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Supporting the Dominican People's Resistance to U.S. Armed Aggression

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RECENTLY, a coup d'etat overthrowing the Cabral dictatorship of traitors took place in the Dominican Republic. The Johnson Administration of the United States has dispatched more than 30,000 troops there to carry out sanguinary suppression. This is a grave provocation by U.S. imperialism to the Dominican people, to the people of Latin America and to the people of the whole world.

The patriotic Dominican people are now waging a heroic fight against the U.S. aggressor and his lackeys.

The Chinese people firmly support the Dominican people in their patriotic armed struggle against U.S. imperialism. I am convinced that the Dominican Republic, with the support of the people of the world, is sure to win final victory in its patriotic struggle against U.S. imperialism so long as it relies on the broad masses of the people, unites all patriotic forces and keeps up a protracted struggle.

U.S. imperialism has never ceased to subject Latin American countries to its interference, control, subversion and aggression. On this occasion the U.S. Government has abandoned all such deceptive phrases as "the good neighbour policy" and "the principle of non-intervention," and carried out naked intervention and aggression in the Dominican Republic. This has further revealed the true features of the U.S. imperialist gangsters.

The United States is carrying out its armed intervention in the Dominican Republic under the banner of "defending freedom." What kind of "freedom" is this? It is the freedom to use aeroplanes, warships and guns to slaughter the people of other countries. It is the freedom to seize the territory of other countries at will, the freedom to trample their sovereignty underfoot at will. It is the freedom of pirates to loot and kill. It is the freedom to tread every country and people under its heel. This is what the U.S. imperialists are now doing in the Dominican Republic, in Viet Nam, in the Congo (Leopoldville) and in many other places.

The United States is also carrying out its armed intervention in the Dominican Republic under the banner of "fighting communism." By "fighting

communism" U.S. imperialism means fighting all those who are unwilling to be the slaves of the United States, fighting all those who defend the independence, sovereignty and national dignity of their countries, fighting all those who refuse to submit to U.S. imperialist bullying, interference, control and aggression. This is what Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo did in the past. This is what U.S. imperialism is doing today on an even greater scale.

In the eyes of the U.S. imperialist aggressor, the United Nations, the Organization of American States and what not, are just tools in its hands. It makes use of them when it needs them, and kicks them away when it does not. But it may still pick them up later if they happen to be useful again. Using them or kicking them away depends on which is more convenient for its aggressive purposes.

U.S. aggression against the Dominican Republic has forcibly brought home to the Dominican people and all the other people of Latin America that in order to safeguard national independence and state sovereignty, it is imperative to wage a tit-for-tat struggle against aggressive U.S. imperialism.

U.S. military intervention in the Dominican Republic has aroused a new wave against U.S. imperialism among the people of Latin America and the world. You, the heroic Dominican people, are definitely not alone in your struggle. You enjoy the support of all the other people of Latin America, the support of all the people of Asia, the support of all the people of Africa, the support of the people in the socialist camp, and indeed the support of the people of the whole world.

The people in the socialist camp should unite, the people of the countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America should unite, the people of every continent should unite, all peace-loving countries and all countries subjected to U.S. bullying, interference, control and aggression should unite, and form the broadest united front to oppose the U.S. imperialist policies of aggression and war and to safeguard world peace.

The struggle of the people of the world against U.S. imperialism is bound to triumph!

U.S. imperialism, the common enemy of the people of the world, is bound to fail!