

**IN SUPPORT
OF THE PEOPLE
OF THE CONGO
(LEOPOLDVILLE)
AGAINST
U.S. AGGRESSION**

The Statement of Chairman Mao Tse-tung in Support of the People of the Congo (Leopoldville) Against U.S. Aggression

— November 28, 1964 —

The U.S. imperialist armed aggression against the Congo (Leopoldville) is a very grave matter.

The United States has all along attempted to control the Congo. It has used the United Nations forces to perpetrate every kind of villainy there. It murdered the Congolese national hero Lumumba, and subverted the lawful Congolese Government. It imposed the puppet Tshombe on the Congolese people, and dispatched mercenary troops to suppress the Congolese national-liberation movement. And now, in collusion with Belgium and Britain, it is carrying out direct armed intervention in the Congo. In doing this, the purpose of U.S. imperialism is not only to control the Congo, but also once again enmesh the whole of Africa, particularly the newly independent African countries, in the toils of U.S. neo-colonialism. U.S. aggression has encountered heroic resistance from the Congolese

people and aroused the indignation of the people of Africa and the whole world.

U.S. imperialism is the common enemy of the people all over the world. It is engaged in aggression against south Viet Nam, intervening in Laos, menacing Cambodia and blustering about extending the war in Indo-China. It is trying by every means to strangle the Cuban revolution. It wants to turn West Germany and Japan into two major nuclear bases of the United States. It has ganged up with Britain in creating "Malaysia" to menace Indonesia and other countries in Southeast Asia. It is occupying south Korea and China's Taiwan Province. It dominates all Latin America. It plays the bully everywhere. U.S. imperialism has stretched its hands too far. Wherever it commits aggression it puts a new noose around its neck. It is heavily besieged by the people of the whole world.

Congolese people, you are not alone in your just struggle. All the Chinese people are with you. All people throughout the world who oppose imperialism are with you. U.S. imperialism and the reactionaries of all countries are paper tigers. The struggle of the Chinese people has proved this. The struggle of the Vietnamese people is proving it. The struggle of the Congolese people will surely prove this too. By strengthening national unity

and persevering in protracted struggle, the Congolese people will certainly be victorious, and U.S. imperialism will certainly be defeated.

People of the whole world, unite and defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs! People all over 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 statement of the Government of the
People's Republic of China
on U.S.-Belgian Imperialist Armed Aggression
in the Congo (Leopoldville)**

— November 26, 1964 —

On November 24, the United States Government, in league with the Belgian Government, flagrantly took large-scale military action against the people of the Congo (Leopoldville) and occupied Stanleyville by force. This is a grave step of open aggression against the Congo (L) carefully engineered by the U.S. and Belgian imperialists. It is a serious provocation to the Congolese people, to the African people and to all peace-loving countries and people of the world. The Chinese Government and people express great indignation at and strong protest against the crime of aggression committed by the U.S. and Belgian imperialists and call on the people of Africa and the whole world to act in unison and take all possible measures to stop the armed aggression of the U.S. and Belgian imperialists against the Congo (L).

Not reconciled to the defeat of its scheme of assuming control over the Congo (L) through the U.N. forces, U.S. imperialism has all along been attempting to stage a comeback. The U.S. Government's claim of "exercising our clear responsibility to protect our citizens" is nothing but a pretext for unleashing armed aggression. In point of fact, immediately after the U.N. forces left, the imperialists headed by the United States imposed their puppet Tshombe on the Congolese people. During the past few months, U.S. imperialism tried hard to strangle the national-liberation struggle of the Congolese people through the hands of Tshombe. It juggled with the scheme of "national reconciliation" through the instrumentality of Tshombe. It recruited foreign mercenaries to carry out barbarous massacres of the Congolese people and dispatched aircraft and military personnel to conduct sanguinary suppression of the patriotic Congolese armed forces. But all these acts have encountered the stiff resistance of the Congolese people as well as the firm opposition of other African countries. In a great number of African countries Tshombe's name has become a synonym of imperialist stooge. Rising from all parts of the country, the patriotic armed struggle of the Congolese people has rapidly developed into an irresistible torrent. Its schemes falling through, U.S.

imperialism itself had to come out into the open, thus revealing its sinister intentions. All Congolese and all Africans can now see that the U.S. imperialist villains are as wicked as the Belgian and all other European colonialists who have oppressed them for centuries, that without the support of the U.S. imperialists the European colonialists cannot survive a single day and that U.S. imperialism is the most ferocious enemy of the Congolese people as well as all other African peoples.

The U.S. and Belgian imperialists imagine that their mere appearance on the scene would suffice to put down the national-liberation struggle of the Congolese people. That is sheer wishful thinking. On the contrary, the consciousness of the Congolese people has risen still higher. They have even more clearly identified the target of their struggle and have acquired a deeper understanding of the protractedness and tortuousness of the struggle. Stanleyville has fallen, but the patriotic armed struggle of the Congolese people will become still more resolute and further develop. The Congolese people is by no means isolated in their struggle. All African people stand by them. The people of the whole world stand by them. A multitude of experience shows that U.S. imperialism is a mere paper tiger, outwardly strong but inwardly

weak. We are convinced that if only they close their ranks and persist in the struggle, the Congolese people, raising aloft Lumumba's banner and enjoying the support of the people of all Africa and the rest of the world, will certainly drive the imperialists headed by the United States out of the Congo and win the great victory of national liberation.

A campaign denouncing U.S. and Belgian imperialism is now sweeping over Africa and the rest of the world. The Governments and people of Algeria, the United Arab Republic, Guinea, Mali, Ghana, the Congo (Brazzaville), the Central African Republic, Kenya, Zambia, Ethiopia and many other African countries are angrily condemning this towering crime of the U.S. and Belgian imperialists. They pointed out that it is not only a rabid provocation to the will of the people of the Congo (L), but also a monstrous affront to the dignity of all African people and that the African people must close their ranks and support the just struggle of the Congolese people. The Chinese people fervently support the fraternal African countries in their solemn stand of unity against imperialism.

The Chinese Government and people always support the just and patriotic anti-imperialist struggle of the Congolese people. The Chinese

Government and people definitely will not be indifferent to the aggression committed by the U.S. and Belgian imperialists. The Chinese Government and people will, together with the people of Africa and the rest of the world, take all possible measures to give firm support to the people of the Congo (L) in their national-liberation struggle!

Colonialism and neo-colonialism headed by the United States must get out of the Congo (L)!

The great people of the Congo (L) who dare to fight will certainly triumph!

Supplement:

Addresses at the Mass Rally in Peking in Support of the Congolese (L) People Against U.S.-Belgian Imperialist Armed Aggression

—November 29, 1964—

**OPENING ADDRESS BY PENG CHEN, MEMBER OF THE
POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHINA AND
MAYOR OF PEKING**

This mass rally of people of all walks of life in Peking in support of the struggle of the people of the Congo (Leopoldville) against the armed aggression of the U.S.-Belgian imperialists now begins.

U.S. imperialism together with Belgian imperialism has brazenly launched a large-scale armed aggression against the Congo (L). This is a flagrant provocation by the U.S. and Belgian imperialists against the Congolese people, the people of Africa as a whole and the people throughout the world. We, the people of Peking solemnly assemble here today to sternly condemn the heinous crime committed by these imperialists against the people of the Congo and to affirm our resolute support for the Congolese people in their just struggle against U.S.-led imperialist aggression and for national liberation.

In order to strangle the national-liberation movement of the Congolese people, U.S. imperialism has always been intent upon stamping out the armed struggle of the Congolese patriotic forces. This time its open, large-scale, armed attack against Stanleyville and the bloody repression it is carrying out there has fully exposed the aggressive nature of the Johnson Administration and the ferocious face of U.S. imperialism which is bent on aggression against the Congo, suppression of the African national-liberation movements and disruption of the peace of the world. Facts again prove that U.S. imperialism is the bulwark of colonialism, the most reactionary international gendarme and the common enemy of the peoples of the whole world. Only by closing their ranks to overthrow U.S. imperialism can the oppressed nations and oppressed people of the world win liberation.

The just and patriotic struggle of the Congolese people against imperialism is not an isolated one. It has won the broad support of the people of Africa, Asia, Latin America and all parts of the world. At the same time, the Congolese people's struggle renders support to the just struggle of the oppressed nations and oppressed people of the world. The Chinese people, together with the people of Africa and the rest of the world, resolutely stand side by side with the Congolese people. We will take all possible measures to support them in their struggle. We firmly believe that with the support of the people throughout the world the brave Congolese people and the awakened peoples of Africa will, with certainty, overcome all difficulties in their forward march, defeat and drive out of Africa all imperialists and old and new colonialists, and achieve final victory of their revolution.

Today's rally is held under the joint auspices of the people's organizations. Taking part in this rally, besides our Party and state leaders, leaders of the people's organizations and democratic parties, and people of all walks of life in Peking, are diplomatic envoys from the socialist countries, from African, Asian and Latin American countries and many other foreign friends. To them we express a hearty welcome.

ADDRESS BY KUO MO-JO, CHAIRMAN OF THE
CHINA PEACE COMMITTEE

Today, on behalf of the entire Chinese people, the people of Peking, filled with deep indignation, are gathered here in this solemn mass rally to seriously condemn the heinous crime of the U.S.-Belgian imperialists in their armed aggression against the Congo (Leopoldville), their forcible occupation of Stanleyville and the massacre of the Congolese people, and to voice our firm support for the patriotic, just struggle of the people of the Congo. First allow us to express our highest, fraternal regard to the Congolese people who are bravely fighting U.S.-Belgian imperialism.

The U.S.-Belgian imperialists' bloody crime of aggression against the Congo is not only a flagrant provocation against the Congolese and African peoples but is also a flagrant provocation against all peace-loving people and countries of the world. A mighty wave of condemnation of U.S.-Belgian imperialism is now sweeping Africa and other parts of the world. The governments and people of many African countries, Algeria, the Congo

(Brazzaville), Guinea, Mali, the United Arab Republic, the Sudan, Kenya, the Central African Republic, Tanzania, Zambia, Ghana, Somalia, Dahomey, Ethiopia and Togo, have all issued statements or given interviews, held demonstrations and meetings, or used other forms of protest to express their indignation and condemnation of the grave crime committed by the U.S.-Belgian imperialists and to demonstrate their resolute support for the Congolese people. They regard the Congolese people's struggle as their own struggle and Congo's enemies as their own enemies. The Chinese people firmly support this united, anti-imperialist, just action of the African people and people throughout the world.

Today, Chairman Mao Tse-tung has issued a statement in support of the Congolese (Leopoldville) people against U.S. aggression. The Chinese people fully uphold the solemn stand made by Chairman Mao and his militant call.

Facts clearly demonstrate that this open armed aggression against the Congo by the U.S.-Belgian imperialists was carefully planned by U.S. imperialism, and no smokescreen is able to conceal its piratical face. As is well known, after the "United Nations Forces" were compelled to withdraw from the Congo at the end of June, U.S.-led colonialists, old and new, immediately thrust their henchman Tshombe on the Congolese people, attempting to use this traitor to his people to carry out the trickery of "national reconciliation" for the purpose of dividing and disintegrating the Congolese Patriotic Forces and strangling the national-liberation struggle of the Congolese people. However, this plot quickly failed: the Congolese people resolutely combated it and the African countries exposed it. While manoeuvring for

"national reconciliation", U.S. imperialism hastened the rigging-up of a mercenary army and dispatched paratroopers, aircraft and tanks to the Congo to carry out direct armed intervention and turned the Congo into another testing ground for "special war". However, this aggression was again met by the powerful counter-action of the Congolese people, whose patriotic armed struggle continued to grow. In these circumstances U.S. imperialism embarked on the road of open, large-scale, armed aggression against the Congo, and behind the smokescreen of "negotiations" with the representatives of the Congolese Patriotic Forces, it brazenly launched a surprise attack on Stanleyville, thus committing a crime more base and shameless than any committed by Hitler or Hideki Tojo. From this it can be seen that U.S. imperialism will go to any length to suppress the Congolese people's struggle for independence and freedom. Its hands are stained with the blood of the Congolese people, of whom it is the most ferocious enemy.

U.S. imperialism has always treated the Congo, which is situated in the heart of Africa, as the main base for its aggression of that continent. From Leopoldville, the Johnson Administration has continually launched slanders and attacks against the Congo's neighbouring countries, engaged in subversive activities against the Congo (B) and persecuted the innocent residents of other African countries. The Johnson Administration has recently audaciously plotted the subversion of the Tanzanian Government, which has supported the struggle of the Congolese people. It is leaving no stone unturned in its endeavours to push its new colonialist schemes in Africa. The African people can now see that U.S. imperialism

is even more cunning, more ruthless and more vicious than the old colonialism, which rode roughshod over the African people for so many centuries. U.S. imperialism is the most ferocious enemy, not only of the Congolese people, but also of the people of the whole of Africa.

Friends and comrades, U.S. imperialism owes innumerable blood debts to the Congolese and the other African people. It has also committed countless crimes against peoples throughout the world. Less than a month after Johnson was elected president, he frenziedly carried out a series of acts of aggression and intervention in Asia. The Johnson Administration has continued to send more forces of aggression to south Viet Nam and has again and again blatantly talked of attacking the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. It continually directs the south Vietnamese puppet troops to intrude into Cambodia. It provides cover for the Laotian Rightist troops in large-scale attacks on the Middle and Lower Laos. It gangs up with British imperialism to further the scheme of "Malaysia" in opposition to the just struggle of the Indonesian people. It directs Israel to attack the border areas of neighbouring Arab countries thus creating a new tension in western Asia. In Europe, it steps up its "multilateral nuclear force" plan, scheming to provide West German revanchists with nuclear arms; meanwhile, in the Far East, it sent nuclear submarines into Japanese harbours in total disregard of the strong objections of the Japanese people, thus posing a new threat of nuclear war to the people of Germany, Japan, Europe, Asia and all other parts of the world. Johnson is now giving personal directions in the aggression against Stanleyville. All this proves that Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson are birds of a feather. They are all butchers of the

people of the world; they are all arch-criminals in destroying world peace. To describe the heads of U.S. imperialism as "moderates", "reasonable group", etc. is not only a complete distortion of the facts, it is a crime against the cause of peace and progress. This absolutely cannot be accepted by the revolutionary people and peace-loving people of the world.

Comrades and friends, U.S. imperialism's armed aggression against, and bloody suppression of, the Congolese people have aroused the deepest indignation and the righteous condemnation of the African people and the people of the world. The African people have raised their mighty voice: "Congo yes, Yankee no!" "Africa yes, Yankee no!" The people of the world, speaking with one voice, demand that U.S. imperialism get out of the Congo, and out of Africa. The African people have come to see more clearly that should U.S. imperialism succeed in its plot in the Congo, the whole of Africa would become another Congo. As the Algerian President, Ben Bella, aptly said: "The whole Congo has today become a Katanga, the Katanga of Africa which menaces Tanzania, menaces the Brazzaville Congo, menaces Zambia, menaces Uganda, menaces Angola, menaces all legitimate regimes. . . ." He also said: "If we do nothing about it, today the Congo will fall, and tomorrow the Brazzaville Congo, the day after tomorrow Burundi and Tanzania and after that Zambia, and afterwards why not Conakry, Bamako, Cairo and why not Algiers?" We regard President Ben Bella's words as a vivid reflection of the just demand of the African people, united to oppose old and new colonialism and to assist their Congolese brothers. The Chinese people heartily

support the just, united, anti-imperialist stand of the fraternal African countries and people.

The Congolese people's struggle is not isolated. U.S. imperialism would be daydreaming if it thought it could suppress this revolutionary struggle by murder and arson. On the contrary, such actions only fan the flames of their anti-U.S. struggle. The Congolese people have already suffered the bitter experience of the murder of Lumumba, the subversion of the Gizenga government and the destruction of the Congo's national independence by the "United Nations Forces". Now they are experiencing U.S. imperialism's direct aggression. The Congolese people have become more awakened, more resolute and more powerful, and although their struggle may still be protracted and tortuous and may meet with difficulties and setbacks of all kinds, yet with the support of the African people and people throughout the world, the united and persistently fighting Congolese people will certainly drive U.S. imperialism out of the Congo, and an independent and free new Congo will certainly arise on the land of Africa.

The Chinese people resolutely support the just struggle of the Congolese people. The 650 million Chinese people will always be the most faithful comrades-in-arms of the Congolese and African people. In its statement, strongly protesting against U.S.-Belgian imperialist armed aggression in the Congo (L), the Chinese Government has pointed out that the Chinese people will never treat with indifference the aggression committed by the U.S. and Belgian imperialists and that the Chinese Government and people will, together with the people of Africa and the rest of the world, take all possible measures to support the people of the Congo (L) in their national-liberation