaranteed" that Israel would not attack and on the other, working hand in glove with the United States, instigated Israel to launch a surprise attack on the Arab countries and catch them unawares. One day it voiced "support" for the Arab people and the next day it engaged in behind-the-scenes dealings with the United States and cooked up a so-called "cease-fire" resolution in the U.N. Security Council, a most shameless betrayal of the Arab people. It publicly issues one statement after another, one note after another, in "condemnation" of Israel, while secretly flirting with Israel. When Israel took over control of the Tiran Strait, a Soviet vessel was the first ship to pass the Gulf of Aqaba. The Soviet revisionist clique is a heinous swindler specializing in double-dealings, a big traitor to the Arab people and, in collusion with U.S. and British imperialism,

a butcher suppressing the Arab people's struggle against aggression.

The Arab people's struggle against imperialist aggression will be a protracted one. Looked at in essence and from a long-term point of view, it is the Arab people who are really powerful. U.S. imperialism, British imperialism, Soviet revisionism, Israel — all are paper tigers. It is only a temporary phenomenon that Israel, by relying on the assistance of U.S. and British imperialism and Soviet revisionism, has been able to occupy some Arab territory by force of arms. The Arab people will sooner or later liberate all their territory now under forcible occupation by imperialism and its lackey. Without fail the debt owed by imperialism to them will be repaid. No force on earth can stop the Arab people from exercising their sacred right!

An excellent revolutionary situation now prevails throughout the whole world. Struggles against U.S. imperialism are growing vigorously everywhere. The heroic Vietnamese people, giving full play to the infinite power of people's war, have badly mauled the nearly 500,000 U.S. aggressor troops. Over the vast expanses of Asia, Africa and Latin America the people are more awakened than ever before and the flames of anti-imperialist revolution burn ever higher. The imperialist bloc is heading towards disintegration, and the modern revisionist clique is beset with difficulties. The world situation is extremely favourable to the revolutionary people of all countries and most unfavourable to imperialism. It is favourable to the Arab people for persistence in their fight against aggression. Whatever desperate struggles imperialism, headed by the United States, may make and whatever despicable treacherous activities the Soviet modern re-

visionists may conduct, this general trend of the world situation can never be changed. The zigzags which the Arab people encounter in the course of their anti-imperialist struggle can under no circumstances halt their continuous advance.

Chairman Mao has said: "The people, and the people alone, are the motive force in the making of world history." The Arab people are the makers of Arab history. No encroachment on or violation of Arab land by imperialism and its lackey will be tolerated. So long as the 100 million Arab people raise their political consciousness, adopt correct policies and persevere in struggle, they will certainly be able to drive away the old and new colonialists, headed by the United States, and to wipe out all aggressor bandits!

Arab people, unite, make sustained efforts and plunge into long-term fierce struggles! The 700 million Chinese people support you. So do all the revolutionary people the world over. Final victory will surely belong to the heroic Arab people!

RESOLUTELY SMASH U.S. IMPERIALISM'S NEO-COLONIALISM

— Commentator, *Renmin Ribao*, June 12, 1967 —

Under cover of the U.N. "ceasefire resolution", Israel, lackey of U.S. imperialism, continues to launch wanton attacks on the Arab countries. This exposes still more clearly the ferocious face of U.S. imperialism, which is carrying out the plan of neo-colonialist expansion in the Middle East with its counter-revolutionary dual tactics: while colluding with British imperialism and the Soviet revisionist ruling clique to introduce at the United Nations one resolution after another calling for a "cease-fire", it directed Israel to widen its aggression step by step.

The Washington chiefs, big and small, have lost no time to disclose the hand of U.S. imperialism. Lyndon Johnson has threateningly declared that "many more fundamental questions must be tackled promptly if the area is to enjoy genuine stability". Arthur Goldberg, U.S. representative at the U.N., has even gone to the length of demanding a "dual approach, in which the completion of the ceasefire is combined with a call for longer-range discussions", stressing that "no outstanding question should be excluded".

What are these "fundamental questions" and "outstanding questions"? The outstanding, fundamental

questions in the Middle East should be: U.S. imperialism must get out of this area once and for all, all aggressive forces of old and new colonialism must get out of the area and the threat of Israel, like an imperialist dagger pointed at the Arab countries, must be ended. The burning issue at the moment is firmly to halt the aggressive activities of U.S. imperialism and its lackey Israel and to guarantee the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Arab countries. Johnson and his cronies deliberately avoided this essential issue and, while prompting Israel to step up its military attacks, made an issue out of "fundamental questions" and "outstanding questions". This is obviously an attempt to impose humiliating conditions on the Arab countries through the interference by the big powers and by making use of the favourable military position Israel has gained. What a sinister scheme the desperate U.S. imperialists are resorting to!

U.S. imperialism's wild ambition can also be seen in the "six-point plan" proposed by Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson. The plan, hatched according to Johnson's designs, makes many unreasonable demands on the Arab countries. It not only seeks to infringe the U.A.R. sovereignty over the Gulf of Aqaba, provide a guarantee of safe passage to all Israeli shipping in the Gulf of Aqaba and the Suez Canal and deprive the people of Palestine of the legitimate right to return to their homeland, but also demands that the Arab countries agree to the stationing of a "U.N. force" on their territory. U.S. imperialism obviously hopes by these means to consolidate and expand Israel's aggressive position, tighten its control of the Middle East and bring into effect the Eisenhower Doctrine, which Eisenhower failed to realize in 1958.

A hunting dog perfectly understands its master's intentions. After returning from the United Nations, the Israeli Foreign Minister Eban arrogantly clamoured, "Israel will not squander her opportunities" and boasted that his country will move "forward to a broader and deeper security". Doesn't this bring the criminal designs of U.S. imperialism into the full light of day?

It can now be clearly seen that events from the opening of fire by Israel to the U.N. call for a "ceasefire", from the "mediation" by a few big powers to Israel's expanded aggression, are all part of a great conspiracy carefully planned by U.S. and British imperialism in partnership with the Soviet revisionist ruling clique. This is a U.S. imperialist plan of action to further push ahead with neo-colonialism in the Middle East. U.S. imperialism has long plotted the carving up of the Arab countries and the enslavement of the Arab people so that imperialist forces may return to the Suez Canal and the Arab world. U.S. imperialism is the implacable enemy of the Arab people. The contradiction between U.S. imperialism and the Arab people is irreconcilable. The struggle between the Arab people on the one hand and U.S. imperialism and its accomplices on the other is a life-and-death struggle. The Arab people must carry through this anti-aggression struggle to the end.

Chairman Mao has said:

One of the characteristics of our time is the upsurge of national independence movements in Asian and African countries. The colonialists are trying everything they can to turn the tide. But, . . . all schemes and provocations of the colonialists will certainly meet with the most disastrous defeat.

It is purely an idle dream for U.S. imperialism to attempt to place the Arab countries under its colonial rule. Through the current struggle, the Arab people have come to see more clearly the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism and have come to a deeper understanding that they can never believe in the fine words of U.S. imperialism nor should they show any fear of its intimidations. They must wage a tit-for-tat struggle against it. The Arab people are confronted with a ferocious enemy and their struggle will be arduous but as **pointed out by our great leader Chairman Mao: "In times of difficulty we must not lose sight of our achievements, must see the bright future and must pluck up our courage."** We are convinced that so long as the Arab people draw lessons from this anti-aggression struggle, raise their political consciousness, strengthen unity and persist in long-term struggle they will certainly smash completely the neo-colonialist plan of U.S. imperialism and win final victory in their struggle against aggression.

THE MORE THEY WHITEWASH, THE DIRTIER THE IMAGE OF THE SOVIET REVISIONIST RENEGADES BECOMES

— Commentator, *Renmin Ribao*, June 13, 1967 —

In an attempt to cover up its betrayal of the Arab people, the Soviet revisionist ruling clique mustered the Tito renegade group and others and on June 9 issued a seven-nation joint statement on the Middle East situation. The use of this empty document of sham support was another vain attempt to hoodwink the Arab people. However, this clumsy manoeuvre of the Soviet revisionist clique has only served to further expose their shameless features as fake supporters but real betrayers of the Arab people.

Everybody knows that U.S. imperialism is the arch-criminal which instigated Israel to start the war of aggression. It not only engineered, supported and directed Israel in launching the surprise attack on the Arab countries, but with its air force even took a direct hand in Israel's acts of aggression. However, the Soviet revisionist clique's "joint statement", like its previous statements, does not contain a single word of condemnation of U.S. imperialism. What does this show if not that the Soviet revisionist clique are bent on absolving the U.S. imperialists from their crimes and continuing their "co-operation" with them?

The joint statement sponsored by the Soviet revisionist clique hypocritically proclaimed their full support for the just struggle of the Arab countries, and declared that they would "do everything necessary to help the people of the Arab countries to administer a resolute rebuff to the aggressor". This worthless, empty talk is simply sickening!

Didn't you Soviet revisionists ostentatiously declare in your statement of May 23 that "those who launch aggression" would be countered by the Soviet Union's "resolute action against aggression"? But what "action" did you take after Israel launched its aggression? You simply looked on with folded arms while the Arab countries were under Israeli attack. True enough, you did take some action: you co-operated fully with U.S. imperialism, shielded Israel and brought pressure to bear on the Arab countries in the United Nations; you protected the U.S. and British Embassies in Moscow by obstructing the protest demonstrations of the Arab, Asian, African and Latin American students. Can such acts of yours be called "action against aggression"? Is it not really connivance with and support for aggression by U.S. imperialism and Israel? After having betrayed the Arab people in the most despicable way, you have the effrontery to boast of being "loyal to our internationalist obligations". What shameless gall!

What is especially ridiculous is that, after issuing the joint statement, the Soviet revisionist clique with affected seriousness announced the severance of diplomatic relations with Israel. They did not do so when Israel was carrying out its war threats against the Arab countries, nor did they do so after Israel had launched the surprise

attack on the Arab countries. On the contrary, they have all along been flirting with this running dog of U.S. imperialism and secretly working in collusion with it. Now they want to use this trick to placate the indignant Arab people. How can it work? Moreover, the reason they gave for breaking off relations with Israel was not that Israel had committed aggression against the Arab countries but that it had "ignored" the "Security Council resolution" cooked up by them in partnership with U.S. imperialism. This only serves to show that what they are trying to uphold is not at all the interests of the Arab countries but, on the contrary, the power of the United Nations, a tool jointly manipulated by the Soviet revisionists and the U.S. imperialists. They want to use this tool to force the Arab countries to come to terms. It is not surprising then that the Israeli aggressors simply shrugged their shoulders at the Soviet decision to break off relations.

This betrayal of the Arab people by the Soviet revisionist ruling clique in collusion with U.S. imperialism constitutes a new debt owed to the Asian, African and Latin American people. They are a pack of hardened renegades. For many years they have been engaging in betrayals and acting as accomplices of U.S. imperialism wherever there is revolution and struggle against aggression.

In the Security Council, they have time and again voted to support U.S. imperialism in its use of "U.N. forces" to suppress the revolutionary struggle of the Congolese (Kinshasa) people.

They bowed to U.S. imperialist threats of war and openly betrayed the Cuban people.

They supported U.S. imperialism in using the United Nations to interfere in the internal affairs of Cyprus.

In Pakistan's struggle against Indian aggression, they showed their partiality to the Indian reactionaries and forced Pakistan to accept a "ceasefire" favourable to India.

When U.S. imperialism carried out armed suppression of the Dominican people's patriotic struggle against U.S. imperialism, the Soviet revisionists supported U.S. imperialism in using the United Nations to carry out further intervention.

On the Vietnam question, they are doing their utmost to serve the U.S. imperialist schemes of "forcing peace talks through war" and "inducing peace talks through a pause in the bombing" in an attempt to stamp out the flames of the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation.

The Asian, African and Latin American people will sooner or later settle accounts with them for their acts of betrayal. No matter what tricks they play they can never escape being punished by history.

This act of betrayal by the Soviet revisionist clique has aroused the bitter indignation of the Arab people. During demonstrations, they shouted "Down with Kossygin!" and "Soviet Union, get out of the Middle East!" The Arab people have now come to see clearly that the Soviet revisionist clique are false friends with honey on their lips and murder in their hearts, and that they are faithful accomplices of U.S. and British imperialism.

Chairman Mao has said, "Who are our enemies? Who are our friends? This is a question of the first importance for the revolution." The Arab people in their current

war against aggression have seen more clearly who their enemies and friends are. They will certainly be able to win complete victory by relying on their own strength, uniting with their true friends, and carrying through to the end the struggle against U.S. imperialism and its accomplices.

THE REACTIONARY NATURE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS REVEALED BY THE MIDDLE EAST EVENTS

— Commentator, *Renmin Ribao*, June 14, 1967 —

What kind of organization is the United Nations?

In the light of the recent events in the Middle East, the people of the whole world have seen more clearly than ever before that the United Nations is an out-and-out tool of aggression for U.S. imperialism, a device for U.S.-Soviet collaboration in suppressing the national liberation movements, and an instrument for power politics.

The recent Israeli war of aggression against the Arab countries was kindled by none other than U.S. imperialism. Its object was to push forward its criminal neo-colonialist plans in the Middle East. Not only did it direct Israel to unleash the war of aggression, it also took part in the aggressive action. But did the United Nations condemn Israel? No. Did it condemn U.S. imperialism? Certainly not.

When Israel already had her finger on the trigger and was ready to start the aggression, U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations, instead of going to Tel Aviv to hold Israel in check, rushed to Cairo to "urge restraint" on the Arab countries. Wasn't that clearly

aimed at spreading a smokescreen to cover Israel's surprise attack?

After Israel started her surprise attack on the Arab countries, the United Nations, far from taking any action to check Israel's aggression, hurriedly issued an order for "immediate ceasefire". Wasn't that clearly designed to prevent the Arab countries from hitting back in self-defence?

Again after the Israeli aggressor troops had already occupied vast areas of the Arab territory, the United Nations adopted the resolution for a "ceasefire within a set time limit", brought up by the Soviet revisionists. What other purpose could this have than to shield the U.S.-Israeli aggressors and give recognition to Israel's expansion?

The facts are quite clear that the United Nations has done all these things at U.S. imperialism's dictation and with the Soviet revisionists' participation. It faithfully serves U.S. imperialism, catering to its every need. After the United Nations adopted its "ceasefire" resolution, the U.S. propaganda machine hailed this as "a great victory for U.S. diplomacy". This was a self-exposing proof that the United Nations is through and through a tool of U.S. imperialism for its neo-colonialist aggression.

The U.S. imperialists always receive vigorous support from the Soviet revisionist ruling clique every time they use the United Nations to carry out their policy of aggression. This was so in the past and is all the more so in the present case. The U.S. imperialists and chieftains of Soviet revisionists conferred behind closed doors and over the "hot line", and long ago reached a tacit agreement. Now they have been collaborating more closely to use the United Nations to suppress the just struggle

of the Arab people. How closely and harmoniously their actions have been co-ordinated! U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism have come to use the United Nations more and more in the open as a stock exchange for counter-revolutionary dealings.

The United Nations has always been under the manipulation of certain big powers; but especially naked is the "power politics" played this time in the United Nations by the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain. Colluding with one another in under-the-counter dealings, they issued or cooked up one statement or resolution after another to put on a false front of impartiality; but what they actually did was beneath contempt. Everything they did was an attempt to interfere with and dominate the entire Arab world through the United Nations. To them the national independence, territorial integrity and the right to self-defence of the Arab countries simply do not exist, and only what they say counts. Once they make a deal and draw up a contract with the seal of the United Nations on it, the document has a binding force for other countries. They allow themselves to oppress others while not allowing others to resist them. They are a gang of big despots in the international political arena and the United Nations is only a place where they share the spoils.

However, as our great leader Chairman Mao has said:

The imperialist wolves should remember that the days when they could manipulate the fate of humanity and carve up the Asian and African countries as they liked have gone forever.

Can it be conceivable that the 100 million Arab people will allow their fate to be manipulated by these big

despots in the meeting-place of the United Nations? Can it be conceivable that the few big powers are allowed to dominate the vast Arab world? No, absolutely not. The Arab world belongs to the Arab people and the fate of the Arab people can only be in the hands of the Arabs themselves. Whoever tries to use his position as a "big power" to bully the Arab people will have his head knocked against the wall. The storm of the Arab people's struggle against aggression will sweep these imperialist and revisionist despots into the garbage can of history.

THE RAGING TIDE OF THE ARAB PEOPLE AGAINST U.S. IMPERIALISM IS IRRESISTIBLE

— Editorial of *Renmin Ribao*, June 15, 1967 —

Although the Arab countries' war against aggression suffered a temporary setback because of the U.S. and British imperialist collusion and the betrayal by the Soviet revisionist ruling clique, the flames of the Arab people's anti-U.S. struggle are still burning fiercely. U.S. imperialism and its accomplices may be able to exert pressure on the Arab countries to accept a "cease-fire" but they can never extinguish the revolutionary conflagration of the Arab people's anti-imperialist struggle.

At present, the broad masses are holding gigantic demonstrations in various Arab capitals in angry condemnation of the heinous crimes of U.S. and British imperialism. Many Arab countries have broken off diplomatic relations with the United States and stopped the supply of oil to U.S. and British imperialism. The U.A.R. has closed the Suez Canal. In some Arab countries, people are demanding arms from their governments to resist aggression. Workers in some areas have refused to transport oil to the imperialist military bases in the neighbouring areas. The Arab people are striking blows at U.S. imperialism and its lackeys in a variety of ways. Such powerful slogans as "Down with U.S. and British

colonialists and their running dog, Israel!" "Soviet revisionists are traitors!" and "We want to fight!" are resounding throughout the Arab lands. Bravo! The Arab people are a heroic people, indomitable and unconquerable.

The contradictions between the Arab people on the one hand and U.S. imperialism and its lackeys on the other are irreconcilable. Imperialism and colonialism have carried out brutal exploitation, plunder, oppression and aggression in the Arab world over a long period. The Arab people have waged heroic and arduous struggles for national independence. At present, imperialism headed by the United States, in collusion with the Soviet revisionist ruling clique, is stepping up its criminal neo-colonialist schemes through its tool of aggression, Israel, posing a grave threat to the survival of the Arab nation. The Arab people, not willing to see their lands overrun by the aggressors and to become neo-colonial slaves, have shown their determination to carry this struggle against aggression through to the end.

The war has awakened and educated the people. In a few days of war the political consciousness of the Arab people has risen more than in many years of peace. This war against aggression has performed the role of mobilizing, educating and tempering the people.

Through this war, the Arab people have come further to realize that U.S. imperialism is their mortal enemy about which no illusions whatsoever should be entertained. Only by waging a tit-for-tat struggle against U.S. imperialism can the cause of national liberation of the Arab people win steady victories.

Through this war, the Arab people have begun to recognize the ugly features of the Soviet revisionist

renegade group as an accomplice of U.S. imperialism. They have further distinguished their friends from their enemies. Thus, they will not be trapped by those collaborators and accomplices of imperialism who have honey on their lips and murder in their hearts, and they will unite with the Asian, African and Latin American peoples, with all revolutionary peoples of the world, persistently to advance the anti-imperialist revolutionary struggle towards victory.

It is natural for the different countries, different classes and different political forces in the Arab world to have different views on the current Middle East situation. But one thing is clear: anyone who tries to direct the spearhead of struggle not against the Arab people's mortal enemy and its partners, but rather against the friends of the Arab people to chime in with the friends of their enemy stands no chance at all of winning the support of the Arab people, but is sure to be despised and spurned.

The Arab people have stood a severe test in this war. They will learn in the struggle and be tempered in it. New-born forces will continually come to the fore from the masses. These new-born forces will grow and become the mainstay of the Arab nation.

The road of struggle is always tortuous and by no means straightforward. The people invariably have to traverse a course of twists and turns and hardships in continuously advancing their anti-imperialist revolutionary cause.

The Arab people have now suffered a temporary setback on the battlefield. But there is nothing to worry about. Haven't the Vietnamese people overcome one difficulty after another and gone through a long-term

arduous struggle before they created the excellent situation that they have now? So long as the Arab people are good at summing up their experiences and draw lessons from the twists and turns, organize and accumulate strength and persist in struggle, then they can surely overcome every difficulty on their way to opening up a bright future.

The great leader of the Chinese people Chairman Mao teaches us:

The raging tide of the people of the world against the U.S. aggressors is irresistible. Their struggle against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys will assuredly win still greater victories.

The adverse current in the Arab countries stirred up by imperialism and Soviet revisionism absolutely cannot turn back the main current of the national liberation movement of the Arab nation. The raging tide of the Arab people against U.S. imperialism is irresistible and so is the raging tide of the people of the world against this common enemy.

Today, the world has entered a new, great epoch. The revolutionary forces of the peoples of the world are far stronger than those of counter-revolution. The international situation and the balance of the international class forces are greatly in favour of the Arab people.

The struggle of the Arab people has won the support and assistance of the people the world over. The struggles of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples and the just struggles of the peoples of the world support and assist one another. The struggle of the Arab people against aggression is a powerful support and encouragement to the Vietnamese people who are

valiantly resisting U.S. imperialism and to all the peoples of the world who are engaged in anti-imperialist struggles. Likewise, the great victories of the Vietnamese people's struggle to resist U.S. aggression and to save their country, and the national liberation struggles in Asia, Africa and Latin America are a powerful support for the Arab people in their struggle.

The 700 million Chinese people are the most reliable and faithful comrades-in-arms of the Arab people in their anti-imperialist struggle. The Chinese people staunchly and wholeheartedly stand on their side. We are convinced that the Arab people, united and through a protracted, heroic struggle, can certainly defeat U.S. imperialism and its lackeys completely and win great victory.

U.S. IMPERIALISM ENGINEERS ISRAEL'S ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARAB COUNTRIES

— Commentary by *Renmin Ribao* Correspondent, June 6, 1967 —

On the morning of June 5, Israel, an instrument for U.S. imperialist aggression in the Middle East, flagrantly unleashed a large-scale air and ground attack against the United Arab Republic and thereby started a war of aggression against the Arab countries.

This is an act of aggression which Israel had been plotting for a long time. It is a grave crime of aggression against the Arab countries engineered by U.S. imperialism.

The U.S. propaganda machine had advocated a few days earlier that Israel should make "swift, decisive moves" and take the Arab countries by "surprise". Then, on June 1, the Israeli cabinet was reorganized, and dispositions for military aggression were stepped up. Dayan, who commanded the Israeli army of aggression in the invasion of Egypt in 1956, was appointed Defence Minister and as soon as he took office he clamoured that Israel would "defeat the Arabs". On June 4, Israel's new cabinet held an emergency meeting attended by the Israeli ambassador to the United States who had made a special trip back from Washington, carrying a confidential letter from President Johnson. He hurriedly returned to the United States on the same night. The

very next day, Israel launched its surprise attack on the Arab countries. These facts clearly show that Israel's act of aggression is wholly the handiwork of U.S. imperialism.

ISRAEL — WATCH-DOG OF U.S. IMPERIALISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Israel is a watch-dog safeguarding U.S. imperialism's neo-colonialist interests in the Middle East; it is a tool of aggression in the hands of U.S. imperialism for suppressing the national liberation movements of the Arab countries. With the backing and abetment of U.S. imperialism, the Israeli reactionaries have recently made incessant war clamours about "the use of force against Syria" and "overthrowing the Syrian government". After Syria, the United Arab Republic and other Arab countries had one after another mobilized their forces and taken self-defence measures against aggression, U.S. imperialism and Israel colluded even more closely in their plot of aggression against the Arab countries.

Israel amassed a force of more than 80,000 men out of its total military strength of 110,000 and deployed them along the borders of the United Arab Republic and Syria ready to launch an attack; at the same time, it sent Foreign Minister Eban to the United States and other Western countries for aid. According to Israeli sources, Eban "had obtained a pledge of American action and not just weak promises of support". U.S. imperialism also speeded up its delivery of munitions to strengthen Israel's military forces for aggression.

U.S. IMPERIALISM'S PREMEDITATED HOSTILITY AGAINST THE ARAB COUNTRIES

While the Johnson government did everything in its power to instigate and support Israel to start a war, it also rabidly exerted political and military pressure on the Arab countries and colluded with the Soviet revisionists and Britain in a plot to put out the flames of struggle of the Arab people against U.S. imperialism and its lackey Israel.

After the U.A.R. government announced a blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba—a move taken to counter Israel's threats of aggression—the Johnson government immediately brought pressure to bear on the United Arab Republic from every side. On May 23, a statement was issued by Johnson attacking this just action of the United Arab Republic “as illegal and potentially disastrous to the cause of peace”. The following day, according to United Press International, the U.S. ambassador to the United Arab Republic brazenly “warned” the United Arab Republic that the United States would “use force if necessary to keep the Gulf of Aqaba open”. At the same time, Johnson prompted the U.N. Secretary-General U Thant to rush to Cairo to try to force the U.A.R. government to change its decision on the blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba, but met with a stern refusal from the United Arab Republic.

THE SOVIET REVISIONIST CLIQUE ACTS AS AN ACCOMPLICE OF U.S. IMPERIALISM

The Soviet revisionist ruling clique has played the role of an out-and-out accomplice of U.S. imperialism on

the Middle East issue. Western news agencies have revealed that recently there have been regular and frequent secret contacts between the Soviet Union and the United States over the Middle East question. British newspapers reported that Johnson had made "an urgent and secret appeal" to the Soviet revisionist ringleaders "for joint diplomatic action" and that the United States had obtained a Russian pledge expressing positive concern for the maintenance of peace.

On the very day Johnson made his statement, the Soviet revisionist clique also issued one expressing sham support for the Arab countries. It made no mention at all about U.S. imperialist aggression but said with ulterior motives that the Soviet Union would "do everything in its power to prevent a violation of peace and security in the Near East". It is to be noted that from then on both the official circles and the newspapers of the Soviet revisionist clique avoided expressing positive support for the United Arab Republic's just action in blockading the Gulf of Aqaba. It was not without reason that the UPI correspondent Stewart Hensley wrote on June 1 that "despite intense Soviet propaganda . . . U.S. officials feel from private talks with Moscow that the Kremlin does not want to go so far as to become involved in direct military action".

Meanwhile, British Foreign Secretary George Brown hurriedly went to the Soviet Union and Minister of State George Thomson to the United States to hold secret talks on the Middle East situation. After his talks with the Soviet revisionist ringleaders, Brown said with satisfaction on May 26 that his discussions on the Middle East question had been "very full, very detailed, exceedingly friendly and I think constructive". Britain's

Daily Mirror reported that Brown had obtained "a secret Russian pledge of help to take the Middle East crisis off the boil".

Facts prove that the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain are working in complete collusion and taking joint actions on the Middle East issue. Their common aim is to bind the Arab countries hand and foot, preventing them from countering Israeli aggression, and to curb the struggle of the Arab people against U.S. imperialism.

THE ARAB PEOPLE CANNOT BE INTIMIDATED BY THREATS OF FORCE

In the meantime, large numbers of U.S., British and Soviet warships have concentrated around the Eastern Mediterranean and the Red Sea, making a show of armed intervention. The "U.S. Strike Command" — formed especially for the purpose of suppressing the anti-imperialist struggle of the Asian and African peoples — also intensified its dispositions for military aggression in the Middle East. William I. Martin, U.S. Sixth Fleet Admiral, openly clamoured on May 30 that the United States would break the United Arab Republic's blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba and had accordingly drawn up plans for such an operation. Many reports from the United States and Britain stated that the two countries were planning to form special naval contingents to "escort" Israeli ships through the blockade. This is an open threat of force against the United Arab Republic. The Soviet revisionist clique remains completely silent about the U.S. and British military dispositions. Moreover, Soviet warships shamelessly signalled greetings

to U.S. warships when they recently met in the Mediterranean.

After his talks with Canadian Prime Minister Pearson, British Prime Minister Wilson went to the United States on June 2 to hold secret talks with Johnson on the Middle East. According to the Western press, they reached agreement "on the need for urgent steps to solve the Middle East crisis"; these "urgent steps" included the application of powerful political and economic pressure on the Arab countries through all channels in and out of the United Nations, the organization of international convoys by the maritime countries to provide escorts for the forcible passage of Israeli ships through the Gulf of Aqaba and the compulsory return of the "United Nations peace-keeping force" to the Middle East. It was after these talks that the *Washington Post* reported that the use of force against the Arab countries was "growing more likely". Israel then started the war of aggression against the Arab countries.

The Arab countries can clearly see that U.S. imperialism has worked in collusion with the Soviet revisionists and Britain in giving support to Israel's aggression. President Nasser of the United Arab Republic has recently pointed out that "Israel could not exist a day without American economic and military aid" and that "our enemies are Israel, the United States and Britain". The aggression by U.S. imperialism and its lackey Israel, however, cannot intimidate the Arab people. Now the peoples of the Arab countries are heroically fighting back. They will not only defeat the Israeli aggressors, but will also crush the aggressive plots of U.S. and British imperialism against the Arab countries.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL

THE SOVIET REVISIONISTS' CRIMES OF BETRAYING THE ARAB PEOPLE

The Soviet revisionist ruling clique has persistently betrayed the interests of the Arab people in league with U.S. and British imperialists, serving as their No. 1 accomplice.

When Khrushchov usurped Party, governmental and military powers in the Soviet Union he began to flirt with U.S. imperialism in a vain attempt to check the raging flames of the Arab people's struggle against U.S. imperialism. After his downfall, Brezhnev, Kosygin and company inherited his mantle and stepped up their collusion with U.S. imperialism. They have carried out many more betrayals of the interests of the Arab people.

The Soviet revisionist ruling clique has in a thousand and one ways defended Israel, the tool of U.S. imperialist aggression in the Middle East, and supported its aggressive acts. In April 1966 Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko had a talk with the Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban on the further development of their mutual relations. Later Eban disclosed that Israel was quite satisfied with the *rapprochement* between the two countries. Trade between them has greatly increased in recent years. The total volume of commodities imported by the Soviet Union from Israel between January and

November 1966, was four times that of the corresponding period of the previous year. Moreover, the Soviet revisionist ruling clique has encouraged a large number of Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel. During his Paris visit in December 1966 Kosygin, the chieftain of Soviet revisionism, made a public statement abrogating the restrictions on the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel. According to an estimate, of the more than 400,000 Jews who have come to settle in Israel over the past ten years most of them came from the Soviet Union and certain Eastern European countries. A Palestinian has said pointedly: "The United States is providing arms for Israel and the Soviet Union men. The United States, the Soviet Union and Israel have joined hands as the enemy of the people of Palestine."

In collusion with U.S. imperialism the Soviet revisionist ruling clique has repeatedly plotted the "conciliation" between the Arab countries and Israel. Its purpose is to compel the Arab people to acquiesce in Israeli aggression and to capitulate to Israel. Ever since the beginning of 1966 the Soviet revisionist clique has been vigorously peddling the "Tashkent spirit", trumpeting "peaceful co-existence" between the Arab people and Israel. The Soviet *New Times* clamoured that "Vietnam and Tashkent symbolize two diametrically opposed concepts in world affairs", and considered that the "Tashkent concept alone benefits mankind". It even went so far as to say that Israel and the Arab countries should enjoy equal rights over the waters of the River Jordan. In March 1966 the Soviet ambassador to Israel asserted openly that the Arab people should be restrained from arming themselves, hoping in this way to make them lay down their arms. The Israeli Prime Minister Eshkol

once wrote a letter to Kosygin in which with great delight he expressed the hope that the "Tashkent spirit" would be built up in the Middle East. He wrote that Israel and the Soviet Union had a common attitude towards a number of problems and hoped that friendly relations between the two countries would increase.

At international conferences the Soviet revisionist delegates have always refused to support the Palestinian people's struggle to return to their homeland. For instance, in the beginning of this year at the Eighth Session of the Council of the Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization illegally convened in Nicosia, capital of Cyprus, and at the bogus Third Afro-Asian Writers' Conference held in Beirut, the Soviet revisionist delegates not only did not denounce the crimes of aggression committed by U.S. imperialism and Israel, but did their utmost to obstruct the adoption of any resolution in support of the struggle of the people of Palestine. The Soviet revisionist ruling clique refused to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization and its request to establish an office in Moscow. All this has helped the Palestinian and Arab peoples to see more clearly the shameless features of the Soviet revisionists who have become accomplices of U.S. imperialism and betrayed the interests of the Arab people. Ahmad Shukairy, President of the Palestine Liberation Organization, has said: "Some countries call themselves socialist countries and yet they support and recognize Israel and work in collusion with it. They are not genuine socialist countries."

After Israel brazenly launched surprise attacks on the Arab countries, the Soviet revisionist ruling clique hatched its plot of sham support and real betrayal. Hand in glove with U.S.-British imperialism, it engineered the

"ceasefire resolution" to openly betray the Arab people. Moreover, it played all sorts of political tricks to deceive the Arab people in an attempt to achieve its despicable purpose of Soviet-U.S. collaboration to dominate the Arab world.

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