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On January 23, 1968, the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of the U.S. imperialist aggressive forces which had intruded deep into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and conducted espionage activities, was captured on the spot by the naval vessels of the Korean People's Army on patrol duty.

This book which will be published in serials contains material showing the complete justice of the self-defence action taken by the Government of the D.P.R.K. against the espionage activities of the armed spy ship "Pueblo," the confessions of her captain and crew members, material evidence, and unbiased opinions of the world public who denounce the aggressive act of U.S. imperialism.

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Terror-stricken by the armed guerrilla activities gaining ground rapidly in South Korea of late, the U.S. imperialists and the traitorous Pak Jung Hi puppet clique issued "orders for emergency mobilization" throughout South Korea and mobilized hundreds of thousands of U.S. imperialist aggressive troops and puppet army and police forces to severely suppress the people. Meanwhile, they are frantically carrying on provocative acts along the Military Demarcation Line and on the east and west coasts.

As fierce surprise attacks were made by the armed guerrillas in the very heart of Seoul which sent the U.S. imperialists and the traitorous Pak Jung Hi puppet clique shuddering, the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops went wilder and fired hundreds and thousands of bullets and shells on the area controlled by our side almost every day and, on the other hand, they sent fleets of armed naval vessels frequently to violate our territorial waters. On January 23, they had their armed spy ship intrude into the territorial waters of our side in the Dong Cho-

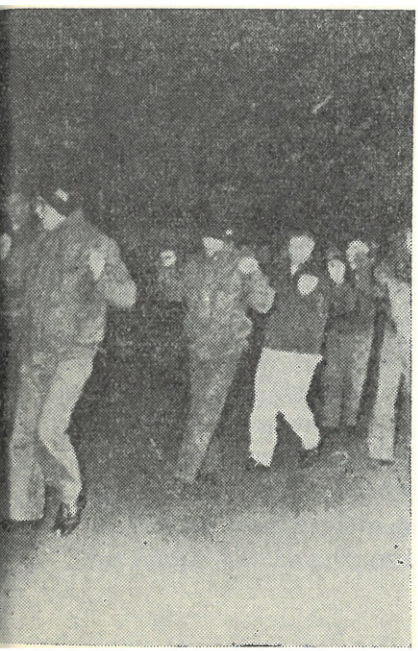
son Bay, as far as the point 39°17.4′ N., 127°46.9′ E., and carry out premeditated hostile acts.

Our naval crafts which encountered the spy ship while out in the sea on their patrol duty returned the fire of the piratic gang in resolute self-defence action, who, having intruded deep into the territorial waters of our fatherland, insolently put up resistance, and killed or wounded several men of the U.S. imperialist aggressor force, captured alive over 80 and seized the naval vessel of over 1,000 tons, together with the anti-aircraft machine-guns mounted on the ship and several scores of small arms, tens of thou-



sand rounds of ammunition and handgrenades and quantities of arms and equipment for espionage use.

This vicious provocative act of the U.S. imperialist aggression force is the most wicked hostility ever committed since the armistice, which eclipses in its wickedness the incident of Patrol Craft Escort No. 56 which intruded into the territorial waters of our side and was sunk at a stroke in January 1967 and all the provocations perpetrated by the U.S. imperialist aggression force in the East Sea every day of late. It is a more sinister and naked act of aggression perpetrated by the U.S. imperialist aggression force for



U.S. imperialist aggressors —the crew of the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces captured by the naval crafts of the heroic Korean People's Army while perpetrating espionage and provocative acts after intruding deep into the territorial waters of our side on January 23, 1968

the purpose of suppressing and stifling with aggressive war clamours the spirit of the anti-U.S., national-salvation struggle of the people in South Korea which is gaining momentum every day.

If the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the traitorous Pak Jung Hi puppet clique persist in their reckless acts of provocation, the heroic Korean People's Army which is prepared as an ever-victorious revolutionary armed force, each of whose members is a match for a hundred foes, will in co-operation with the entire Korean people, wipe out the aggressors at one blow at any time.

A BURGLARY COMMITTED BY U.S. IMPERIALISM IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

RODONG SHINMUN Article of January 26, 1968

Mad for a new war in Korea, the U.S. imperialist aggressors are becoming more undisguised every day in their hostile acts against the northern half of the Republic.

As has been reported already, the U.S. imperialist aggressor army again fired, beginning the night of January 22, thousands of bullets and shells on the area controlled by our side along the Military Demarcation Line and, on the other hand, sent a special armed spy ship equipped with various espionage instruments including electronic radars to intrude into the territorial waters of our country along the east coast in broad daylight, which conducted espionage activities and grave provocative acts at the point 39°17.4′ N., 127°46.9′ E. on January 23.

In this connection, Lloyd Mark Bucher, captain of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army captured by our side, owned to the fact that he and his crew after receiving assignments from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency to conduct military espionage activities on our country, reinforced the arms and equipment of the ship and intruded deep into the territorial waters of our country off Chongjin, Wonsan and several other points and conducted espionage activities on a number of occasions for the purpose of spying on the manoeuvr-

ability of our naval vessels, military installations, deployment of our armed forces and detecting the depth of water, current, and others of the territorial waters of our country. He admitted that his ship fired at our naval vessels in an attempt to escape. And he acknowledged that their act was a criminal act which flagrantly violated the Korean Armistice Agreement and it was a sheer act of aggression.

As is clearly revealed from the confession of the criminal this is a new grave act of violation and sabotage of the Armistice Agreement, an unpardonable act of aggression infringing upon the sacred sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and act of war provocation.

Over the past years the U.S. imperialist aggressors have continued to perpetrate military provocations against the northern half of the Republic in violation of the Armistice Agreement.

In sending their armed spy ship again into the territorial waters of our side recently to conduct a naked act of espionage and a grave act of provocation, the U.S. imperialist aggressors committed a burglary in broad daylight, betraying their aggressive colours once again to the whole world. Indeed, there can hardly be a nastier and more wicked crime of burglary.

The action taken by the navy of our People's Army against the U.S. armed spy ship that intruded into the territorial waters of our side and committed the criminal act of aggression, is a righteous action of self-defence and a fully justified act aimed at

curbing the U.S. imperialists' manoeuvres for unleashing a war.

Our people highly praise the courage and feats of the combatants of the navy of our People's Army who reliably defended the territorial waters of the fatherland against the encroachment of the enemy by crushing the provocations of the U.S. imperialist aggressors, and who resolutely captured the armed spy ship of the U.S. army that perpetrated a provocative act, and arrested all the aggressors who took part in it. Our people extend warm congratulations to the brave combatants of our navy.

As it has been revealed in the confession of the captain of the armed spy ship of the U.S. army, the insolent piratic act which the U.S. imperialist aggressors sent the armed spy ship to perpetrate in the territorial waters of our country, is a deliberate and premeditated act of provocation to facilitate their policy of war in Korea.

In their frantic efforts to unleash a new war in Korea, the U.S. imperialist aggressors have continually introduced new-type weapons into South Korea and incessantly perpetrated hostile acts against the northern half of the Republic in systematic violation of the Armistice Agreement. This has become more naked after the South Korean visit of Johnson the warmonger. In the January of last year too, the U.S. imperialist aggressors sent Patrol Craft No. 56 to intrude into the territorial waters of our side on the East Sea, which was sunk to the bottom of the sea by our strong retaliatory blow while carrying on

a hostile act against the northern half of the Republic.

The enemy, however, has not drawn a lesson from that incident, he persists in the policy of reckless adventure.

Between December 23 last and January 20 this year alone, the U.S. imperialist aggressors perpetrated naked acts of provocation on 24 occasions, sending South Korean vessels including armed boats and spy ships into the territorial waters of our side on the East Sea.

Such provocative acts are stepped up everyday on the ground and in the air; they have reached a more grave stage. This is concentratively expressed in the recent intolerable burglary in which the U.S. imperialist aggressors openly sent an armed spy ship of the U.S. army manned by a large number of espionage personnel and equipped with various espionage instruments deep into the territorial waters of our country to carry out a serious act of provocation.

This is proof that the hostile acts of the enemy against our side have reached an ever more reckless stage.

Particularly of late when the armed guerilla struggle of the revolutionaries and patriotic people against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys has rapidly gained in scope and strength in South Korea, the enemy's provocations against the northern half of the Republic have become ever more vicious.

Confronted with a serious crisis in their colonial rule owing to the armed guerilla struggle of the patriotic people of South Korea, the U.S. imperialist

aggressors have sent out their own troops and puppet armymen and police numbering hundreds of thousands to suppress the people of South Korea in their efforts to save the situation. Meanwhile, they are further intensifying provocative acts against the northern half of the Republic, raising "anti-communist" clamours more noisily than ever in an attempt to find a way out in the intensified war policy.

But the U.S. imperialists have miscalculated. Just as the provocative act perpetrated by the enemy against our side a year ago by sending out Patrol Craft No. 56 ended in a disgraceful failure, the recent provocation staged by the U.S. imperialist aggressors against the northern half of the Republic by the use of the armed spy ship of the U.S. army fizzled out in an ignominious failure owing to the determined action of our side.

At present the U.S. imperialists are viciously making a loud noise over the capture by our side of the armed spy ship of the U.S. army which had intruded into our territorial waters and carried out a serious hostile act.

It is quite understandable that the U.S. imperialists should have gone off into hysteria under the situation in which their vicious manoeuvres for igniting a war have been laid bare still more plainly by irrefutable evidence before the whole world.

The Johnson clique are now at great pains to cover up their criminal act, mislead the world public opinion and justify their act of provocation; they are describing as a "violation of international law" and so on the capture, by the navy of our People's

Army that exercised our right to self-defence, of the armed spy ship of the U.S. army which intruded into the territorial waters of our side and perpetrated a grave act of provocation.

This is a case of "a thief shouting stop thief," a burglar's ravings which no one but heinous imperialist aggressors like the U.S. imperialists have the cheek to utter.

What we have captured is not an American fishing boat engaged in fishery in the Gulf of Mexico, but a criminal one in the very act of provocation against our country that has impudently crawled into the coastal waters of our fatherland.

To the clamours of the Johnson clique who habitually indulge in fraudulence and fabrication, a relevant answer has been given by the captain of the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army, their underling arrested in the criminal act, who owned in his confession to the fact that their act was a "criminal act which flagrantly violated the Armistice Agreement, and it was a sheer act of aggression."

Criminals who infringed on the sovereignty of a foreign country and perpetrated an act of provocation against it must be duly punished.

These criminals must be punished according to law.

It is amusing that the Johnson clique are talking about some kind of "retaliatory action" in an attempt to threaten a certain people.

In so doing they are betraying the fact that they sent the armed spy ship into the territorial waters

of our side intentionally for the purpose of provocation and that by using this as a pretext they are trying to carry on hostile acts ever more recklessly.

If the U.S. imperialist aggressors think they can frighten our people by threat and intimidation, it is quite a folly.

Under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million people of Korea and the ever-victorious, iron-willed commander, our people are fully prepared to cope with any kind of provocation or surprise attack of the enemy; they are in full readiness to retaliate the enemy with hundreds and thousands of times more severe blows should the enemy pounce upon us. If the enemy persists in provocations, our People's Army, a revolutionary armed force each of whose members is a match for a hundred foes, and our people will in future too, as in the past, take resolute steps to counter them without the slightest mercy and mete out relentless punishments to the aggressors.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors should know clearly of this and refrain from a leap in the dark. Those who persist in an adventurous policy will not be able to escape ruin.

The Korean people do not like empty talks.

The criminal act of the U.S. imperialist aggressors who have sent an armed spy ship to intrude into the territorial waters of our side and carry out a grave act of provocation and who are aggravating tensions in Korea continually, will certainly meet

with strong denunciations from the peace-loving peoples the world over.

The vicious acts of provocation of the U.S. imperialist aggressors evoke only a towering indignation from the Korean people and the peace-loving peoples of the world.

STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The U.S. imperialists are now running wild again to use the United Nations for their aggressive purpose. Clamouring that our self-defence action taken to seize the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo," which was perpetrating hostile acts after intruding into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was a "violation of international law," U.S. imperialism "complained" to the United Nations Security Council.

This is a most shameless, arrogant and insolent act of brigandage.

The recent "Pueblo" incident has more completely laid bare the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism.

The special armed spy ship "Pueblo" equipped with various instruments for espionage was seized by the navy crafts of the Korean People's Army on January 23 last in the territorial waters of our side, at 39°17.4′ N. and 127°46.9′ E. in the Dong Choson Bay, while she was spying in many places on a series of military and state secrets such as various military installations, the deployment of armed forces and industrial facilities at different ports and along the coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, after intruding deep into the territorial waters of our country according to the instructions

given by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

The U.S. imperialist aggressors have destroyed systematically the Korean Armistice Agreement and are perpetrating incessantly military provocative acts against the northern half of the Republic.

The provocative act of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of U.S. imperialism is another flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, an open aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a link in the chain of the planned manoeuvrings of U.S. imperialism to unleash a new war in Korea and a grave menace to peace in the Far East and the rest of the world.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people resolutely condemn the villainous criminal manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism.

It is entirely right that the Korean people have taken the decisive measures of self-defence against the unpardonable aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists.

The U.S. imperialists have now brought the "Pueblo" incident to the United Nations in order to cover up and justify their criminal acts and, on the other hand, are raising a frantic war clamour, saying that they will take "retaliatory measures" by mobilizing armed forces on a large scale.

But the U.S. imperialists, no matter how they act, can never conceal their ugly nature of aggression or frighten the Korean people.

The heroic Korean People's Army and the entire Korean people have got fully prepared for coping

with any provocation or invasion by the U.S. imperialists and will deal an exterminatory blow at the enemies if they dare to make an attack.

The United Nations should not repeat the disgraceful history of having been utilized by the U.S. imperialists as a tool in the aggression war in Korea provoked by them. It is entirely illegal for the United Nations to discuss the "complaint" of U.S. imperialism which has perverted the truth.

To safeguard the security and sovereignty of its fatherland against enemy's infringement is an inviolable right of every independent state and is an internal affair which no one can encroach upon.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea resolutely opposes the discussion of the illegal "complaint" of U.S. imperialism at the United Nations Security Council, will not recognize any resolution to be concocted to cover up U.S. imperialist aggression and will declare it null and void.

If the United Nations wants to act in conformity with its Charter and mission, it must condemn the acts of aggression perpetrated by the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and take measures to check their manoeuvres for provoking a new war.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the entire Korean people are convinced that the entire socialist countries, the national independent states in Asia and Africa and all the progressive peoples of the world who treasure peace and justice will pay deep attention to the grave situation which has been created in Korea by

U.S. imperialism, will wage a resolute struggle to break the tentacles of aggression of the U.S. imperialists and will express active support for and solidarity with the Korean people in their just struggle for safeguarding the dignity of the nation and the sovereignty of the country.

Pyongyang
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SMASH U.S. IMPERIALISTS' MOVES TO UNLEASH ANOTHER WAR!

RODONG SHINMUN Editorial of January 28, 1968

Now the U.S. imperialists are resorting to increasingly malicious moves, becoming more active in their policy for provoking a new war in Korea.

These bandits are frenziedly trying to use again the United Nations for their pernicious aggressive purpose. The U.S. imperialists who sent their armed spy ship to intrude into the inviolable territorial waters of our country and commit hostile acts, "complained" to the United Nations Security Council, like a thief shouting "stop the thief!" ranting that our self-defence action in seizing this armed spy ship was a "violation of international law." This is a most shameless, impudent, and burglarious act.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on January 27 issued a statement exposing and denouncing such odious and sinister manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists and expressing its firm stand. The statement of the D.P.R.K. Government reflects the unanimous will and determination of the entire Korean people.

As facts clearly prove, the incident of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" further stripped bare every aspect of the aggressive nature of the U.S. imperialists and it shows what length they have gone in their reckless acts for igniting another war in Korea.

The special armed spy ship "Pueblo" equipped with various instruments for espionage was seized by navy crafts of the Korean People's Army on January 23 in the territorial waters of our country, at 39°17.4′ N. and 127°46.9′ E. on the Dong Choson Bay while she was spying in many places, as the captain of this armed spy ship confessed, on a series of military and state secrets such as various military installations, the deployment of armed forces and industrial facilities at different ports and along the coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, after intruding deep into the territorial waters of our country according to instructions of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Is there any hostile act or provocative act plainer and graver than this criminal act of spying on various military and state secrets after intruding deep into the inviolable territorial waters of our country? This is an act of aggression and a wicked move to unleash a war, which is like a burglary in broad daylight.

As pointed out in the statement of the Government of our country, indeed, "The provocative act of the armed spy ship 'Pueblo' of U.S. imperialism is another flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, an open aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a link in the chain of the planned manoeuvrings of U.S. imperialism to unleash a war in Korea and a grave menace to peace in the Far East and the rest of the world."

The entire Korean people are denouncing, with surging indignation, this nefarious provocative act

of the U.S. imperialists and are burning with the determination to mete out a more resolute and severe punishment, if the scoundrels persist in their reckless provocations.

It is entirely right for the Korean people to take a determined self-defence action against the intolerable act of aggression of the U.S. imperialists. It is an act for defending peace in Korea and in Asia by safeguarding the security of the country from the aggression of the U.S. imperialists and thwarting the war provocation moves of the aggressors.

Now the peoples of the socialist countries and the peace-loving peoples and broad public opinion of the world are sternly denouncing the vicious provocative machinations of the U.S. imperialists against our country.

Even the U.S. reptile news agencies and press and Western news agencies and press cannot conceal the fact that "Pueblo" is a U.S. imperialist armed spy ship and it conducted espionage activities against our country.

Now when their crying criminal act has been brought into the open before the whole world, the U.S. imperialists are attempting to use the United Nations for their aggressive purpose by bringing the "Pueblo" incident to it in a crafty effort to conceal and justify their criminal act.

It is an old method of the U.S. imperialists to use the signboard of the United Nations for their policies of aggression and war. When they were unleashing the war of aggression in Korea in 1950, the U.S. imperialists illegally usurped the signboard of

the United Nations and still now they are trying to justify their occupation of South Korea and plotting to provoke a new war in Korea by stealing the name of the United Nations.

Thus the United Nations has irreparably impaired its own prestige in the eyes of the world people by being abused for the provocation of the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression and their policy of aggression in Korea.

The United Nations must not repeat its shameful history in which it was used as a tool of the U.S. imperialists in the Korean war ignited by them. It is entirely illegal for the United Nations to debate the brigandish, so-called "complaint" of the U.S. imperialists reversing black and white. The din of "complaint" raised by the burglars who intruded into others' territorial waters and committed hostile acts, is a crafty act for camouflaging their criminal acts before the world, which is intended to intensify provocations behind the smokescreen of such ruse.

It is the sacred right of each independent state to defend its security and sovereignty from the encroachment of the enemy, and it is an internal affair in which no one can interfere. The United Nations can never interfere in the exercise of this sacred right by each independent state.

The statement of the Government of the Republic solemnly declared that "The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea resolutely opposes the discussion of the illegal 'complaint' of U.S. imperialism at the United Nations Security

Council, will not recognize any resolution to be concocted to cover up U.S. imperialist aggression and will declare it null and void."

This firm and just stand of the Government of the Republic will enjoy the unanimous support of the revolutionary people of the whole world and all the countries which value peace and national independence.

If the United Nations wants to act in conformity with its Charter and mission, it must condemn the acts of aggression perpetrated by the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and take measures to check their manoeuvres for provoking a new war.

The U.S. imperialists are trying to cover up their criminal acts. But with no machinations can they veil their villainous aggressive nature.

The incident in which the U.S. imperialists infiltrated their armed spy ship "Pueblo" into the territorial waters of our country to perpetrate hostile acts is a link in the chain of their new war provocation manoeuvres intensified in Korea in recent years and shows that these manoeuvres have reached a graver stage.

In recent years the U.S. imperialist aggressors have been ever more frantically reinforcing the puppet armed forces in South Korea and continuously introducing new-type weapons and military equipment there, while stepping up the establishment of a wartime mobilization system for driving out the South Korean people to an aggressive war and the militarization of economy, incessantly per-

petrating military provocations against the northern half of the Republic in wanton violation of the Armistice Agreement and trying to openly draw even the Japanese militarists into the implementation of their criminal war plan.

Particularly, since Johnson visited South Korea and whipped up war provocation the U.S. imperialists' manoeuvres for launching another war and their hostile acts against the northern half have become all the more unscrupulous. In the past year, the U.S. imperialists fired 91 times as many shells as fired by them in the 13 years after the war into the portion of our side in the Demilitarized Zone. In January last year the U.S. imperialists went so far as to perpetrate the piratic act of infiltrating the Patrol Craft Escort No. 56 into the territorial waters of our side in the East Sea to shell the coastal area of our side. Such provocative acts are becoming still more active and vicious on the ground and sea and in the air with each passing day.

The "Pueblo" incident is a concentric expression of such intensified war provocation manoeuvres.

The U.S. imperialists are now raising feverish war clamours, raving that they would take so-called "retaliatory measures" by mobilising the aggression armed forces on a large scale, while scheming to whitewash their criminal acts.

But the U.S. imperialists can not frighten the Korean people with such machinations. The U.S. imperialists must realize that such manoeuvres cannot work on the Korean people.

As pointed out in the statement of the Govern-

ment of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, "the heroic Korean People's Army and the entire Korean people have got fully prepared for coping with any provocation or invasion by the U.S. imperialists and will deal a crushing blow at the enemies if they dare to make an attack."

We will give the provokers their dues and if the enemy starts playing with fire, we will counter him with fire.

The situation caused by the provocative machinations and war clamours of the U.S. imperialists demands the entire people and the officers and men of the People's Army to heighten vigilance and strain to a high degree.

The entire people and the officers and men of the People's Army will closely watch every reckless move of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and keep a fully prepared posture to counter all sorts of the enemy's machinations. We will heighten revolutionary vigilance to a high degree and will be prepared in a more strained and mobilized posture.

In this way we will defend our socialist system and our fatherland.

At any time called by the Party and the Leader, the entire people and the officers and men of the People's Army will defend our revolutionary gains with their lives, firmly holding arms in hand.

We warn the U.S. imperialists to stop at once their reckless war manoeuvres.

The U.S. imperialists must not miscalculate the determination and might of our people but cool their heads and act discreetly.

We Korean people are not the Korean people of the past. The political, economic and military might of our people is incomparably stronger than that 18 years ago when the U.S. imperialists unleashed a war in our country. Today our people are rallied rock-firm with one ideology and one will around our Party and Comrade Kim Il Sung, our Leader.

If the U.S. imperialist aggressors dare provoke a new war, our people will rise as one, wipe the enemies off our land to the last one and surely achieve the nation-wide victory of the revolution.

The provocative machinations of the U.S. imperialists against the Korean people are a challenge not only to the Korean people but to peace in Asia and the world.

We are convinced that all the socialist countries, national independent states of Asia and Africa and the entire progressive people of the world who treasure peace and justice will direct deep attention to the grave situation created in Korea by the U.S. imperialists, will wage a resolute struggle to break the tentacles of aggression of the U.S. imperialists and will express active support to and solidarity with the Korean people in their just struggle for safeguarding the dignity of the nation and the sovereignty of the country.

Our heroic Korean people and the officers and men of the People's Army who are dashing forward in the spirit of Chollima, the spirit of being a match for a hundred foes, rallied close around Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, will surely smash to pieces any provo-

cative machinations of the enemy.

U.S. imperialism the thrice-cursed criminal who has imposed immeasurable misfortunes, disasters and sufferings upon mankind through two-century-long bloodstained history of aggression, will surely perish and the just cause of our people for the freedom, unification and independence of the fatherland will certainly be crowned with victory.

"I HAVE NO EXCUSE WHATSOEVER FOR MY CRIMINAL ACT AS MY SHIP WAS CAPTURED BY THE NAVAL PATROL CRAFTS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY IN THEIR SELF-DEFENCE ACTION"

Confession

of LLOYD MARK BUCHER, captain of the armed spy ship of U.S. imperialist aggressor forces

I am commander Lloyd Mark Bucher, captain of "USS Pueblo" belonging to the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. Navy, who was captured while carrying out espionage activities after intruding deep into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

My serial number is 58215401. I was born in Pocatello, Idaho, U.S.A. I am 38 years old.

The crew of our "USS Pueblo" are 83 in all including five officers besides me, 75 servicemen and two civilians.

My ship had been sent to Sasebo, Japan, to execute assignments given by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

On December 2 last, we received assignments at the port of Sasebo from Rear Admiral Frank L. Johnson, U.S. Navy Commander in Japan to conduct military espionage activities on the Far Eastern region of the Soviet Union and then on the off-shore

areas and coastal areas of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

My ship had conducted espionage activities on a number of occasions for the purpose of detecting the territorial waters of the socialist countries.

Through such espionage activities, my ship detected the military installations set up along the coasts of the socialist countries and submitted the materials to the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

Recently, we were given another important mission by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, that is, to detect the areas along the Far East of the Soviet Union and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency promised me that if this task would be done successfully, a lot of dollars would be offered to the whole crew members of the ship and particularly I myself would be honoured.

Soon after that I reinforced the arms and equipment of the ship and made detailed preparations for espionage activities.

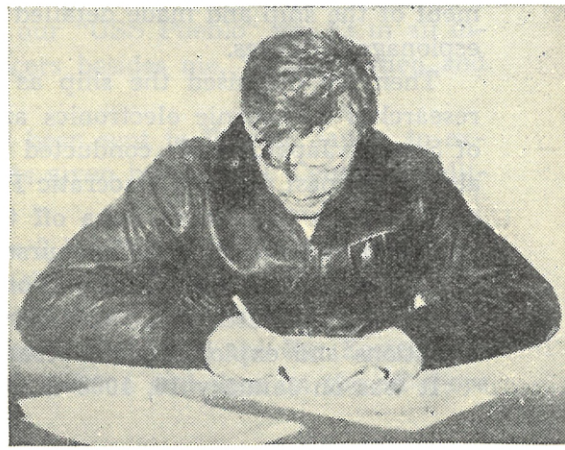
Then we disguised the ship as one engaged in researches on oceanic electronics and left the port of Sasebo, Japan, and conducted espionage acts along the coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea via the general area off the Soviet Maritime Province. We pretended ourselves to conduct the observation of oceanic conditions on high seas, electronics, research on electric waves, magnetic conditions and exploitation of oceanic materials.

It was on January 16, 1968 that we entered the

coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea via the Soviet Maritime Province.

In accordance with the instructions we had received, my ship was on the utmost alert and observed and ascertained the depth of water, current, water temperature, sea basin, salt condensity and water transparency of the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with radars and various kinds of observatory instruments in a clandestine manner at Chongjin, Wonsan and several other points, and detected the radar network, accommodation capacities of the ports, the number of the incoming and outgoing vessels and manoeuvrability of the naval vessels of the Korean People's Army.

Lloyd Mark Bucher, captain of the armed spy ship of "Pueblo" of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces, writes his confession

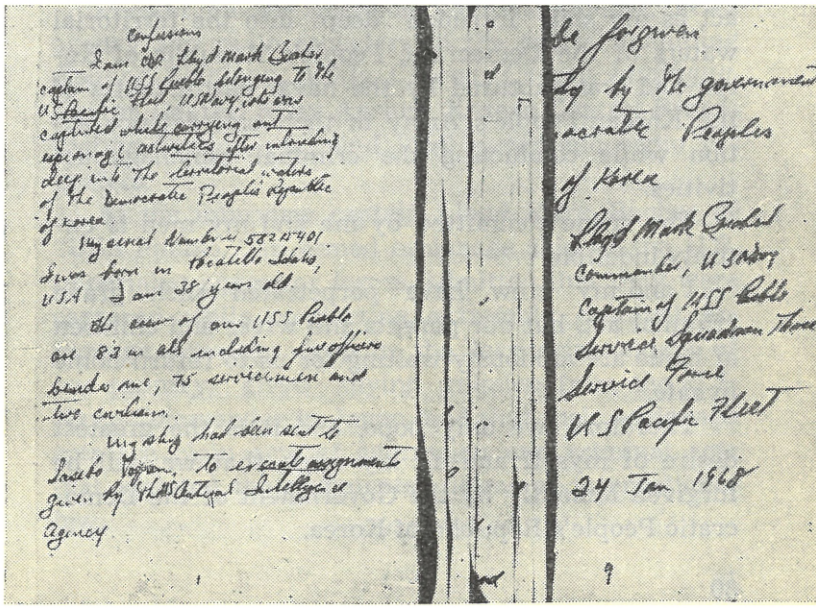


Furthermore we spied on various military installations and the distribution of industries and the deployment of armed forces along the east coast areas and sailed up to the point 7.6 miles of Ryodo Island, (39°17.4′ N., 127°46.9′ E.), when the navy patrol crafts of the Korean People's Army appeared.

We were on the alert instantly and tried to escape, firing at the navy patrol crafts of the People's Army.

But the situation became more dangerous for us

Confession of the captain of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces, captured while conducting espionage activities after illegally intruding into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea


Confession

I am Lloyd Mark Gruber,
captain of USS Pueblo belonging to the
U.S. Pacific Fleet U.S. Navy, who was
captured while engaging an
espionage activities after intruding
deep into the territorial waters
of the Democratic People's Republic
of Korea.

My serial number is 582-17401.
I was born in Seattle, Idaho,
USA. I am 38 years old.

The crew of our USS Pueblo
are 83 in all including five officers
besides me, 76 servicemen and
two civilians.

My ship had been sent to
Sasebo Japan, to execute assignments
given by the U.S. Central Intelligence
Agency.

be forgiven
by the government
Peoples
of Korea
Lloyd Mark Gruber
Commander, U.S. Navy
Captain of USS Pueblo
Service Squadron Three
Service Force
U.S. Pacific Fleet
24 Jan 1968

and thus one of my men was killed, another heavily wounded and two others lightly wounded.

We had no way out, and were captured by the navy patrol crafts of the People's Army.

Having been captured now, I say frankly that our act was a criminal act which flagrantly violated the Armistice Agreement, and it was a sheer act of aggression.

For the purpose of disguising the activities of my ship throughout the whole period of espionage activities, we used cunning methods, namely, we did not hoist the U.S. flag and sailed at the highest speed when running out of the territorial waters after the espionage activities having intruded into territorial waters from high seas.

I have no execuse whatsoever for my criminal act as my ship intruded deep into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and was captured by the naval patrol crafts of the Korean People's Army in their self-defence action while conducting the criminal espionage activities.

The crime committed by me and my men is entirely indelible.

I and my crew have perpetrated such grave criminal act, but our parents and wives and children at home are anxiously waiting for us to return home in safe.

Therefore, we only hope, and it is the greatest desire of myself and all my crew, that we will be forgiven leniently by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

UNDISGUISED CRIMINAL ACT OF AGGRESSION BY U.S. IMPERIALIST PIRATES

Newspaper, News Agency and Radio Reporters of Our Country Have Press Interview with Captain of the Captured Armed Spy Ship "Pueblo" of U.S. Imperialist Aggressor Forces.

Newspaper, news agency and radio reporters of our country had interview on January 26, with Lloyd Mark Bucher, captain of "USS Pueblo," an armed espionage ship of the U.S. imperialist aggression army, which was captured on January 23 by the navy of the Korean People's Army while conducting espionage activities after intruding deep into the territorial waters of the D.P.R.K.

Present on the occasion were newspaper, news agency and radio reporters in the capital including *Rodong Shinmun, Minju Choson, Choson Inmingun,* Korean Central News Agency, Korean Central Broadcasting Station, etc., and local paper and radio reporters.

At the interview captain Lloyd Mark Bucher of "USS Pueblo," an armed espionage ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressor forces, admitted that they were captured while conducting extremely criminal espionage activities deep in the territorial waters of our country, given spying mission from the U.S. Navy Commander in Japan, and that their espionage acts are plain acts of aggression and criminal acts that violated the rudimental norms of international law.

Follows the questions and answers at the interview:

QUESTION: We have been informed by the press of your brief personal history, your confessions on the criminal espionage acts by "USS Pueblo" and of how the ship was captured.

Now, not only the Korean people but also the world public opinion want to know in greater detail about the real state of affairs of your criminal espionage acts against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. I believe you are in a position to give a responsible answer to it since you were the captain of that espionage ship. Are you going to answer to our questions?

ANSWER: I will answer.

QUESTION: And to which unit do you belong?

ANSWER: I belong to the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

QUESTION: How was the crew of the espionage ship composed of and what are the characteristic features of its equipment?

ANSWER: My ship has the exclusive mission to conduct espionage activities. So it is equipped with most up-to-date espionage instruments necessary for it.

Most of the crew have experience in espionage activities and corresponding technique.

As you know through the confessions made by the crew of my ship, some of them are equipped with superb technique and rich experience in espionage activities.

QUESTION: When were you commissioned to

the captain of the armed espionage ship which was captured this time?

ANSWER: In January 1967. As to my previous career, I had been a supply officer on a submarine ever since 1954. Later I worked as ordnance officer and assistant operation officer for other ships.

QUESTION: Where had the "USS Pueblo" conducted espionage acts mainly?

ANSWER: We had carried out espionage activities in the coastal waters of Korea and other parts of Asia on many occasions. We had intruded into the coastal waters of the Soviet Union and China and repeatedly perpetrated espionage acts.

QUESTION: Do you admit that you had conducted hostile acts against our country and particularly that you have committed a crime as captain of an armed spying vessel which has performed the grave criminal espionage acts and that the whole members of the crew including yourself are out-and-out aggressors?

ANSWER: Yes, I admit.

I have no excuse whatsoever. Our espionage acts are plain act of aggression and criminal acts that violated the rudimental norms of international law.

QUESTION: Tell us how you were captured.

ANSWER: It was in early December, 1967 that our ship left Sasebo, Japan, on an espionage mission.

On January 16, 1968 our "USS Pueblo" got to the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to perform espionage assignments

after a trip along the Soviet Union's Maritime Province.

We had intruded into the coastal waters of a number of socialist countries and carried out espionage activities but we felt very uneasy and much hesitation as we were approaching the coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea because we knew that the coastal defences of the Korean People's Army were quite strong and we had intruded too deep into the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

While conducting espionage acts in a clandestine manner, we kept drawing near to Ho-do off Wonsan, from where we could see the smoke rising from villages on the land.

We were carrying out our espionage mission at the point with uneasiness and fear, when the patrol crafts of the People's Army appeared.

We got ourselves combat ready instantly and fired at them.

As we had been ordered by Frank L. Johnson not to be captured under any circumstances, we made every effort to escape but there was no way out. In fact we asked for help from the military bases in South Korea and Japan but could not get it since we had intruded so deep into the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

So we were captured at last 7.6 miles off Ryodo Island, 39°17.4′ N., 127°46.9′ E. in the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by the naval force of the Korean People's Army, after hav-

ing committed spying activities deep in the coastal waters of the Soviet Union, People's China and other socialist countries.

QUESTION: You have admitted that you intruded deep into our coastal waters and perpetrated military espionage activities. When, where and by whom were you given the spying mission and what was it specifically?

ANSWER: I was given the spying mission from Rear Admiral Frank L. Johnson, U.S. Navy Commander in Japan, at the port of Sasebo, Japan, on December 2 last.

The espionage mission was mainly to detect after a trip off the Soviet Far East, the military targets along the shores of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, distribution of the radar networks, various electric waves, the manoeuvrability of the naval force of the Korean People's Army, accommodation capacities of the ports, the number of incoming and outgoing vessels and their capabilities as well as to research the oceanic conditions along the coast.

QUESTION: What sorts of arrangements had you made beforehand to execute your spying mission?

ANSWER: Having been given the espionage assignments from Frank L. Johnson, we proceeded to readjust and reinforce the arms and equipment of our ship.

And for the purpose of concealing the nature of our ship as an espionage ship, we disguised it as a ship for oceanic researches to be engaged in the ob-

servation of oceanic conditions on high seas and the exploitation of oceanic materials. We did not even hoist the U.S. flag throughout the whole period of the espionage acts this time in order to conceal the activities of our ship.

QUESTION: Then, what kinds of espionage acts did the "USS Pueblo" commit specifically after intruding deep into the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea?

ANSWER: After the intrusion into the Korean coastal waters, I spied on the distribution of various military targets and various electric waves at Chongjin, Wonsan and many other places.

Besides, we observed and ascertained the depth of water, currents, water temperature, oceanic conditions, salinity and transparency of the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with varied most up-to-date observational and measuring instruments and spying apparatuses and detected radar networks, accommodation capacities of the ports, the number of incoming and outgoing ships and their capacities and the manoeuvrability of naval ships of the Korean People's Army.

QUESTION: What methods did you employ for espionage activities?

ANSWER: Having intruded into your coastal waters, we carried out espionage activities by observing and recording the locations and distribution of the military targets with a variety of most up-to-date instruments including radar detecting implements and by measuring and exploiting the oceanographic conditions.

QUESTION: It has been reported that there were two civilians on board your espionage ship. What on earth are they?

ANSWER: As a matter of fact, they are the special espionage agents who are conducting military espionage missions under the guise of oceanographers.

They were assigned to our ship in December 1967. Their names are Dunnie Richard Tuck and Harry Iredaile.

Formally they brought with them the written orders signed by the nearshore research division director under the Department of the Navy.

While joining us in espionage activities, they carried out other important, special assignments.

QUESTION: Do you know what has been plotted by your backstage manipulators in driving you out for espionage activities?

ANSWER: It is to step up preparations for a new war of aggression in Asia and particularly in Korea.

It is in connection with the war preparations, I suppose, that Frank L. Johnson sent our "USS Pueblo" into the coastal waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Soviet Union and China to spy.

I know that the U.S. Defence Department regards Korea and Viet Nam as two fronts. Especially, as the situation in South Korea and Viet Nam has become more unfavorable for the United States recently, our mission has assumed more urgency. Thus we carried out more positive espionage activities and

submitted information to the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

QUESTION: How do you feel now after captured for your carrying out of criminal espionage activities?

ANSWER: After my capture I was deeply moved, first and foremost, by the humanitarian treatment accorded us by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

We are very serious criminals who committed plain acts of aggression and espionage.

But we are being treated well. We are getting on in good health and without any inconvenience whatever in our life.

QUESTION: Have you anything to say to your families, relatives and friends at home?

What is your wish now?

ANSWER: I would like to say a few words. First of all, I want to tell them that I am safe and healthy.

I and my crew have no excuse for we have committed a grave crime.

I think we should be punished in accordance with the criminal law of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

But we were tempted by money and honour to commit such a crime.

It is my greatest wish that the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea will forgive us leniently so that we may return to our parents, wives and children who are anxiously waiting for us.

THE WHOLE WORLD VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCES THE BURGLARY OF U.S. IMPERIALISM AND FIRMLY SUPPORTS THE RESOLUTE SELF-DEFENCE ACTION AND THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE

STATEMENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CUBA OF JANUARY 27, 1968

(Abridged)

The statement pointed out:

The U.S. imperialist spy ship which conducted espionage activities in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was captured by the Korean People's Army, and it has been known that the captain of the seized ship acknowledged in his confession that he was arrested while carrying out the assignments given by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The statement went on to say that it is also a common knowledge that the U.S. government has made threats against the Korean Government through its spokesmen and in connection with the incident has mobilized part of their armed forces, issued orders for the mobilization of reserve forces,

and taken measures to concentrate their aggressive forces in the vicinity of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

These threats are expressed particularly in the shameless statements of President Johnson.

Therefore, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba declares as follows:

In seizing the imperialist spy ship in its territorial waters, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has exercised its inalienable right as a sovereign state. An independent and self-respecting government cannot tolerate such act of violation of its sovereignty and international law.

Once again the Yankee imperialists have been caught in the very act of committing a crime. Once again the Yankee imperialists have trampled upon all the norms of international law and are once again shamelessly denying a clear fact and threatening new aggression, casting off their mask before the whole world.

Our people know very well of this brazen, shameless policy of the imperialists. On other occasions, they invaded or threatened to invade us, and when we came out against their attempts of this sort, they showered our revolution with fresh lies and attacks. This is favorite device of the imperialists. We know this device very well, we know that the aggressors can be curbed only by revolutionary firmness and a more determined, militant attitude.

The recent incident is a link in the long chain of aggressive acts of the imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The Yankees

who are still not reconciled to the defeat they sustained in the aggression started in 1950, have perpetrated provocations and attacks on tens of thousands of occasions since the armistice. Such acts have been intensified particularly over the last two years. These facts and other international manoeuvres show that the U.S. government is trying to launch new aggression against this brother country.

The fact that this ship of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency entered the territorial waters of Korea offers proof of the intensified espionage activities perpetrated by the imperialists in preparing their plan.

It is intolerable that the imperialists usurp the "right" to dispatch spy ships into the territorial waters of other countries unpunished, while pursuing the interventionist policy of infringing and trampling upon the sovereignty of the people.

We revolutionary peoples and governments reject such claim of the imperialists and resist them resolutely, powerfully and courageously.

The despair and hopeless situation into which the imperialists have been driven by the victories won by the South Vietnamese people every day, prick the imperialists.

The imperialists are also pricked by the fierce, heroic and effective resistance to their attack of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, the successive victories of the Laotian patriots and the powerful guerrilla movement across the land of South Korea which they are illegally occupying. This is a fear caused by the inevitable, accelerated disintegration

of their system of oppression in East Asia. This, in the final analysis, is hysteria and a dastardly act of Johnson and his clique atremble with fear in the face of the offensive of the people. Johnson and the war-like elements of the U.S. Defence Department ordered partial mobilization of the armed forces and call-up of part of the reservists. At the same time, they concentrated the air and naval forces equipped with atomic weapons around the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Some Yankee senators have gone so far as to clamour impudently for the use of nuclear weapons.

With the threats of war and atomic blackmailing the imperialists are trying to shake the determined revolutionary stand of the people, Party and Government of Korea, prolong their military occupation of South Korea and divert the attention of world public opinion from the serious defeats they are sustaining in their Vietnamese aggression.

The imperialists, however, are dealing with a heroic, determined people. Namely, the imperialists are dealing with a people who know through their experience that they can fight and defeat the Yankee aggressors, and who have already provided a real lesson of courage, fortitude and firm defence of principles in this respect.

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba feels a deep sympathy for the stand of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which seized the spy ship of the enemy by exercising its legitimate sovereign right and is firmly defending its principled position.

We unconditionally support the exemplary stand of the Korean Government and Party guided by Comrade Kim Il Sung and most strongly disapprove of and denounce the piratic act and threat of the U.S. government against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

With its steadfast stand and militant determination the Korean Government teaches us what road should be chosen in face of the imperialist aggressors. We, all revolutionary peoples and governments, are duty bound to support the Korean Government.

In conclusion, the statement stressed:

True to the close friendship linking Cuba with Korea, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba reaffirms a closest revolutionary solidarity with the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Party at this moment of danger and threat.

STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM OF JANUARY 29, 1968

(Abridged)

The statement pointed out:

On January 23, 1968, the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of U.S. imperialism deliberately intruded into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and spied on the ports, military in-

stallations, deployment of military forces, industrial establishments, etc.

The statement went on to say:

This extremely brazen act of provocation is part of the U.S. imperialists' scheme to provoke a new war of aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. During the past 15 years, the U.S. imperialists have systematically violated the Korean Armistice Agreement and made thousands of armed provocations along the Military Demarcation Line.

Of late the U.S. imperialists have cynically extended their piratical acts along the coastal areas of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. Resorting to the trick of "thief crying stop thief," the U.S. government slandered the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as having captured the "Pueblo" while she was on the "high seas" and even threatened to take "reprisals" against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and brought the "Pueblo incident" before the U.N. Security Council in an attempt to cover up its piratical acts and deal with public condemnation.

The dispatch by the U.S. imperialists of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea constitutes violation of international law and the 1953 Armistice Agreement on Korea, an encroachment on the sovereignty and security of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and a menace to peace in Asia and the world and to the world people. This is also an insolent challenge to the peace- and justice-

loving people in the world.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam fully supports the correct stand of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as expounded in the Statement of January 27, 1968 and affirms that the capture of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of U.S. imperialism is in keeping with the sacred and inalienable right to self-defence of the Government and the people of the D.P.R.K.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and the Vietnamese people resolutely demand that the U.S. government cease from now on all its provocative acts against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam vehemently protests against the U.S. for bringing the "Pueblo" incident for discussion at the U.N. Security Council.

The U.S. imperialists already suffered a humiliating defeat in their aggressive war conducted under the U.N. banner against the D.P.R.K.

Now they are being heavily battered in both zones of Viet Nam.

Should they obdurately and recklessly encroach upon the D.P.R.K., the heroic Korean People's Army and the Korean people would certainly deal them deserved punishing blows.

The peoples of Viet Nam and Korea are dear brothers and comrades-in-arms fighting against the same enemy—the U.S. imperialist aggressors—for national independence and freedom and unification of the fatherland.

In whatever circumstances, the Vietnamese people are determined to stand shoulder to shoulder with the brother Korean people in the struggle to smash all war-seeking plots and acts of the U.S. imperialists in order to defend the independence and sovereignty of the D.P.R.K. and achieve the peaceful unification of the country.

In conclusion the statement expressed the conviction that the heroic Korean people will surely win glorious victory.

STATEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF JANUARY 28, 1968

(Abridged)

On January 23, the navy of the Korean People's Army captured on the sea off Wonsan the U.S. armed spy ship "Pueblo" which intruded into the territorial waters of Korea and conducted espionage activities.

On January 27, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued a statement pointing out that this provocative act by U.S. imperialism "is another flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, and an open aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.... It is entirely right that the Korean People have taken the decisive measures of self-de-

fence.... The U.S. imperialists, no matter how they act, can never conceal their ugly nature of aggression nor surprise the Korean people." The Chinese Government and people firmly support the just stand of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people in countering U.S. imperialism's flagrant provocation.

It is by no means accidental that the warship of U.S. imperialism intruded into Korea's territorial waters for espionage activities. To save themselves from doomed defeat on the Viet Nam battlefield, the U.S. imperialist aggressors are plotting to expand the war of aggression against Viet Nam and stepping up their activities of aggression and war throughout Asia. This incident of provocation against the Korean people by U.S. imperialism is part and parcel of these criminal activities of U.S. imperialism.

Exploiting the capture of the spy ship, the U.S. ruling clique is vigorously carrying out war mobilization and war blackmail, bringing in armed forces and stepping up military deployments and at the same time uttering hysterical war cries. The Johnson government has moved U.S. military aircraft from Japan proper and Okinawa to South Korea and sent the U.S. nuclear-powered aircraft carrier "Enterprise" to the seas off Korea.

Moreover, it has seized this opportunity to step up war mobilization at home and has called up U.S. air force and navy reservists. This is an undisguised policy of war intimidation.

Pointing out that the United States is trying

hard to cover up its crime of aggression and bring pressure to bear on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea through the United Nations, the statement continued:

The shameful record of the United Nations serving as a tool of U.S. imperialism in its aggression against Korea is still fresh in people's minds. U.S. imperialism's attempt to once again use the United Nations to serve its policy of aggression against Korea will certainly meet with the condemnation of the people throughout the world.

The statement said in conclusion:

In trying to intimidate the Korean people by war blackmail, U.S. imperialism has forgotten the lesson it was taught in the Korean war. Should U.S. imperialism dare to embark on a new war adventure, it is bound to taste the bitter fruit of its own making and receive even more severe punishment.

IN THE SOVIET UNION

On January 24, Tass reported that naval crafts of the Korean People's Army on patrol duty seized an armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressive army which had intruded deep into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on the East Sea (39°17.4′ N., 127° 46.9′ E.). It pointed out that this provocative act is the most flagrant one ever committed by the U.S. imperialist aggressive army since the ceasefire in Korea.

Quoting the "New York Times" in another dispatch, Tass said that the Yankee spy ship had been engaged in locating wireless stations and radar sites and she had taken part in "electronic warfare" by U.S. imperialism against other countries.

In a commentary on January 25, Tass pointed out that the U.S. imperialists themselves are unable to deny the fact that the captured Yankee armed spy ship "Pueblo" carried out an espionage mission.

Saying that the bosses of U.S. imperialism are quite upset by the confession by the captain of the "Pueblo" of the infiltration of his spy ship into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the commentary emphasized that this confession confirmed the worthlessness of the hasty official claim of the U.S. imperialist bosses that the spy ship was "captured on high seas."

The commentary wrote that the provocative acts perpetrated by U.S. imperialism all over the world cause practical threats to peace and security of the peoples and that this enrages world public opinion.

On January 27 Tass quoted the statement of the Government of our country as saying: "The provocative act of the armed spy ship 'Pueblo' of U.S. imperialism is another flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, an open aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a link in the chain of the planned manoeuvrings of U.S. imperialism to unleash a new war in Korea and a grave menace to peace in the Far East and the rest of the world."

The statement stressed: "The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea resolutely opposes the discussion of the illegal 'complaint' of U.S. imperialism at the United Nations Security Council, will not recognize any decision to be concocted to cover up U.S. imperialist aggression and will declare it null and void."

Tass quoted the part of the statement which said: "If the United Nations wants to act in conformity with its Charter and mission, it must condemn the act of aggression perpetrated by the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and take measures to check their manoeuvres for provoking a new war."

On January 28 Moscow dailies carried the gist of the statement of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

On January 28 leading papers printed the picture of the captured armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army and the confession of Lloyd Mark Bucher, captain of the Yankee spy ship. The papers flayed the exposed piratic act of the U.S. imperialists.

In a commentary, "Pravda" denounced the shameless and high-handed acts of aggression perpetrated by the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and pointed out that the provocative act of the U.S. imperialists is a new source of further aggravation of tension in the world.

"Krasnaya Zvezda" declared in an editorial that the espionage activities of the armed spy ship of

the U.S. imperialists in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea are linked with the policies of provocation and adventure stepped up by the U.S. imperialists in all parts of the world.

The paper stressed that the incident of the seizure of the "Pueblo," an armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialists, proved once again that the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism remains unchanged.

The January 29 issue of "Pravda" exposed and denounced the provocative act committed by the U.S. imperialists in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and their frantic hue and cry over the incident. Pointing out in a commentary that the hue and cry is proof of the headlong rush of the U.S. imperialists along the dangerous road of expanding their criminal war in Asia, it condemned the bosses of U.S. imperialism who persist in their adventurous line despite the violent protest of the world public circles. It predicted that such adventurous line of the U.S. imperialists is doomed to reverse.

Noting that the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression is running up against the opposition of the U.S. people themselves, the paper pointed to the fact that the U.S. imperialists are being further isolated politically in the international arena and millions of people in every nook and corner of the globe are demanding an end to the aggression of U.S. imperialism and to its criminal provocations.

The paper stressed that the new bellicose acts

of the aggressors will not save themselves from the bog in Southeast Asia.

IN CHINA

Reporting that on January 23 the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" was captured by naval vessels of the heroic Korean People's Army while openly perpetrating provocative acts after intruding deep into the territorial waters of the northern half of the D.P.R.K., the Hsinhua News Agency exposed the frantic war racket raised by the U.S. imperialists over this incident.

Pointing out that the Korean people are a heroic people tempered in the long years of war and will never yield to any war provocation or threat of the U.S. imperialists, it stressed that the Korean people will frustrate all the aggressive manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists completely.

The News Agency declared that the Chinese people and the peoples of the whole world are closely following the development of the situation.

On January 27 it reported the full text of the government statement of our country.

It pointed out that the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued a statement on January 27 denouncing the provocative act of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" which intruded into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and condemning the U.S. imperialists who are raising hy-

sterical war cries while bringing the "Pueblo" incident to the United Nations in order to cover up their aggressive act.

The Chinese papers "Renmin Ribao," "Kuangming Ribao" and "Peking Ribao" of January 28 carried the full text of the government statement of our country.

The central broadcasts of China, too, reported the government statement of our country in full.

IN DEMOCRATIC VIET NAM

Vietnamese "Nhan Dan" pointed out in an editorial of January 26 as follows:

The confession of the captain of the "Pueblo" is irrefutable evidence of the criminal acts of the U.S. imperialists. Yet, the U.S. imperialists not only deny their crimes, but also threaten to start war. Such a noisy clamour of the enemy cannot cow anybody. It only betrays his bellicose nature and vicious provocative acts against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Pointing out that the U.S. imperialists, in violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, have ceaselessly perpetrated acts of war provocation in the Demilitarized Zone and in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the editorial went on to say:

The U.S. imperialists have miscalculated. The Korean people and the heroic Korean People's Army, always vigilant and combat-ready, neatly

captured a whole gang of spies of the U.S. imperialists and their ship. The Korean People's Army and people are standing as firm as a steel fortress in face of the war clamours and threats of the U.S. imperialists. The Korean people have the invincible strength of justice. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is now a powerful country in the socialist camp.

The Korean People's Army, continuing and developing the traditions of the heroic anti-Japanese guerilla struggle, dealt an annihilating blow at the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops already in the war of 1950-53.

The entire Korean people are armed and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has been turned into an impregnable fortress. If the U.S. imperialists and their stooges dare to bump their heads against this steel-like fortress, they will break their necks.

In conclusion the editorial warmly praised the Korean People's Army that taught a due lesson to the U.S. imperialist war provokers.

The Vietnamese paper "Quan Doi Nhan Dan" of January 25 came out with an editorial article headlined "Korean People's Army and People Administer Deserving Punishment to Yankee Bandits." The article warmly congratulated the heroic Korean People's Army, each of whose men is a match for a hundred foes, which captured the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressive forces when it intruded deep into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The article, informing the reader of the capture of the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressive forces by the navy of the Korean People's Army when it intruded deeply into the territorial waters of our country, said that the people and the People's Army of Viet Nam hail the decisive and prompt action of the fraternal Korean People's Army which curbed the brigandish act of the U.S. imperialists.

The article stressed that the Viet Nam People's Army and people who are always standing shoulder to shoulder with the fraternal Korean people on the front against U.S. imperialism, the common enemy of all the peoples of the world, fully support all the measures taken by the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people to defend steadfastly the independence and sovereignty of the country and foil all the aggressive intrigues and machinations of the imperialists.

IN SOUTH VIET NAM

The South Vietnam Liberation Radio sharply denounced in a commentary of January 26 the manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists to provoke a new war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Pointing out that the capture of the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggressive forces identified as "Pueblo" in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on January

23 is a fully legal act conforming to justice, international law and the inviolable right of an independent and sovereign nation, the Radio emphasized that this act is also a well-deserved blow at the U.S. imperialists who are wont to violate the sovereignty, territory, air space and waters of various countries.

The Radio recalled that the U.S. imperialists and their stooge Pak Jung Hi clique have committed many espionage, provocative and sabotaging acts and military attacks against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and then pointed out that the intrusion of the U.S. imperialist spy ship into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for espionage is part of the intrigues of the U.S. imperialist aggressors against the D.P.R.K.

The Radio stressed in conclusion that the U.S. imperialists should stop at once all hostile acts against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, withdraw all their troops from South Korea, respect the Korean people's right to self-determination and that the problem of the unification of their fatherland should be settled by the Korean people themselves.

IN CUBA

In its commentary captioned "A U.S. Imperialist Gang of Pirates," the Cuban paper "El Mundo" of January 25 strongly denounced the nefarious

criminal acts of the U.S. imperialists who are trying hard to provoke a new war.

The paper exposed the fact that the U.S. imperialist aggressors have been engaged in incessant, reckless provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and, citing the provocation of U.S. imperialism against the Cuban guard post at Guantanamo and U.S. imperialism's armed intervention in Santo Domingo, denounced U.S. imperialism for its aggressive nature which is laid bare in all parts of the world.

Completely upset by the seizure of their armed spy ship, the paper went on, the U.S. imperialists are raising a provocative hue and cry against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. But no threat will help the U.S. imperialists to achieve their vicious aggressive aim, it stressed.

The Prensa Latina News Agency on January 26 denounced the reckless provocative racket of the U.S. imperialists over the capture of their armed spy ship and warned that such a frantic act of the U.S. imperialists is bound to meet with a reverse.

Recalling the ignominious defeat suffered by the U.S. imperialists in the three-year war of aggression in Korea, the Prensa Latina stressed that the Korean People's Army which won victory in the Fatherland Liberation War against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, has grown and strengthened into a yet stronger revolutionary army, and it is fully ready to smash any aggressive manoeuvre of the U.S. imperialists.

It pointed out that the Korean People's Army which has as its pivots veteran revolutionary fighters tested in the anti-Japanese armed struggle for the liberation of the fatherland and the people, now has in its ranks large numbers of heroes tempered in the struggle against U.S. imperialism, and stressed that today in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea a defence system of the whole people has been established and the whole country has been turned into an iron-wall fortress.

Exposing the fact that the U.S. imperialists are trying desperately to find a way out of their doomed defeat in adventurous acts of aggression, the Prensa Latina warned in conclusion that if the U.S. imperialists launch a new adventure against the Korean people, they will be wiped out of existence once and for all.

IN POLAND

Commenting on the provocative acts of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship, the Polish paper "Zolnierz Wolnosci" of January 26 pointed out that the intimidating move of the U.S. ruling circles in connection with the seizure of the spy ship indicates the serious confusion of the U.S. imperialists who are greatly vexed at the fact that the "Pueblo" equipped with up-to-date instruments whose mission it was to collect materials relating to radar networks has been caught red-handed. The very

fact that the espionage ship was captured at a point very close to the coast of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea provides a sufficient answer to the question who is to blame for the incident, the paper said. Then it stressed that with no ruse can the U.S. imperialists escape responsibility.

The "Zycie Warszawy" carried a commentary entitled "Provocative Acts" which denounced Johnson, the boss of the U.S. imperialists, for the provocative acts of the Yankee spy ship.

On January 27 the Polish paper "Trybuna Ludu" noted that in infiltrating their armed spy ship deep into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for espionage activities, the U.S. imperialist aggressors perpetrated an extremely grave act of aggression in utter disregard of international law.

The paper denounced the U.S. imperialists for exploiting the seizure of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" for a fresh escalation of war preparations.

The paper also condemned the U.S. imperialists who are jeopardizing world peace by carrying on espionage activities everywhere. The espionage activities of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship prove that the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism is becoming more pronounced, the paper stressed.

The Polish papers, "Zolnierz Wolnosci," "Dziennik Ludowy" and "Trybuna Mazowetzka" also exposed and condemned the U.S. imperialists' piratic act of intrusion into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In an editorial article with the headline of "Stop War Blackmail," the "Zolnierz Wolnosci" of January 29 condemned the provocative act of the U.S. imperialists who sent the armed spy ship "Pueblo" into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Denouncing the U.S. imperialists for their hysterical war cries, the article demanded them to drop the war blackmail policy at once.

In a commentary the "Glos Pracy" of January 29 trenchantly denounced the U.S. imperialists who are intensifying their acts of aggression and provocation especially after the capture of their spy ship "Pueblo" by the naval vessels of the Korean People's Army.

Exposing the fact that the U.S. imperialists brought a "complaint" about the capture of the "Pueblo" before the United Nations with the aim of covering up their criminal act of burglary, the commentary pointed out that the U.S. imperialist robbers have been condemned by representatives of a number of countries in the Security Council Session, too.

IN DEMOCRATIC GERMANY

A recent issue of the GDR paper "Neues Deutschland" carried a commentary flaying the U.S. im-

perialists for their hysterical war cries over the capture of the "Pueblo."

The hysterical outcries raised by the U.S. imperialists over the capture of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" betray the fact that the U.S. imperialists are seeking a hotbed of a new war. The paper also condemned the reptile press in West Germany for calling upon the U.S. imperialists to take a "firm attitude."

A commentary of the ADN of January 25, denouncing the deliberate and premeditated act of provocation committed by U.S. imperialism, pointed out that the U.S. imperialists have trampled upon the Armistice Agreement on Korea ceaselessly ever since 1953 when they signed the agreement after their aggression was frustrated.

It said that the U.S. imperialists have recently been using war blackmail in Korea and the provocative act of the spy ship "Pueblo" is a link in the chain of their provocations.

It stressed that the northern half of the D.P.R.K. is "in full readiness."

Recalling the historical Political Programme of the Government announced by Comrade Kim Il Sung at the First Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly, the ADN pointed out:

The political programme stressed that the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea would do all it could to further increase the defence potentials of the country in face of the obtaining situation.

Commenting on the incident of the spy ship "Pueblo" of the U.S. imperialists, the "Neues Deutschland" on January 26 denounced the manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialist aggressors to unleash a new war in Korea.

The paper pointed out that U.S. imperialism is infringing upon the right to self-determination and sovereignty of nations and is trying hard to aggravate international tensions. It condemned U.S. imperialism for threatening the peoples with mass-destruction weapons. It exposed the fact that the U.S. imperialists are aiding and abetting the most reactionary elements in all parts of the world, and denounced the reactionary policy of the West German militarists who give all-out support to the aggressive policy of U.S. imperialism.

Reporting the government statement of our country on January 27, the ADN said: In its statement, the D.P.R.K. Government pointed out that the U.S. imperialists attempted to "cover up and justify their criminal acts" in bringing the "Pueblo" incident to the United Nations. The statement of the D.P.R.K. Government stressed that the United Nations should condemn the aggressive policy of U.S. imperialism.

The ADN went on to say that the D.P.R.K. Government expressed the firm belief that the entire socialist countries, the national independent states in Asia and Africa and all the progressive peoples of the world will support the just struggle of the Korean people.

On January 29 Otto Winzer, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the German Democratic Republic, in

an interview with Ro Su Ok, Ambassador of our country to the GDR, denounced U.S. imperialism's vicious manoeuvres for war provocation and its accomplice, West German militarism. The people of the German Democratic Republic, he stressed, voice firm solidarity with the just struggle of the Korean people against the continued military provocations of the U.S. imperialists.

He also denounced the West German militarists for having handed over South Korean patriots who were staying in West Germany to the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and for joining U.S. imperialism in its military provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Czechoslovak paper "Rude Pravo" of January 26 stressed that the espionage acts of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" seized in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea testify to the ever growing aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism. The paper denounced the U.S. imperialists for playing the role of world gendarme.

Also, the Czechoslovak paper "Pravda" said on the same day that the seizure of the "Pueblo" has shown ever more clearly what great danger the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialist

aggressive troops is fraught with. Life itself has proved that so long as South Korea remains under the occupation of the U.S. imperialist aggressive forces, there can be no peace in Korea, the paper added.

The Ceteka News Agency reported the government statement of our country on January 27. It quoted the statement as saying, "The provocative act of the armed spy ship 'Pueblo' of U.S. imperialism is another flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement," and "The United Nations should not repeat the disgraceful history of having been utilized by the U.S. imperialists as a tool in the aggressive war in Korea provoked by them."

In the statement the D.P.R.K. Government stressed that the capture of the U.S. imperialist spy ship which carried out espionage activities in the territorial waters of the D.P.R.K. was entirely justified, the News Agency said.

IN HUNGARY

In its commentary of January 25, the Hungarian paper "Nepszabadsag" denounced the U.S. imperialists for raising hysterical war cries over the capture of the "Pueblo." It warned the U.S. imperialists to bear in mind that the Korean People's Army and Korean people are completely prepared to cope with all aggression.

The commentary accused the U.S. imperialists of their base attempt to cover up and justify, through the medium of the United Nations, their criminal act of sending the armed spy ship "Pueblo" deep into the territorial waters of our country to carry out hostile acts.

The Korean people who are fighting for the freedom and sovereignty of their fatherland have the support of the peoples of the fraternal socialist countries, including the Hungarian people, and of the freedom-loving peoples the world over, the commentary stressed.

IN ALBANIA

The Albanian daily "Zeri i Popullit" of January 28 carried an article captioned "Imperialist Provocateurs, Hands off Korea" denouncing the serious provocative acts of the armed spy ship of U.S. imperialism.

The article said that the act of war provocation committed by the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship "Pueblo" which trampled upon the sovereignty of the D.P.R.K. in gross violation of international law, glaringly revealed the aggressive design of U.S. imperialism to oppress and enslave the entire Korean people by igniting again a dirty war of aggression similar to the one unleashed in Korea in 1950.

Commenting on the fact that the U.S. imperialist aggressors brought the "Pueblo" incident to the United Nations, the article stressed that any decision of the Security Council to shift on to others the responsibility of the U.S. imperialist aggressors for the situation created in the Far East, is totally invalid.

In conclusion the article expressed support for the firm stand of the D.P.R.K. in regard to the threat, blackmail and military provocation of U.S. imperialism against the Korean people.

IN CAMBODIA

The Cambodian paper "Sochivathor" in its article of January 26 condemned the criminal act of the U.S. imperialists who sent an armed spy ship into the territorial waters of Korea, and warned that if the U.S. imperialists all atremble with fear dare to unleash a war, they are bound to meet with a defeat at the hands of Korea which has turned into an incomparably strong country. The Korean people will not leave the U.S. imperialist aggressors a free hand.

Carrying a detailed summary of the confession of the captain of the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces, the "Cambodge" of the same day wrote that this scoundrel admitted that last December they "were given another im-

portant mission to detect the areas along the Soviet Maritime Province and the coastal areas of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and that this mission had been carefully prepared by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency."

The January 29 issue of the Cambodian paper "Sorya" printed an editorial headlined, "Does the U.S. Intend to Unleash a War Again?"

Pointing out that "it is the habitual tactics of the U.S. imperialists to shift on to others the responsibility for the aggressive acts they have committed," the editorial stressed:

"As we know well, the Korean people who have the traditions of struggle against U.S. imperialism and brought the U.S. imperialists to their knees will not give the U.S. imperialist brigands a free hand."

Exposing the manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism for igniting war and quoting the statement of the Government of our country, an article of the paper of the same day captioned "Manoeuvres to Unleash a War in Korea" stressed: "If U.S. imperialism plays recklessly with fire against the Korean people, all the socialist countries and justice-loving peoples of Asia, Africa and the whole world will extend support and encouragement to the Korean people."

On January 29 another Cambodian paper "Sovannephum" carried an editorial under the headline "The Captain of the 'Pueblo' Confessed" and an article entitled "U.S. Imperialism Brings 'Complaint' before the United Nations over the 'Pueblo' Incident." The paper denounced U.S. imperialism

for illegally bringing the "Pueblo" incident to the United Nations with the snaky aim of covering up its aggressive acts.

On January 27 the "Cambodge," a leading paper of Cambodia, carried an article captioned "The U.S. Imperialists Are Stepping Up Their Moves for Unleashing Another War in Korea."

The article pointed out that the armed spy ship sent by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, the den of spies of U.S. imperialism, was captured conducting espionage activities after intruding into the territorial waters of the D.P.R.K. Then, it condemned the U.S. imperialists for trying to cover up their aggressive acts by calling a United Nations Security Council Session.

Pointing out that provocations of U.S. imperialism along the Military Demarcation Line of Korea have become more frequent in recent months, the article stressed: "All this shows that the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique are scheming to enkindle the flames of a new war."

"Can the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi clique who are making a false show of power frighten the Korean people? Absolutely not! The Korean people who have glorious traditions of struggle and brought the U.S. imperialists to their knees at Panmunjom are not afraid in the least of such provocative acts. If the U.S. imperialists provoke another war in Korea, they are bound to meet with their doom like the sun setting in the west

and will find themselves in a more sorry plight," the paper warned.

IN LEBANON

The January 25 issue of the Lebanese paper "Saut al Uruba" carried an editorial saying that the fresh provocation of the U.S. imperialists against the D.P.R.K. has evoked indignation and wrath from the peoples throughout the world. The editorial went on to say:

The U.S. imperialists are violating international law. The coastal waters of another country are not a stage for espionage activities. The U.S. imperialists must stop invading the coastal waters of other countries.

Condemning the hue and cry raised by the U.S. imperialists over this incident, the paper emphasized that their clamours could never be justified.

IN JAPAN

The Presidium of the Central Committee of the Japan Communist Party issued on January 26 a statement, "We Condemn the Aggression and Provocation of the U.S. Imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea."

The statement said in part:

The armed spy ship "Pueblo" of U.S. imperialism engaged itself in espionage activities in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It is obvious that all the responsibility for this incident rests with the U.S. imperialists who perpetrated criminal acts of espionage and provocations. This notwithstanding, the U.S. imperialists have openly taken the stand of threat by arms and are trying to further step up illegal military provocations.

This reveals the new intrigue of the U.S. imperialists to extend aggression in Asia by using Japan as a base, and it is an open act of armed aggression which encroaches upon the sovereignty and independence of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and, at the same time, is an unpardonable challenge to peace in Asia and the security of Japan. In these circumstances the Japan Communist Party affirms its stand of supporting, together with the broad sections of the Japanese people, the just struggle of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people against the aggression and provocation of the U.S. imperialists and, at the same time, sternly protests against the fresh Japan-based military provocations of the U.S. imperialists and resolutely demands an immediate end to them.

The statement further pointed out as follows:

The military provocations of the U.S. imperialists along the Military Demarcation Line of Korea are a prelude to the extension of the conquer-one-

by-one policy, now being pursued in their Vietnamese aggression, to the aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; at the same time, those military provocations have the aggressive and reactionary aim of dampening, by diverting the attention of the South Korean people, the people's anti-U.S., national salvation struggle which is raging across the whole of South Korea against the U.S. imperialists' military occupation and the Pak Jung Hi puppet regime's policy of fascist suppression.

The illegal espionage activities of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" and the subsequent act of military blackmail show that the U.S. imperialist policy of military provocation in preparation of a new war against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has entered a new, serious phase.

In view of the fact that the U.S. imperialists are pursuing the dangerous conquer-one-by-one policy, it is a more important and urgent task in effectively smashing the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression and war that all the anti-imperialist, democratic forces of the world unite, and achieve and develop anti-imperialist joint action and an anti-imperialist united front.

As disclosed in the "Operation Three Arrows" and "Operation Running Bull," the U.S. imperialists count Japan as the biggest base in their scheme for a new war of aggression in Korea, and have made it an invariable policy to mobilize also the Japanese "Self-Defence Force" and conduct Japan-

U.S. joint operations under the command of the U.S. imperialist aggressor army.

Calling upon the entire Japanese people and democratic forces to resolutely denounce U.S. imperialism—the chief incendiary in war provocation and aggression—and come out at once in a protest action against the military provocation of U.S. imperialism under the present grave situation, the statement emphasized that it is an urgent task to wage at all work places and in all regions of Japan all forms of extensive mass movements protesting against the military provocation of U.S. imperialism against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Japanese government's co-operation and participation in the military provocation.

Calling upon the people to make a determination and get themselves ready to answer the U.S. imperialists with powerful protest struggles including the general strike of the working class if they unleash a new aggressive war in Korea, the statement stressed in conclusion that the Japan Communist Party will fight with might and main in the van of the Japanese people.

Earlier, on January 24, the Central Committee of the Japan Communist Party sent letters of protest to Johnson, the war-like boss of U.S. imperialism, and Sato, the boss of Japanese reactionaries, denouncing the intrusion of the armed spy ship of U.S. imperialism into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the U.S. imperialists' act of new war provocation.

The Japan Socialist Party, at its regular nation-

al convention on January 24, adopted a resolution protesting against and condemning the U.S. imperialist aggressors' act of new war provocation against Korea.

Pointing out that the U.S. imperialists are resorting to military blackmail after the U.S. imperialist spy ship "Pueblo" was captured by naval vessels of the Korean People's Army while carrying out an act of provocation in the territorial waters of the D.P.R.K., the resolution denounced that this is a trick of the U.S. imperialists driven into a tight corner in the aggressive war in Viet Nam to create a new war crisis in Korea and aggravate the Asian crisis.

The resolution demanded the U.S. imperialists to put an immediate end to the acts of provocation and military threat against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Japan-Korea Association, too, issued a statement on January 25 accusing the recent act of military provocation by U.S. imperialism against Korea as the most vicious of all provocations perpetrated ever since the Korean armistice.

The Japan-Korea Association, together with broad sections of the Japanese people who aspire after Japanese-Korean friendship and peace, will never tolerate the manoeuvres of U.S. imperialism for igniting a new war in Korea and the moves of the reactionary Sato government which joins the former actively, and will do all it can in its fight against them for peace, security, independence and

democracy in Asia and Japan, the statement declared.

The Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs also issued a statement on January 25. The U.S. imperialist aggressor army's dispatch of the armed spy ship into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with Japan as the base, is a grave military provocation against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a fully sovereign, independent state, the statement said.

The New Japan Women's Association, the Tokyo Peace Committee and the Tokyo Metropolitan Federation of Student Councils and other public organisations also issued statements or written protests strongly denouncing the act of new war provocation by the U.S. imperialist aggression forces in Korea.

On January 28 "Akahata" carried an editorial sharply denouncing the U.S. imperialist policy of new war provocation against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the moves of the Sato clique which is co-operating actively in it.

The editorial went on to say:

It is a common knowledge that U.S. imperialism has hitherto been using the United Nations for "justifying" its wicked aggressive acts. U.S. imperialism is now trying to resort to the old device again.

However, they cannot deceive the peoples in Asia and the world with such a trick. For, as has been clearly exposed in the aggressive war in Viet Nam, such trick is already disclosed to the broad

sections of the people as an intrigue and manoeuvre of U.S. imperialism to extend aggression.

Referring to the fact that while the U.S. imperialists are viciously manoeuvring to conceal the truth, the Sato clique, their faithful stooge, is actively helping them in their manoeuvre, the editorial stressed that such an attitude of the reactionary Sato government must be strongly condemned.

Needless to say, the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" belongs to the U.S. naval base in Yokosuka, Japan. Operating from Sasebo, it has been engaged in the espionage activities in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from January 16 last to carry out part of the U.S. imperialists' plan for war preparations. Moreover, the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier "Enterprise" which the Sato government allowed to call at Sasebo in disregard of the protest of the broad sections of the Japanese people, is now in the seas off Korea to unleash a war.

Two jet fighter wings moved to South Korea from Japan proper and Okinawa. And it is now clear to all that the Sato government is the most active co-operator in the U.S. imperialist plan for open armed aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Nevertheless, the Sato clique is prattling about a "peaceful solution of the matter." This is like a thief crying "stop thief," the editorial said.

Such an attitude of the Sato government is aimed at allaying the indignation of the peoples in Japan and Asia by covering up the grave criminal act

of the U.S. imperialists with the smokescreen of "peace" and obscuring the truth of the case in compliance with the wishes of U.S. imperialism.

However, the editorial pointed out, no amount of lies can help the U.S. imperialists and Japanese militarists to conceal the fact that at the bottom of the recent military provocation was their sinister plan designed to unleash a new war in Korea, as can be unerringly judged by the fact that the U.S. imperialist aggressive army and the Japanese "Defence Agency," the den of the armed forces of Japanese militarism, had jointly worked out such vicious operational plans as "Operation Three Arrows" and "Operation Running Bull" for their aggression on Korea.

The editorial stressed in conclusion that it is an urgent task ahead to intensify the struggle against the reactionary Sato government's conspiracy with U.S. imperialism in the latter's manoeuvre to ignite a new war in Korea, and it called upon the whole Party to do everything to intensify and develop this urgent and important struggle.

The Japan Socialist Party at the first day sitting of its national convention on January 24, adopted an urgent resolution denouncing U.S. imperialism and issued on January 26 a statement in the name of the convention.

Pointing out that the U.S. imperialists are uttering war cries following the capture by naval crafts of the Korean People's Army of their armed spy ship "Pueblo" which they sent into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Ko-

rea, the statement denounced that this is a dangerous intrigue of U.S. imperialism similar in essence to the incident of Bac Bo Gulf which was the prelude to the bombings on North Viet Nam, and is linked with the reckless war policy of U.S. imperialism to escalate the aggressive war in Viet Nam and unleash a "second Korean war."

It also strongly condemned the Sato government for its increasing participation in the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression in Viet Nam and for helping the U.S. imperialists in their policy for unleashing a new war in Korea.

The statement demanded U.S. imperialism to stop all the military threats and provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, cease political and military plots and machinations worked out in the name of the United Nations and withdraw the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and all the other foreign troops from South Korea.

The Central Executive Committee for the Realization of Various Demands for Abrogation of the Japan-U.S. "Security Pact" called on January 28 an emergency meeting of its Presidium and resolved to protest against the war policy of the U.S. imperialists who are perpetrating grave acts of military provocation in their efforts to unleash a new war in Korea and to launch a nation-wide campaign for strengthening the solidarity with the Korean people who have risen in a just struggle. In this connection the meeting adopted the immediate plan of action.

The plan of action which was immediately com-

municated to its subordinate organizations in all parts of Japan, points out:

Firstly, all work places, districts and schools should hold protest meetings without delay, adopt protest telegrams and resolutions to lodge them with the U.S. embassy, commanders of the nearby U.S. army bases and with the Sato government;

Secondly, propaganda activities should be intensified in all parts of the country by means of leaflets, posters, organs, and propaganda cars;

Thirdly, a "central protest meeting for denouncing the aggression and provocations of U.S. imperialism against Korea" should be held in Tokyo on the evening of February 2. The Tokyo central meeting will be held under the slogans: "Let us oppose the U.S. imperialist aggression and military provocations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and strengthen the solidarity with the Korean people!" "Let us oppose the U.S. imperialist aggression in Viet Nam and strengthen the solidarity with the Vietnamese people!" "We oppose Sato government's submission to the U.S. imperialists and participation in their aggression. Don't use Japan as the base of aggression against Korea, Viet Nam and Asia!" "Let us defend the democratic national rights of the Koreans in Japan and oppose the rupture of the work of their repatriation!" "U.S. imperialist aggressive army troops, quit Japan, Korea, Viet Nam and all areas of Asia," etc.

Democratic political parties and social organizations of Japan continually issue statements denounc-

ing the U.S. imperialists' act of new war provocation against Korea and expressing the solidarity with the fighting people of Korea. They lodge protests with Johnson, the ringleader of U.S. imperialist war-maniacs, and with the Yankee embassy in Japan.

The Japan Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity issued a statement on January 26 under the heading "We resolutely condemn the grave military provocation of U.S. imperialism against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea."

Paying deep attention to the fact that the U.S. imperialists are indulging in manoeuvres to ignite a new war in Korea by using Japan as the base, the statement vehemently denounced the reactionary Sato government for its active part in the criminal acts of U.S. imperialism.

It also expressed full support for the decisive action taken by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea against the aggressors, describing it as a due action of self-defence.

The Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, too, issued a statement on January 26 denouncing the U.S. imperialists who not only sent their armed spy ship "Pueblo" using Japan as the base to intrude into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea but are carrying out grave acts of military provocation.

On the same day, the Central Executive Committee for the Realization of Various Demands for Abrogating the Japan-U.S. "Security Pact," the Democratic Youth League of Japan, the Japan General

Federation of Councils of Students, the Japan-Korea Association, the Peace Council of Religionists of Japan, and other organizations formed their groups of protesters respectively and sent them to the Yankee embassy in Tokyo to address written protests to Johnson, the wicked ringleader of U.S. imperialist war-maniacs.

On the same day more than 1,000 workers, youths, students, women and other sections of citizens in Fukuoka held a meeting protesting against and denouncing the U.S. imperialists for their act of military provocation in Korea and sent a written protest to the war-maniac Johnson.

IN THE UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

The National Peace Council of the United Arab Republic issued on January 27 a statement condemning the malicious provocative acts of the U.S. imperialist aggressors against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The bellicose U.S. imperialists shamelessly sent their spy ship into the territorial waters of a sovereign state and thus perpetrated a reckless act of trampling upon the right of the people, the statement pointed out.

The statement called upon the public organisations of the United Arab Republic to denounce the crimes of the U.S. imperialists and support the Korean people.

The "Al Ahram" of January 26 carried an editorial condemning the piratic act of the U.S. imperialists. The hostile acts of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" had been "planned beforehand" and they were "aimed at new aggression" against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the paper stressed.

Commenting on the provocative acts of the U.S. imperialists' spy ship "Pueblo," the January 28 issue of the daily "Egyptian Mail" condemned the manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialist aggressors for unleashing a new war in Korea.

The commentary pungently denounced the infiltration of a spy ship into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a sovereign state, by U.S. imperialism as a bellicose and provocative act and noted that the U.S. imperialists are gravely menacing peace in the world and Asia.

The "Journal Egyptian" said in its commentary that the spy case of the "Pueblo" was a provocative act not only against the Korean people but against the Asian and world peoples.

Saying that the occupation of South Korea by U.S. imperialism is the main obstacle to the unification of Korea, the commentary demanded the U.S. imperialist aggressors to quit South Korea at once.

IN IRAQ

The Iraqi paper "Al Muwatin" of January 29 wrote that the capture of the U.S. imperialist arm-

ed spy ship in the territorial waters of Korea is a serious lesson to the U.S. imperialists and a stern warning to those who are encroaching upon the freedom, sovereignty and independence of other peoples.

Stressing that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has the full right to take all necessary measures for defending its security, the paper declared that the world peoples are standing firm on the side of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The January 29 issue of the "As Saura" said that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea does not allow the intrusion of the U.S. imperialist spy ship into its territorial waters but is firmly safeguarding its freedom and sovereignty. That is what irritates the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

IN ALGERIA

The Algerian paper "El-Moudjahid" denounced the criminal intrusion of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" into the territorial waters of our country, and pointed out that the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism has been brought to light ever more plainly in Asia.

Recalling that the U.S. imperialists occupying the southern half of Korea have resorted to all sorts of manoeuvres for a long time to start a new war in Korea, the paper said that the U.S. imperialists

took another grave step in their drive for a war by sending their armed spy ship again into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The paper went on:

The Korean people, however, have long since made preparations to counter it.

Premier Kim Il Sung stressed the need to step up the defence upbuilding of the country in the Political Programme of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea announced at the First Session of the Fourth Supreme People's Assembly. He said: **"The Government of the Republic will do all it can to further increase the defence capabilities of the country and build up the defence posture of the whole country and the entire people to cope with the obtaining situation."**

The counter-measure of the D.P.R.K. against the recent provocation of the U.S. imperialists attests to the correctness of the line of self-defence set forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung.

On January 25, the Algerian press service pointed out that the intrusion of the armed spy ship of U.S. imperialism into the territorial waters of the D.P.R.K. has brought the tension in Asia to a more grave pitch, and branded this provocation as the most serious one committed by the U.S. imperialists ever since the ceasefire in Korea.

The Algerian paper "El-Moudjahid" said that it is hardly possible to conceal the fact that the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship "Pueblo" was caught perpetrating espionage acts after intruding into the

territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. This notwithstanding, the paper continues, the U.S. imperialist aggressors are trying to pretend that they are the "victim," in order to hoodwink world opinion. The U.S. imperialists who are committing criminal acts all over the world, resort to such ruse whenever their crimes are exposed.

"La Republique" and "An Nasr" also reported that the navy of the Korean People's Army captured on January 23 the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces which was perpetrating provocative acts after intruding deep into the territorial waters of the northern half of the Republic. The papers denounced the U.S. imperialists for raising a war racket over this incident.

The Algerian press service also reported the Government statement of our country. It quoted the statement as saying: "The provocative act of the armed spy ship 'Pueblo' of U.S. imperialism is another flagrant violation of the Korean Armistice Agreement, an open aggression against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, a link in the chain of planned manoeuvrings of U.S. imperialism to unleash a new war in Korea and a grave menace to peace in the Far East and the rest of the world."

Also, it quoted the following passage from the statement:

"The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea resolutely opposes the discussion of the illegal 'complaint' of U.S. imperialism at the United Nations Security Council, will not recognize any decision to be concocted to cover up U.S. im-

perialist aggression and will declare it null and void."

Particularly, the press service referred to the part which reads: "If the United Nations wants to act in conformity with its Charter and mission, it must condemn the act of aggression perpetrated by the U.S. imperialists against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and take measures to check their manoeuvres for provoking a new war."

IN CHILE

The Chilean paper "El Siglo" of January 27 carried an editorial denouncing the U.S. imperialists who sent their armed spy ship "Pueblo" into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to carry out provocative acts.

The editorial expressed support for the self-defence action of the Korean people who captured the Yankee pirate ship.

The editorial said that the Government of the D.P.R.K. and the Korean People's Army defended the rights and dignity of an independent state by capturing the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of U.S. imperialism which perpetrated espionage activities after intruding deep into the territorial waters of the D.P.R.K.

Pointing out that the Korean people acted rightly when they checked the aggressors, the editorial stressed that this act is commanding the support of all the progressive peoples of the world. The edi-

torial condemned the U.S. imperialist aggressors for exploiting the incident of seizure of the "Pueblo" for stepping up their acts of aggression and war.

IN MEXICO

The Mexican paper "Ultimas Notisias," commenting on the seizure of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces in a recent issue, denounced the very grave act of aggression of the U.S. imperialists.

The paper exposed the brazen, brigandish act of the U.S. imperialists, asking the question: "What did the armed U.S. spy ship do in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea?"

And it branded the espionage activities of the U.S. imperialist spy ship as a "very plain act of war," and condemned the U.S. imperialists for increasing the danger of war by committing acts of aggression and provocation throughout the world.

IN URUGUAY

The Uruguayan paper "El Popular" of January 29 commented on the capture of the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship "Pueblo" which perpetrated espionage acts after infiltrating into the territorial waters of Korea. Such aggressive acts of the U.S. imperialists are creating a new crisis in the Far East.

Pointing out that the U.S. imperialists are not

only carrying on a brigandish war in Viet Nam, engineering military coups in other countries and blockading Cuba, but threatening peace, security and the lives of millions of people, the paper scathingly denounced the U.S. imperialists for persisting in manoeuvres for fresh aggression.

IN FRANCE

The statement of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party issued on January 25 denounced the military provocation by the U.S. imperialists. Stressing that the French Communist Party voices full solidarity with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, it pointed out that the armed spy ship "Pueblo" of U.S. imperialism was caught red-handed.

The statement exposed the fact that the U.S. imperialists are plotting for an ever more dangerous military provocation against the D.P.R.K.

Exposing the fact that the Johnson clique, having sustained serious setbacks in the Viet Nam war and landed themselves deeper in a quandary, are hatching a new plot for expansion of war to drag the whole of Asia into war flames, the statement said that this aggressive policy is part and parcel of the "world strategy" of U.S. imperialism.

The January 25 issue of "l'Humanité" pointed out that the recent act of military provocation perpetrated by the armed spy ship of U.S. imperialism,

has shown once again that U.S. imperialism is the war incendiary in all parts of the world. It emphasized that under such situation the world people should fight against the aggressive designs and adventure of U.S. imperialism.

The January 27 issue of the same paper pointed out that the aggressive act of the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship has been exposed so glaringly that it can not be concealed.

The paper said that though the bosses of U.S. imperialism are seeking all possible pretexts to cover up their crime, their excuses do not hold water. The paper pointed out that it has become still harder for the Johnson clique to conceal their crime.

The paper said that the "Pueblo" perpetrated hostile acts against the D.P.R.K. and she had beyond doubt gone into the territorial waters of the northern half of the Republic.

IN BRITAIN

The Political Committee of the British Communist Party issued a statement on January 27 condemning the aggressive act of the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship which perpetrated a military provocation after intruding into the territorial waters of our country. The statement exposed the fact that the U.S. imperialists have further aggravated tension by sending their armed spy ship into Korea's

territorial waters, menacing peace and security of the world.

The "Morning Star" of January 25 carried an editorial denouncing the act of burglary committed by the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces in the territorial waters of the D.P.R.K. in broad daylight on January 23.

Accusing the encroachment by the armed spy ship of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces on the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as another dangerous crime, the editorial said that such a provocative act is a grave menace to world peace.

IN SWEDEN

The Swedish paper "Aftonbladet" of January 26 denounced the U.S. imperialists in connection with the military provocation committed by their armed spy ship in the territorial waters of our country.

The paper said that the U.S. imperialists who are accustomed to telling a lie while perpetrating acts of military provocation in various parts of the world, are trying to cover up their aggressive act, in spite of the fact that "they are standing exposed as notorious aggressors in Asia."

The paper denounced that the U.S. imperialists have perpetrated another military provocation recently, proceeding from their policy of Asian aggression.

IN ITALY

The Italian paper "Paese Sera", reporting that the U.S. imperialist armed spy ship "Pueblo" was captured in the territorial waters of our country, denounced the U.S. imperialist aggressors who are alleging that the spy ship was seized "outside the territorial waters" of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The paper exposed that the armed spy ship "Pueblo" perpetrated a very grave act of provocation after receiving "assignments" from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

The "Forze Nouve" pointed out that the intrusion into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship was a "dangerous act" menacing world peace.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Italian Communist Party denounced the "grave provocative act" committed by U.S. imperialism, and demanded the Italian reactionary government to condemn the piratic act of U.S. imperialism.

IN FINLAND

The Finnish paper "Paivan Sanomat" of January 27 stressed that the Yankee spy ship which intrud-

ed into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and conducted espionage activities in broad daylight, was duly punished by the Korean people.

Recalling that the U.S. imperialist aggressors' ship extremely aggravated the tension in this part of the world by intruding into the territorial waters of a sovereign state and conducting espionage activities, the paper noted that U.S. imperialism must be held entirely responsible for the aggravated tension.

The paper emphasized that the capture by naval vessels of the Korean People's Army of the U.S. imperialist spy ship which intruded into the territorial waters of its country, is a legitimate self-defence action, and it added that every state has the right to do so.

The paper also pointed out that the recent intrusion of the armed spy ship of U.S. imperialism into the territorial waters of the D.P.R.K. affords another proof of the existing world-wide espionage networks of the U.S. imperialist aggressive army and the Central Intelligence Agency.

IN THE UNITED STATES

U.S. negro leader Robert Tlicher staying in Havana, the capital of Cuba, issued a statement in connection with the fact that the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship which intruded into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

was captured by naval vessels of the heroic Korean People's Army, each of whose members is a match for a hundred foes.

Saying that the U.S. imperialists' dispatch of an armed spy ship into the territorial waters of another country is an unpardonable international provocation, he stressed that the American negroes strongly denounce the U.S. imperialists for their fresh act of aggression and provocation. The seizure of this spy ship is a demonstration of the might of the Korean People's Army and a deserving punishment to the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

Denouncing the U.S. imperialists who have kicked up a war racket, raving that they would take "reprisals," in an attempt to cover up their crime, he stated:

We actively support the struggle of the Korean people who are gallantly fighting for the unification of their fatherland against the truculent U.S. imperialist aggressors. We will always stand firmly on the side of the Korean people. We are firmly convinced that the Korean people will surely drive out the U.S. imperialist aggressors from their territory and achieve the unification of the country.

The frantic manoeuvres of the Johnson clique to ignite a new war in Korea, are evoking strong protest and denunciation in the United States, too.

Gus Hall, General Secretary of the National Committee of the U.S. Communist Party, issued a statement on January 29 in connection with the incident of the "Pueblo" which intruded into the

territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, warning that the U.S. imperialists must immediately stop their new war provocation drive in Asia.

Saying that the United States has been caught red-handed in the rash, criminal act of war provocation, he pointed out that this provocative act can never be concealed with a large-scale encroachment or blackmail by the "Enterprise" or any other means. It must be condemned, he added.

He emphasized that there must be a guarantee against acts of this kind.

Noting that the American people who aspire after peace should raise their voices for preventing a new war which the U.S. ruling circles are at pains to unleash, he went on to say:

It is necessary to put an end to the U.S. policy of all-out aggression in Southeast Asia. We should pull out of Asia now, before falling deeper into a more fatal situation, and should leave the people in that part of the world to themselves to shape their own destinies.

On the same day, the "Women's Struggle for Defence of Peace" organization in Boston, the United States, issued a press statement denouncing the new grave provocative act of the U.S. imperialists against the Korean people and demanding Johnson to stop at once such a provocative act aimed at further expanding the war of aggression.

DELEGATES OF MANY COUNTRIES AT THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION CONDEMN THE BRIGANDISH ACT OF U.S. IMPERIALISTS WHO SENT AN ARMED SPY SHIP INTO THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE D.P.R.K.

The U.S. imperialists, entirely lost to shame, brought the issue of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" before the U.N. in a frantic attempt to justify their criminal act of having sent the ship into the territorial waters of the D.P.R.K. to carry out hostile acts. The U.S. imperialists who are accustomed to using the United Nations as a tool for aggression, staged the farce of "complaining" to the United Nations Security Council, accusing in a brigandish way the Korean people's self-defence action of seizing the armed spy ship "Pueblo," as a "violation of international law."

But such a brigandish act of U.S. imperialists met with a strong rebuff from the start.

Delegates of many countries were opposed to putting the so-called "complaint" of the U.S. imperialists on the agenda of the U.N. Security Council Session.

According to reports from New York, Soviet delegate P.D. Morozov, speaking at the first day sitting on January 27 which discussed procedural problems, accused the U.S. imperialists for their request

to convene a Security Council meeting as a move to shift on to others the responsibility for the tension, reversing black and white, and cover up their ceaseless acts of aggression in Korea.

He stressed: The Security Council could not and should not discuss the incident of the seizure of the "Pueblo." To seize a spy ship which intrudes into the territorial waters of a country is an internal affair of that country.

Pointing to the aggravation of tension in Korea, he emphasized that the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops and the intrusion of the naval crafts of the U.S. imperialist aggression forces into the territorial waters of Korea are the source of the tension in Korea.

Hungarian delegate Karoly Csatorday denounced the U.S. imperialists for sending the armed spy ship into the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to perpetrate hostile acts. He emphasized that the real cause of the aggravated tension in Korea is the aggressive manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists. He opposed putting on the agenda the U.S. imperialists' "complaint" about the incident of the seizure of the "Pueblo."

Algerian delegate also opposed placing the "complaint" of U.S. imperialism on the agenda.

Despite the strong opposition of delegates of many countries, the U.S. imperialists forcibly put their "complaint" on the agenda, by mobilizing their voting machine.

The U.S. imperialists who forcibly passed the agenda told whopping lies from the beginning to

whitewash their criminal act and mislead world public opinion.

Distorting facts to make it appear as if the armed espionage ship was captured in the "international warters," the U.S. imperialists tried hard to justify their brigandish act and made Britain and other followers sing in tune with them.

With no shameless trick, however, could the U.S. imperialists cover up their piratic act.

At the second day sitting, delegates of a number of countries refuted the shameless assertion of the U.S. imperialists who reversed black and white, and exposed the aggressive act of the U.S. imperialist pirates.

Denouncing the U.S. imperialists for distorting facts and trying to shift the responsibility for their criminal act on to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Hungarian delegate Karoly Csatorday gave the lie to the incoherent "explanation" of the U.S. imperialists about the incident of the seizure of the "Pueblo."

Quoting the confession of the captain of the armed spy ship of U.S. imperialism, he exposed the U.S. imperialist policy of aggression and war.

He condemned that the U.S. imperialists covered the world with their military bases, unleashed a criminal war of aggression in Viet Nam, violate the borders of Cambodia and other countries and are bent on provocative acts against the D.P.R.K.

Exposing the fact that the U.S. imperialists continue to violate the territorial waters of the D.P.R.K. and are perpetrating various other provocative acts,

he pointed out that the root cause of the aggravation of tension in Korea was the occupation of South Korea by U.S. imperialism.

He stressed: "The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is not alone. She is a member of the socialist camp. Everyone must remember this."

In his speech, Soviet delegate P.D. Morozov roundly denounced the military provocations of U.S. imperialism against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Refuting the false insistence of the U.S. imperialists who are accustomed to reversing black and white, he recalled the fact that the U.S. imperialists had told sheer lies even after they sent spy plane "U-2" to intrude into the air space of another country for espionage activities.

He emphasized: The "Pueblo" was captured while carrying on hostile acts in the territorial waters of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. It is a legitimate step to capture the armed spy ship engaged in espionage activities.

Condemning the suppression of South Korean patriots by the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, he stressed that the U.S. imperialist aggressor troops must pull out of South Korea.

In conclusion he exposed the fact that the U.S. imperialists are creating a new hotbed of war by ceaselessly conducting hostile acts against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. He emphasized that these acts of U.S. imperialism should not be tolerated.

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