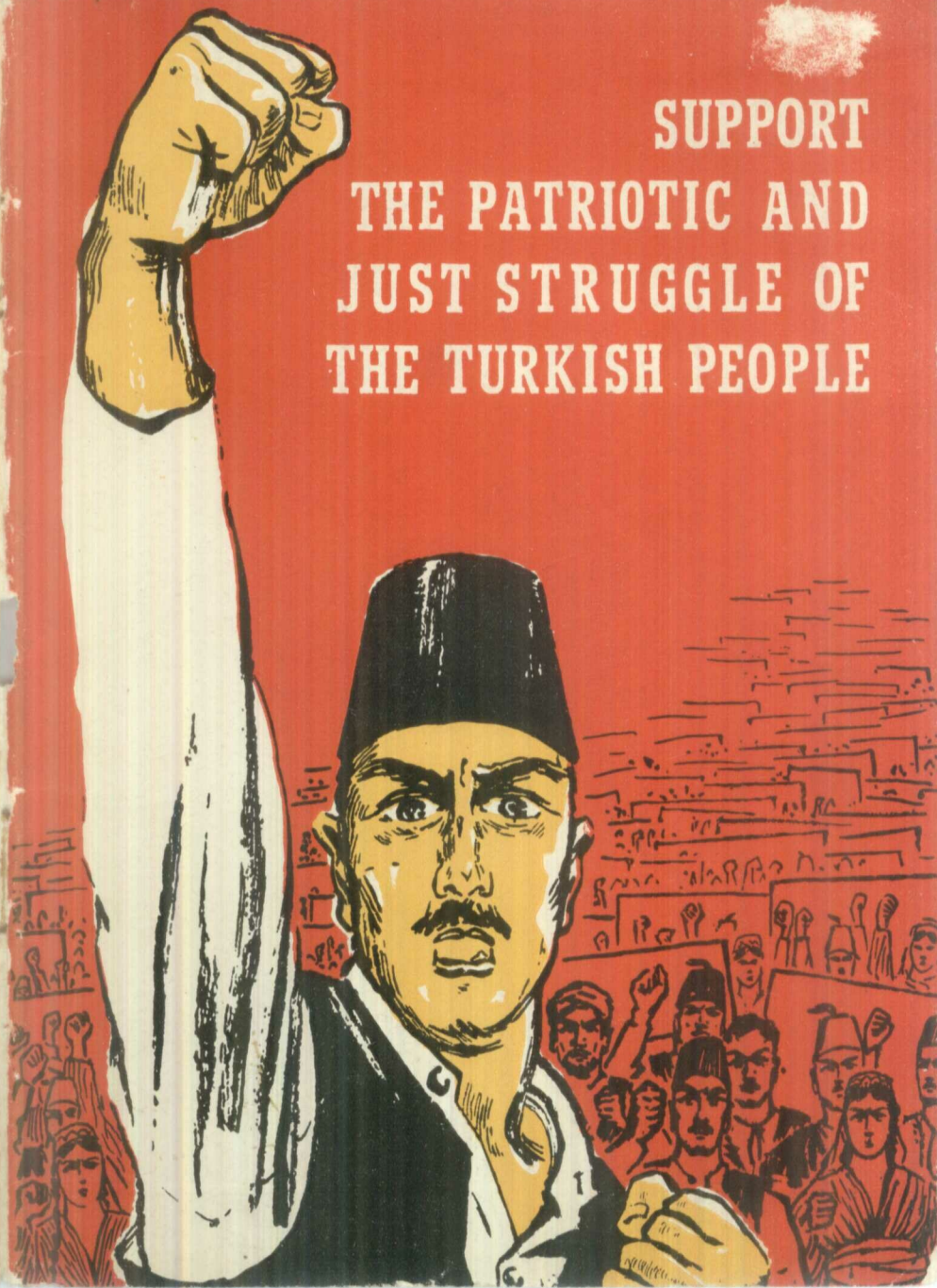


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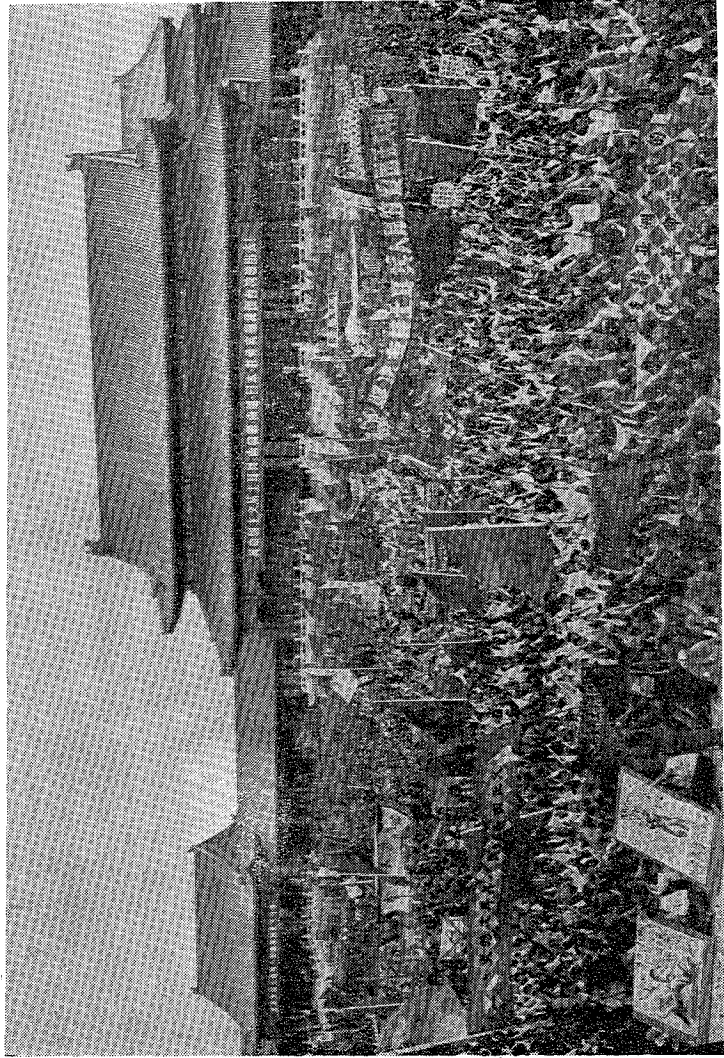
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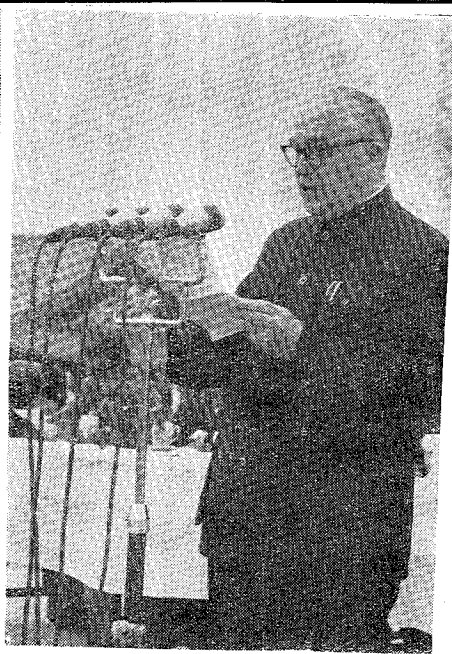
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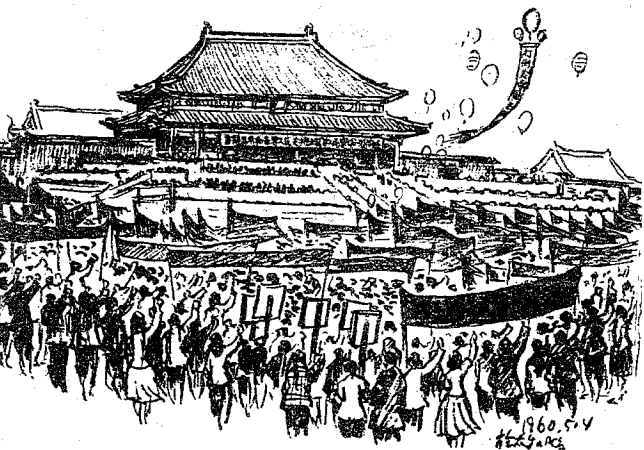
The youth and people of all circles in the capital of the People's Republic of China held a solemn rally on May 4, 1960 to support resolutely the patriotic and just struggle of the Turkish people. Picture shows a scene at the rally



Hu Yao-pang, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China, delivering a speech at the mass rally of the youth and people of all circles in the capital in support of the patriotic and just struggle of the Turkish people



Burhan Shahidi, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity, and Chairman of the Chinese Islamic Association, making a speech at the rally



A sketch of the rally

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PREFACE

Recently, like a volcanic chain reaction there have been a series of explosions under the feet of the U.S. imperialists. Following the people of south Korea who have kindled a fierce flame of struggle against the U.S.-Syngman Rhee clique the Turkish people have also launched a valiant struggle against the U.S.-supported, traitorous, dictatorial Menderes government. On April 28 of this year, in Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey, a massive demonstration of 10,000 students was held to oppose the traitorous, dictatorial rule of Menderes. Other vehement patriotic demonstrations also took place in various cities including Ankara, the capital of Turkey, and Izmir, an important military base of the aggressive NATO bloc. The demonstrators' slogans of struggle were: "Down with the dictator!" "We want freedom!" "Menderes must go!" All these massive waves of patriotic struggle have given powerful blows to the rule of the United States and its lackeys in Turkey.

Confronted by the furious struggle of the people, the Menderes government once again exposed its vicious, criminal character by attempting to subdue by violence the just struggle of the people. Large concentrations of soldiers and policemen, armoured vehicles and tanks were mobilized to carry out brutal suppression of unarmed demonstrators. In Ankara and Istanbul, martial law was

proclaimed. However, the various repressive measures adopted by the reactionary regime have not been "effective" as Menderes and his U.S. masters claimed. Actually on the contrary, the struggle started by the patriotic people of Turkey against the Menderes regime is gathering momentum and strength. In the three days between May 19 and 21, four massive demonstrations took place in Ankara alone, in which even broader sections of the people than before participated. This shows clearly that no imperialists and reactionary clique can succeed by means of guns and wholesale slaughter in intimidating the people who struggle for a just cause.

Just as in south Korea, the Turkish people's magnificent demonstrations are the inevitable outcome of U.S. aggression and enslavement. This is also because the reactionary rule of Menderes, the traitorous dictator, has made it impossible for large sections of the people to carry on. As everybody knows, the reactionary Menderes government has been fostered and supported lavishly by the U.S. imperialists. For many years the government has persistently carried out traitorous policies that betrayed national interests, converted Turkey into a vassal state of the United States, with hellish consequences for the 27 million Turkish people. Politically, the people have been completely deprived of democracy and freedom; thousands of patriots have been thrown into gaol and put to death. Even in a general election the opposition parties were forbidden to run their own election campaigns. Economically, inflation has made life very difficult for the people. Out of a population of 27 million in Turkey, 24 million live in extreme poverty and distress. "For students, no textbooks; for patients,

no medicine; for workers, no food," — these are the miserable living conditions of the Turkish people as described by the Turkish newspapers. From these facts it can be seen what disasters and suffering the Turkish reactionary government has brought to the people by depending on "U.S. aid." It is only natural that such a thoroughly repressive government which, sponsored and supported by the U.S. imperialists, betrayed national interests for its own ends, should have inevitably aroused the strong opposition of its own people. Now Menderes has been overthrown. In a word, the stormy, just struggle started by the Turkish people this time forcefully proves once again that through so-called "U.S. aid" the U.S. imperialists have forced upon the peoples of various countries the darkest and most corrupt rule in the world. The puppets whom the U.S. imperialists support are invariably scum and traitors hated by their own countrymen. Needless to say, the extremely reactionary U.S. imperialists themselves are the most vicious enemy of all the oppressed people in the world.

Since they were triumphant in their revolution the Chinese people have always regarded it as their sublime international obligation to resolutely support the liberation movements of the peoples in various other countries and the national and democratic movements in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Today, in the same way the 650 million Chinese people have extended their resolute support to the patriotic struggle of the Turkish people. On May 4, the youth and other people in various walks of life in Peking, the capital of the People's Republic of China, held a big rally and demonstration to support the Turkish people in their persistent struggle against the

United States and its lackeys, to firmly oppose the enslavement and massacre of Turkish patriots by U.S. imperialists and their lackeys. We believe that although the Turkish people still find themselves in extremely difficult conditions yet if they strengthen their unity and persist in their struggle, then the final victory will surely be theirs.

The Message of the Mass Rally of the Youth and People of All Circles in Peking, the Capital of the People's Republic of China, in Support of the Patriotic and Just Struggle of the Turkish People

(May 4, 1960)

We, the youth and people of all circles in Peking, the capital of the People's Republic of China, are holding a memorable meeting today, in resolute support of the Turkish people's patriotic and just struggle against a dictatorial rule. We express boundless admiration and respect for the heroic fighting spirit of the Turkish youth and people. We are immensely indignant at the sanguinary crimes of the Turkish Menderes reactionary clique in suppressing and massacring the Turkish youth and patriotic people, and raise a most powerful protest against it.

The Menderes dictatorship is a faithful running dog of imperialism in enslaving the Turkish people. At the dictates of its U.S. bosses, it carries out extremely reactionary internal and foreign policies. Externally, it is hostile to the socialist countries, serves as a police dog for U.S. imperialism to suppress the national liberation movements in the Middle and Near East and of the Arab people, and actively engages in arms expansion and war

preparations, thus turning Turkey into a big U.S. barracks in preparation for wars of aggression. Internally, it exercises a sanguinary fascist rule, stifling every legitimate political and economic right of the people, burdening them with fabulous military expenditures, causing a steady financial deterioration and plunging the masses of people into an abyss of wretchedness. Under this intolerable situation, from April 28 the Turkish youth staged mammoth demonstrations in Istanbul and other cities, thus unfolding a powerful patriotic and just struggle against U.S. imperialism. We believe that the struggle of the heroic Turkish youth and people will surely win final victory.

The peace-loving people of Turkey are by no means alone in the struggle! You have the firm support of 650 million Chinese people! You have the firm support of the people of the whole world who uphold justice! All the oppressed nations in Asia, Africa and Latin America will regard your patriotic and just struggle as their own and your victory as their own victory! U.S. imperialism and all reactionaries, though still putting up a ferocious appearance for the time being, are heading for inevitable doom; while the forces of the people who are united in demanding independence and freedom are all-conquering and matchless. No matter what measures of savage repression and cunning deception the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys in various countries may resort to, nothing can obstruct the struggle of all the oppressed nations for national independence, democracy and freedom. The just struggles waged by the Turkish people, the south Korean people, the Japanese people as well as the African peo-

ples and Latin American peoples, will certainly triumph in the end!

People of the whole world, unite and overthrow imperialism and colonialism!

Resolutely oppose the enslavement and massacre of Turkish patriots by U.S. imperialism and its lackeys!

U.S. imperialism, get out of Turkey! Get out of south Korea! Get out of south Vietnam! Get out of Japan! Get out of the Philippines! Get out of our country's territory Taiwan!

May 4, 1960
Peking

A Speech Made by Hu Yao-pang, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League of China, at the Mass Rally of the Youth and People of All Circles in the Capital in Support of the Patriotic and Just Struggle of the Turkish People

(May 4, 1960)

Young Comrades, and Compatriots in All Walks of Life,

Today is Youth Day and a memorable one for all Chinese people in their struggle against imperialism and against traitors. On this day of great historic significance the youth and people of all walks of life in the capital are holding this rally to resolutely support the Turkish people in their just, patriotic struggle against the Menderes reactionary ruling clique, the running dogs of U.S. imperialism.

On April 28, in Istanbul, Turkey's largest city, a massive demonstration of 10,000 students broke out to oppose the traitorous, dictatorial rule of Menderes. This was closely followed by other vehement patriotic demonstrations in Ankara, the capital of Turkey, and in Izmir, an important military base of the aggressive NATO bloc. The slogans of the struggle are demands for freedom and an end to the reactionary rule of Menderes, the running dog of U.S. imperialism.

Confronted by the fury of the people's struggle, the reactionary clique became panicky. They mobilized large concentrations of armoured vehicles, cavalry, tanks and airplanes to slaughter the unarmed patriotic youth. This barbaric reactionary clique proclaimed three months of martial law in Ankara and Istanbul. They dispatched 80 tanks to surround Istanbul University and closed down Ankara University, Istanbul University and many schools. Thousands of patriotic students were arrested. The reactionary clique also banned newspapers, and prohibited all assemblies, opening fire at even the smallest ones. However, all this, far from cowing into submission the people who are determined to rise in struggle, has aroused them to greater revolt. Broad sections of the people and youth continue to hold demonstrations in various parts of Turkey. A single spark can start a prairie fire! We Chinese youth and Chinese people hereby express our furious indignation over the brutal, criminal acts of the Turkish reactionary clique and we extend to the Turkish people our greatest respect for their heroic struggle.

It was not at all fortuitous that the struggle of the Turkish people suddenly erupted like a volcano. During the last ten years the Menderes reactionary clique has betrayed national interests, actively followed the imperialist policy of aggression and war, and joined the aggressive NATO and CENTO blocs, thus fastening Turkey firmly to the war chariot of the imperialists. In order to serve as a loyal running dog for the imperialists the Menderes gang has maintained armed forces of 600,000 men in a country of only 27 million people. The annual military expenditure constitutes 60 per cent of the total state budget. Due to this heavy military expenditure

there have been serious economic crises; many factories have been closed down and large numbers of workers have been out of employment. Turkey's national debt has reached the huge figure of 1,100 million U.S. dollars, averaging U.S. \$41 for each Turkish citizen. Commodity prices have skyrocketed and the people live in want and poverty. As one Turkish newspaper stated, "As far as the rising cost of living is concerned, Turkey has been the leader in Europe." Another Turkish newspaper commented on the condition of the Turkish people of today as follows: "For students, no textbooks; for patients, no medicine; for workers, no food." The catastrophe brought to the country and the sufferings brought to the people by the criminal acts of the Menderes reactionary government are such that the people no longer find it possible to live; that they can no longer tolerate; and that they have no alternative but to rise in struggle. Now the Menderes reactionary gang is making vain attempts, by using fascist methods, to suppress the patriotic, just struggle of the people and maintain their bloody rule, but the result will inevitably be the same as that happening to other scum such as Chiang Kai-shek and Syngman Rhee. The Menderes reactionary gang will face greater resistance from the people and accelerate the pace of their own downfall.

That the extremely reactionary Menderes clique has been able to ride roughshod over the Turkish people for such a long time is entirely due to the fact that the U.S. imperialists have fostered and continually supported it. In the ten years since Menderes came to power, U.S. imperialism has spent 3,000 million U.S. dollars to maintain this puppet regime, by virtue of which U.S. imperialism

has complete control over the Turkish armed forces, has built 120 military bases in that country of less than 800,000 square kilometres, and right now is stepping up its building of rocket launching grounds and importing atomic weapons there. Turkey completely dominated by the United States has become a U.S. gigantic barracks, an outpost for U.S. imperialism to prepare its attack on the socialist countries, and a reactionary citadel for the U.S. imperialists to suppress the national liberation movements of the Middle East, Near East and the Arab people. The U.S. armed forces of aggression in Turkey have not only interfered in the internal affairs of that country, but have also constantly committed manslaughter and rape. These outrageous and lawless acts of the U.S. armed forces of aggression have brought unprecedented suffering to the Turkish people as well as unspeakable shame and deep humiliation. As time goes on, the Turkish people realize more and more clearly that U.S. imperialism is the root-source of all their sufferings and the most vicious enemy of the Turkish nation. It is impossible for them to win genuine freedom and independence without first driving away the U.S. plunderers. We Chinese youth and people fully support the just demand of the Turkish people: the U.S. imperialists must get out of Turkey!

All the struggles waged by the peoples of the oppressed nations against dictatorship and for democracy and freedom must be closely linked with the anti-imperialist struggle. This is an irrefutable truth. It is because, in order to oppress and exploit the people of their own countries, all the reactionary forces of the colonial and semi-colonial countries invariably act in collusion with foreign imperialists and regard the latter as their main-

stay; because all the imperialists, in order to plunder and enslave other peoples, invariably buy off a number of traitors to be their pawns. The history of the last hundred years and more has taught us that there are two alternative tactics employed by the imperialists to gain power over weak and small nations. When armed conquest is advantageous to the imperialists, they use it; when deceptive tactics are advantageous, they adopt them instead to achieve their end of conquest. Due to the existence of the powerful socialist camp and the vigorous development of national independence movements, the imperialists headed by the United States are forced to make certain changes in their tactics of aggression. Now they use every means of putting up a show of sympathy for the people of the colonies and semi-colonies, talking loudly of "the development of the under-developed areas," and of giving "economic aid" to the backward countries. Actually, what they call "development" means invasion and occupation, and what they call "aid" means to plunder. Under the cover of anti-Communist, anti-Soviet and anti-China campaigns, the cunning U.S. imperialists have attempted to divert the attention of the people and split the anti-imperialist unity between the peoples of various countries. More and more people have seen through these base and shameless tactics of the U.S. imperialists. The people of the whole world realize ever more clearly that no illusions whatever should be entertained about imperialism and its lackeys. To unite and struggle together resolutely is the only correct way to gain national independence, democracy and freedom. All the schemes of the U.S. imperialists are doomed to failure.

The struggle of the Turkish people against the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys has started. Along the road of this great struggle, there are bound to be difficulties and ups and downs, but it is certain that the broad masses of workers, peasants, students, women, intellectuals and all other patriotic Turkish people will further unite and carry the patriotic, anti-imperialist struggle to its end. The united Turkish people will surely win the final victory in their anti-imperialist patriotic struggle.

Every victory that the Turkish people score in their struggle gives great encouragement to the liberation struggle of all other oppressed nations. Every victory the Turkish people score in their struggle is a powerful contribution to the cause of safeguarding world peace. The liberation struggles of all the oppressed nations give powerful support to the Chinese people. The patriotic struggle of the Turkish people will certainly win the sympathy and support of the people of the whole world.

The Chinese youth and people who are taught and guided by the Chinese Communist Party and Chairman Mao Tse-tung have always regarded all oppressed nations as their brothers dear to their hearts. They regard the righteous struggle of these nations as their own vital cause and support it with all their might; they regard their support to the righteous struggle as their own sublime international obligation. The 650 million Chinese people were, are and will be for ever the most faithful and reliable friends of all oppressed nations.

We are happy to see that in the Turkish people's patriotic, just struggle, the Turkish youth, like their counterparts in south Korea, are standing valiantly in the fore-

front. Forty-one years ago, the Chinese youth, disregarding the brutal suppression on the part of their traitorous government, raised high the patriotic anti-imperialist banner to uphold their sovereignty and punish the traitors. They united as one with the broad masses of the people under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party until after a long, valiant struggle the great victory of the Chinese people's revolution was eventually won. At present, the Turkish youth have valiantly taken upon their own shoulders the glorious task of saving their motherland. Together with the broad masses of the people they carry on an indomitable struggle and will certainly merge into one mighty, irresistible stream. No matter what ruthless control and suppression or deceptive means the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys may resort to, the great struggle of the Turkish people and youth is bound to triumph. It is impossible to repress the struggle of any oppressed people for national independence, democracy and freedom. No one can change the laws of the development of human history.

A new upsurge of national and democratic movements in Asia, Africa and Latin America has now come, and the day of complete liberation for the peoples of these lands is not far off. We have the same objective in our struggle. Our fate is interrelated. Present at our rally today, there are friends from various countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. This symbolizes the great unity of the 2,000 million people, including the youth, of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Unity is strength. The closer we unite, the sooner will be our victory. No power on earth can split our unity. No power on earth can prevent us from winning our victory. The Chinese

people who have suffered terrible humiliation at the hands of the imperialists but who have now stood up are second to none in their hatred of imperialism; and to all the oppressed nations, we extend our unbounded sympathy. We will hold still higher the great banner of anti-imperialist unity and resolutely support the just and patriotic struggle of the Turkish people! We will resolutely support the national revolutionary movements of the Asian peoples! Resolutely support the national revolutionary movements of the African peoples! Resolutely support the national and democratic movements of the Latin American peoples! And resolutely support the anti-imperialist, patriotic struggles of all oppressed nations.

U.S. imperialists, get out of Turkey! Get out of south Korea! Get out of south Vietnam! Get out of Japan! Get out of the Philippines! Get out of our country's Taiwan!

Down with imperialism!

Down with colonialism!

Long live the great unity of the peoples of the whole world!

A Speech Made by Burhan Shahidi, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity and Chairman of the Chinese Islamic Association, at the Mass Rally of the Youth and People of All Circles in the Capital in Support of the Patriotic and Just Struggle of the Turkish People

(May 4, 1960)

Chairman, Comrades and Friends,

May 4 is a glorious and memorable day for Chinese youth and all other Chinese people and also one of great significance in their patriotic struggle against imperialism. Together with the spread of the peoples' flaming wrath in south Korea and Japan, a patriotic and just struggle has also broken out in Turkey. On behalf of the Chinese Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity and the Chinese Islamic Association, I wish to express my firm support for the heroic Turkish youth and people and my heartfelt respect for them.

Recently the struggle against imperialism and colonialism in Asia, Africa and Latin America is constantly rising to new heights. The imperialists and reactionaries are unable to stop this mighty historical current and no one can restrain it. Comrades, we could clearly see this favourable situation from the successful conclusion of the

Second Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Conference which was held not long ago.

The Second Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Conference held from April 11 to 15 in Conakry, the capital of Guinea, was a grand rally dedicated to the broad solidarity of the Asian and African peoples against imperialism. More than 300 delegates representing over 60 Asian and African countries attended the conference. Many more delegates than ever before were present at the rally from the African regions which have not yet won independence and their anti-imperialist sentiments rose very high. A strong anti-imperialist spirit prevailed throughout the more than 30 documents unanimously adopted by the conference. The resolution very clearly stated that the existence of imperialism is not compatible with the current world situation. The resolution called upon all the Asian and African peoples to strengthen their solidarity, to eliminate imperialism and colonialism once and for all. The conference declared that the anti-imperialist struggle is an important, inseparable part of the movement to safeguard world peace and that as long as imperialism exists, there can be no peaceful coexistence in its real sense. This is the common desire and fighting call of the Asian and African peoples. The Chinese people who have been persistently and firmly fighting against imperialism and giving support to the national liberation movements of other Asian and African peoples, wholeheartedly supported all the resolutions adopted by the conference and warmly acclaimed its great success. We especially extend greetings to our African brothers who are now engaged in heroic struggles.

Comrades, the Second Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Conference has made it all the more clear that U.S. imperialism is the most vicious common enemy of the Asian and African peoples. In their speeches, by citing a large number of facts, many delegates severely and justifiably condemned and exposed the crimes of the U.S. imperialists in carrying out aggressive activities everywhere. They considered that the U.S. infiltration into the political, military, economic, cultural and ideological fields in Africa is the typical expression of a new form of colonialism. The conference adopted a resolution in support of the south Korean people in their demand for the withdrawal of U.S. armed forces from south Korea and the realization of the peaceful unification of Korea. In its resolution in support of the Japanese people, the conference resolutely condemned the new Japan-U.S. "Security Treaty" concluded by the U.S. imperialists in collusion with the Kishi clique in Japan. A resolution was specially adopted by the conference to condemn the imperialists headed by the United States for building and expanding military bases and scraping together military blocs in various parts of Asia and Africa. All this amounts to direct support for the patriotic, just struggle of the Turkish people. It shows clearly that the Asian and African peoples firmly stand side by side with the peoples of south Korea, Japan and Turkey. At the same time it also proves that the resolutions adopted by the Conakry Conference are absolutely correct. It is our firm belief that with the powerful support of the peoples of Asia, Africa and the whole world, the struggles of the south Korean, Japanese and Turkish peoples will certainly be crowned with final victory.

The militant atmosphere of the vigorous national liberation movements in Africa pervaded the conference hall from the beginning to the end of the session. The delegates of the heroic Algerian people were accorded the warmest welcome. The affirmation the conference gave to the Algerian people in their anti-imperialist armed struggle dealt a severe blow to those who propagate the idea among the people that they should not resort to violence against imperialism. Many delegates pointed out that the Asian and African peoples are ardent peace-lovers but, in order to fight against the imperialist rule of violence, they have also proved themselves to be brave, fine fighters. If U.S. imperialism does not get out of Asia, Africa and Latin America soon, the people will certainly rise and drive out all the American bandits.

Comrades, the Second Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Conference emphatically called upon the peoples of Asia and Africa to guard against new imperialist intrigues and cast off all illusions about imperialism. Only through stubborn struggle and by relying on their own efforts, can the people really attain and consolidate independence and peace. When the head of the Chinese delegation said in his speech, "The experiences gained by the Chinese people in many years of struggle prove that the people are unconquerable in the anti-imperialist struggles if only they are determined and persist in fighting bravely," he was warmly cheered by all delegates present.

The Chinese delegation received a widespread, warm and friendly welcome from all the delegates of the various African countries. The sinister designs of the imperialist elements to wreck the conference and

disrupt the friendly relations between China and Africa were completely crushed. The Chinese delegation completed the task entrusted it by the Chinese people. Together with the delegates from other countries, the Chinese delegation held high the anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist banner and made a due contribution towards the success of the conference. We also expressed our heartfelt appreciation to the African delegates for their support of China's struggle to restore her legitimate status in the United Nations, to liberate Taiwan and fight against the plot of the U.S. imperialists to create "two Chinas." Let the Asian and African peoples unite more closely, support one another, march forward victoriously and fight together for the complete realization of all the resolutions adopted by the Second Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Conference.

The Turkish people's patriotic, just struggle will certainly achieve final victory!

Down with imperialism and colonialism!

Long live the great unity of the peoples of the whole world!

U.S. Imperialists, Get Out of Turkey!

(Renmin Ribao Editorial, May 4, 1960)

Today is the 41st anniversary of the "May 4 Movement." Forty-one years ago, an anti-imperialist and anti-feudal mass movement of great historical significance in the history of the modern Chinese revolution began in Peking. Peking students held a gigantic demonstration in front of Tien An Men against imperialist aggression and the traitorous activities of the feudal warlords. They raised the slogan "Uphold our sovereignty and punish the traitors!" A prompt response came from various parts of the country. Under the influence of the Chinese Marxists, the Chinese working class for the first time appeared on the political scene as a "class for itself"; workers in Shanghai, Tangshan and Changhsintien held large-scale political strikes. With the rapid rise of the anti-imperialist and anti-feudal mass movement, the Chinese revolution entered a new stage — the stage of the new democratic revolution. In the decades that followed, rallying the people throughout the country, the Chinese working class, under the leadership of its vanguard — the Chinese Communist Party, has victoriously overthrown the rule of imperialism, feudalism and bureaucrat-capitalism in China. Following the completion of the new democratic revolution, it has carried out the socialist

revolution and is now striving to build China into a great socialist state with a modern industry and agriculture, science and culture.

Today, as we commemorate the 41st anniversary of the "May 4 Movement" we see that conditions in many parts of the world are quite similar to those obtaining in the old China of 41 years ago. On the one hand, the imperialists, and the U.S. imperialists in particular, most viciously plunder and enslave many countries; they foster a handful of reactionaries in these countries in maintaining a brutal fascist rule over their people. On the other hand, in order to win national independence, democracy, freedom and even the right to live, the broad masses of the people have no alternative but to rise and wage a heroic struggle against the imperialists and their lackeys. The slogan "Uphold our sovereignty and punish the traitors!" raised by the Peking students 41 years ago is still of great practical significance for the youth and people of many lands.

Recently we have seen how the volcanoes under the feet of the U.S. imperialists have erupted one after another. After the youth of south Korea kindled the flames of struggles against the U.S.-Syngman Rhee clique, the youth of Turkey have risen heroically to battle their U.S.-supported dictator government. On April 28, ten thousand students in Istanbul held a huge demonstration, demanding that the dictator Menderes resign. The Turkish reactionary government resorted to bloody suppression of the demonstrators, but this failed to cow the people into submission; on the contrary, it made them even more angry. The flames of the people's wrath soon spread to Ankara, the capital, and other

cities; a surging tide of patriotic struggle is making a massive assault on the rule of the United States and its lackeys in Turkey.

These demonstrations broke out because the Turkish people can no longer tolerate the reactionary policy pursued by the traitorous and dictatorial Menderes government; they find it impossible to live any longer under present conditions. The Menderes government, fostered and sustained by the U.S. imperialists, has for many years now followed a policy of betraying the national interests of Turkey, turning it into a U.S. vassal state and plunging its 27 million people into an abyss of suffering and poverty. The U.S. imperialists have always regarded the Menderes government as an important instrument for carrying out their policy of expansion, aggression and war, and especially as a springboard for attack on the socialist camp and a gendarme to suppress the national independence movements in the Middle East. The United States has set up many military bases in Turkey, stationed 15,000 troops and committed every type of crime there. The bilateral military treaty between the United States and Turkey signed in March 1959 secured the United States the right to send troops to Turkey whenever the "need" arises. With Turkey as a base, U.S. forces have carried out armed threats and military aggression against Syria, Lebanon and Iraq, and the Menderes clique has always played the ignominious role of accomplice. To foster this handful of Turkish reactionaries, the U.S. imperialists, under the "Truman Doctrine," the "Marshall Plan," "Point-Four Programme," and the "Eisenhower Doctrine," have granted them "aid" totalling 3,000 million dollars. But this has not

brought the slightest benefit to the Turkish people. To suit the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression and war, the Menderes government maintains an armed force 600,000 strong; 60 per cent of its annual budget goes to military expenditures. These huge military expenditures have led to serious financial deficits. National debts amount to 55 per cent of the national income. Its home industries suffer from U.S. dumping. Many enterprises have closed down. Many factories work at less than 40 per cent of capacity. The number of the unemployed is rising over the 400,000 mark. Commodity prices keep soaring. The cost of living has gone up sixfold since 1950. To suppress the resistance of the masses, the Menderes government maintains a most brutal fascist regime, depriving the people of even the smallest elements of democracy and freedom, throwing thousands of patriots into gaol and prohibiting the opposition parties from engaging in election activities during general elections. During his recent visit to Turkey, Eisenhower went so far as to acclaim this traitorous and utterly brutal government a "modern proving ground" and "an inspiration and a guiding light to all newly independent nations determined on progress, prosperity and peace." This merely shows that on the lips of the U.S. imperialists, brutality means "progress," economic crisis means "prosperity," and arms expansion and war preparations mean "peace." But this cannot hoodwink the Turkish youth and people. If there is any "inspiration" to speak of, it is for them to rise and overthrow this traitorous and dictatorial Menderes government. The Turkish youth today hold high the banner of independence, democracy and freedom; they demand an end to the rule of the Men-

deres clique and the disastrous policy imposed on them by the United States. The youth are the vanguard of the people. The just struggle being waged by the Turkish youth reflects the Turkish people's deep hatred of the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys as well as the swift progress of the national and democratic movements sweeping Asia, Africa and Latin America. It shows that no force can stem this mighty tide of history.

The situation in Turkey effectively demonstrates that in order to realize their mad ambition of world domination, the U.S. imperialists are doing all they can to gather and foster a handful of the most reactionary traitors in various countries, so that they can encroach upon the sovereignty and national interests of these countries without let or hindrance, and turn them into parts of the so-called "free world" where they are free to work their will. The most decadent forces and reactionary dictators today like Syngman Rhee and Huh Chung of south Korea, Menderes of Turkey, Ngo Dinh Diem of south Vietnam, Kishi of Japan, Franco of Spain, Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, Somoza of Nicaragua as well as Batista and Jimenez who have already been overthrown by the people, are all U.S.-fostered lackeys and act on U.S. orders. It is with the support of U.S. bayonets that they maintain their dark rule and ruthlessly suppress the people. All this directly harms the fundamental interests of the peoples of these countries and brings them endless calamities. Chiang Kai-shek in China's Taiwan is another of the lackeys fostered by the United States. Facts prove that U.S. imperialism has for long become the centre of the world's ultra-reactionaries and sup-

porter of all the forces of decay. It is the most ferocious enemy of all the oppressed nations and peoples.

The United States has always tried to cover up its criminal activities against the people of the various countries. It acclaims Syngman Rhee, Chiang Kai-shek, Ngo Dinh Diem, Menderes and other traitors that it fosters as "tremendous patriots" and "freedom fighters" and describes the dark hells of their dictatorial rule as "shop windows of democracy" and "proving grounds" of freedom; it tries hard to conceal the master-servant relations between itself and these notorious dictators and traitors. U.S. President Eisenhower, for example, recently declared openly as if he were in real earnest that: ". . . I have heard it said that the United States supports dictators. This is ridiculous. Surely, no nation loves liberty more . . . than does the United States." Eisenhower imagined that in this way he could whitewash the United States. But the heroic struggle of the people of south Korea against the Syngman Rhee clique has given Eisenhower a slap in the face. Now comes another slap in his face—the big demonstrations of the Turkish people against Menderes. If the United States really loves "freedom" so dearly, why is it that all those it supports by all means in its power, are a handful of the most rotten, most barbarous and most despotic reactionaries? Is this the kind of "freedom" that Eisenhower and his fellow imperialists are talking about?

The case of Turkey patently exposes the fraud of U.S. "aid." What does U.S. "aid" bring in fact? It brings heavy burdens in military expenditure, astronomical national debts, national economic crises, inflation, sharp

increases in unemployment and pauperization of the people. This exactly describes present conditions in Turkey. When he visited that country last year, Eisenhower went so far as to describe Turkey, without batting an eyelid, as an "inspiring example" of progress and prosperity achieved with U.S. aid and as a "guiding light" for all newly independent countries. But the clear, indisputable fact is that the Turkish people can no longer put up with the sufferings and disasters brought them by the United States and its lackeys and have risen in heroic struggle. This is indeed an "inspiration" and a "guiding light" with rich educational meaning for all those who have not yet recognized the harmful nature of "U.S. aid."

No fine words or subterfuges can conceal the true aggressive colours of U.S. imperialism. From personal experience, the people of the various countries have learned what is the root cause of their troubles and sufferings. Every day they become more conscious of the truth. It is particularly significant that the angry call of the south Korean people is echoed first by the Turkish people. As is well known, U.S. imperialism regarded both Turkey and south Korea as its most loyal and dependable "allies." The United States put its largest stakes on them and maintained the tightest control over them. It has bases all over Turkey. Large numbers of U.S. troops are stationed there. U.S. "experts" and "advisors" have infiltrated into almost every Turkish political, economic and military department, exerting a tight control over every artery in that country. U.S. imperialism and the Turkish reactionaries apparently believe that in this way they can safely ride roughshod

over the Turkish people. Was it not precisely because the United States regarded Turkey as a most "dependable" place that it decided to move the headquarters of the Middle East aggressive bloc to Ankara after the fall of the Faisal monarchy in Iraq? Did not U.S. President Eisenhower warmly acclaim the "political stability" of this "sister republic" when he visited Turkey last year? But the facts have shown that no matter how strong the U.S.-made chain may be, it cannot tie the people's hands of opposition and that the more reactionary a rule is the quicker will it awaken the people and stimulate their will to struggle. Now the Turkish people have risen in action. It is obviously futile for Menderes' dictatorial regime to try to smother the flames of the people's struggle by frenzied acts of suppression. Since U.S. imperialism and its lackeys are unable to prevent the explosion of the people's wrath even in places like south Korea and Turkey, what "tranquil, happy land" will be left to U.S. imperialism in the so-called "free world" it dominates? As the British press has said in ridicule, the "shop windows" of the "free world" have become heaps of broken glass. In the era of the people's growing awakening today, the volcanoes under the feet of U.S. imperialism are bound to erupt one after another in a chain reaction. Washington is already panic-stricken by this situation. The United States has replaced Syngman Rhee with his accomplice, Huh Chung, in south Korea. Probably it will make a similar deceptive move in Turkey. But as long as the U.S. aggressive forces remain there, those countries which are the objects of aggression will remain unfree. The trick of substituting a new puppet for an

old one cannot deceive the youth and the people of the countries who are fighting for freedom.

The patriotic struggle of the Turkish people undoubtedly has the support of all those who stand for justice in the world. This is not only because the Turkish people are fighting for independence, democracy and freedom, but also because that struggle, like the liberation struggles waged by the peoples of other countries, serves to prevent imperialism headed by the United States from unleashing aggressive war. Every victory scored by the Turkish people is inevitably a blow against U.S. imperialist plots of aggression and war. That is why to give resolute support to the struggle of the Turkish people is to effectively safeguard world peace. At the end of April, the Chinese people held mass meetings and staged demonstrations throughout the country in support of the just, patriotic struggle of the south Korean people. Today, when they mark the 41st anniversary of the "May 4 Movement," the Chinese people are again holding large-scale mass meetings and demonstrations in support of the Turkish people who are struggling steadfastly against the United States and its lackeys, and in firm opposition to the enslavement and massacre of Turkish patriots by U.S. imperialism and its lackeys. The Chinese people who have won victory have always regarded it as their lofty international duty to give firm support to the just struggle waged by the peoples of the world for liberation and the national and democratic movements in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The Chinese people have always stood unswervingly on the side of the people of all countries, on the side of those who are opposed to the U.S. imperialist policy of aggres-

sion and war and on the side of the struggle to safeguard world peace. We are confident that just as the Chinese people who put forward the slogan "Uphold our sovereignty and punish the traitors!" 41 years ago, have won victory, so the south Korean and Turkish peoples and all other peoples subject to U.S. imperialist aggression and oppression will certainly win the final victory, even though they still face hard and tortuous struggles. All those who are suffering from U.S. imperialist aggression and oppression, unite and fight against the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression and war! U.S. imperialists, get out of Turkey! Get out of south Korea! Get out of south Vietnam! Get out of Japan! Get out of the Philippines! Get out of our country's territory Taiwan!

They Rejoice Prematurely

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The U.S. imperialists and Turkish reactionaries became quite cheerful many days ago when they thought they were "effective" in their sanguinary suppression of the Turkish people's struggle. The U.S. State Department spokesman claimed that the situation in Turkey had "markedly relaxed" and Turkish Foreign Minister Zorlu also remarked that the "significance" of the students' demonstrations had been "exaggerated." But, as matters stand, they have rejoiced prematurely.

Is this not so? On May 14, only a few days after the U.S.-Turkish reactionaries showed their glee, another mammoth demonstration was staged in Ankara against the traitorous and dictatorial regime of Menderes, while in Istanbul and Izmir tens of thousands of young people turned up in the streets. They shouted: "Down with the dictator!" "We want freedom!" and "Menderes must go!" On May 19 demonstrations were again staged in Ankara and Istanbul. The indignant demonstrators flocked to the monument to commemorate the Turkish war of independence, where they mourned over Turkey's loss of independence and freedom and lodged strong protests against the dictatorial and terrorist rule of the lackeys of U.S. imperialism. On May 20 ten thousand

people staged still another gigantic demonstration in Ankara against the Menderes regime. The premature laughter of the U.S.-Turkish reactionaries was drowned in the roaring waves of the Turkish people's vigorous struggle.

The big demonstrations which have erupted one after another in Ankara and other Turkish cities clearly show that no imperialists and reactionaries can ever succeed by means of guns and wholesale slaughter in intimidating people who are fighting for a just cause. The blood on the streets of Ankara was not yet dry when the Turkish people repeatedly and courageously broke through the curfew and cordon, formed a mighty stream and fought with the troops and police in the mist of tear-gas. The Turkish reactionaries who are resorting to violence can never succeed in resolving their profound contradictions with the people.

At present, the Menderes government is stepping up its frantic suppression at home and serving more obsequiously than ever as an accomplice of U.S. imperialism. On May 9 the rubber-stamp Turkish parliament ratified the U.S.-Turkish bilateral military agreement, thereby tightly fastening Turkey to the war chariot of the United States. All this can only further arouse the people and make them unite more closely. As long as U.S. imperialism does not get out of Turkey and its lackey's rule in that country does not collapse, the patriotic and just struggle of the Turkish people will continue to develop till the day of their final victory.