Stop U.S. Germ Warfare!

THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE FOR WORLD PEACE AND AGAINST AMERICAN AGGRESSION

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Kuo Mo-jo's Appeal to the World Peace Council

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The American aggressors have openly carried out bacteriological warfare in Korea on a large scale without the slightest consideration for humanity. From January 28 to February 17, the American army of aggression, in order to massacre in cold blood the peaceful people of Korea and the armed forces of the Korean and Chinese people, have used military aircraft to spread large quantities of insects, both at the front and in the rear, which were infested with germs—plague, cholera, typhus fever and other contagious diseases.

Such monstrous crimes have aroused boundless indignation among the Chinese and Korean peoples.

This criminal action has seriously violated the resolutions which were adopted at Warsaw by the World Peace Congress in accordance with the wishes of all the people throughout the world—resolutions which provided for the prohibition of the use of bacteriological and chemical weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction. Such action constitutes a flagrant violation of international law and all conventions which stipulate the prohibition of bacteriological weapons. No peace-loving person who has conscience and human quality can remain unmoved or tolerate such infamy.

On behalf of the Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and Against American Aggression, I hereby lodge a solemn protest against these atrocities perpetrated by the American aggressors which represent a flagrant violation of international law and a savage attack on justice and civilization of mankind.

As is well known, since the conclusion of the Second World War the American aggressors have employed numerous Japanese bacteriological war criminals who secretly studied and manufactured a great variety of bacteriological weapons. More recently, the American aggressors have frequently used war prisoners of the Korean People's Army and of the Chinese People's Volunteers and peaceful Korean civilians as objects of experimentation for bacteriological warfare. Today, the American aggressors, while delaying and obstructing without any plausible reason the negotiations for bringing about a cessation of hostilities in Korea, have no scruple in openly undertaking bacteriological warfare on a large scale.

Thus the sinister intention of the American aggressors to prolong and extend the war in Korea in order to put into execution their plan of general conflagration, was fully brought to light. That is why this loathsome crime committed by the American aggressors in Korea is not only a criminal attack against the Korean people and against the Chinese and Korean people's forces, but at the same time constitutes a grave threat to world peace and humanity as a whole.

The peaceful peoples of all countries should from now on recognise in the American aggressors the most deadly enemies of world peace and justice of mankind. I am convinced that such acts of slaughter, such a criminal attack against world peace and security of humanity will be condemned by all those who love peace and will suffer shattering blows at the hands of the Chinese and Korean peoples.

For the purpose of safeguarding world peace and the security of mankind, I put before the World Peace Council in the name of the Chinese People's Committee for World Peace and Against American Aggression, our just accusation against the American aggressors responsible for the crime of mass destruction. The peace-loving peoples of all the countries should be mobilised with a view to preventing the American aggressors from carrying on bacteriological war in Korea and demanding that the American government immediately put an end to its tactics of delaying the talks for the cessation of hostilities in Korea so that these negotiations may reach an agreement without difficulty.

All the peace-loving people cannot tolerate the shameless use of bacteriological weapons by the American aggressors who are destroying world peace by extending the war in Korea. The solemn resolutions prohibiting the utilisation of arms of mass destruction which were adopted by the World Congress of the Partisans of Peace and by the World Peace Council will certainly be defended by the mighty power of the peace-loving people of the whole world.

Statement By Chou En-lai

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

(This statement was issued on February 24, 1952 in support of the protest made on February 22, 1952 by Bak Hun Yung, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Korean Democratic People's Republic)

According to authenticated data available at the field headquarters of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers, the American aggressor troops have, since January 28, 1952, repeatedly employed, on a scale larger than before, bacteriological weapons which are aimed at slaughtering the peaceful people of Korea, the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers. Bak Hun Yung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Korean Democratic People's Republic, issued on February 22 of this year a statement protesting against these new crimes and calling on the people of the whole world to check the atrocities of the American imperialists and investigate and define the international responsibility of those who organise the employment of bacteriological weapons.

I am authorised to formally state that the Central People's Government of the Chinese People's Republic and the Chinese people fully support this just stand of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

As is universally known, this is not the first time that American imperialism has used bacteriological weapons in its war of intervention in Korea. As early as during the period from December 1950 to January 1951, the American aggressor troops disseminated smallpox viruses in Pyongyang, Kangwon Province, South Hamkyong Province, Hwanghae Province and several other areas while retreating southward across the 38th Parallel under the combined blows of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers. The recent criminal act of the American aggressor troops in repeatedly scattering by aircraft large quantities of germ-carrying insects over the frontline positions and in the rear of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers has provided further proof that the United States government is continuing planned and premeditated germ warfare in a completely inhuman manner. The people of the whole world, squarely faced with the facts, cannot but identify the United States government as the first war criminal in the world today, which, in pursuance of its aggressive war, does not scruple to use bacteriological weapons in violation of all international conventions.

In its machinations to undermine world peace and prepare for world war, American imperialism first employed Shiro Ishii, Jiro Wakamatsu, Masajo Kitano and other Japanese bacteriological warfare criminals, whose hands have long been stained with the blood of the Chinese and Korean people, to carry out on the Korean battlefield experiments and manufacture of various types of lethal bacteria. Hundreds and thousands of the captured personnel of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers have been victims of experiments with these bacteriological weapons. And now American imperialism is using these tested bacteriological weapons to slaughter the peaceful people of Korea. If the people of the world do not resolutely put an end to this crime, then the calamities befalling the peaceful people of Korea today will befall the peaceful people of the world tomorrow. The criminal act of American imperialism in waging bacteriological warfare has thus proved that American imperialism is the most dangerous foe of the Chinese and Korean people and the peaceful people of the whole world.

It must be pointed out that American imperialism was forced to conduct armistice negotiations after receiving shattering blows at the hands of the heroic Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers during the war of intervention which it launched in Korea. Nevertheless, American imperialism is not willing to accept its defeat. In the negotiations, it resorts to all sorts of shameless delaying tactics to obstruct the progress of the negotiations on the one hand, and callously conducts brutal germ warfare on the other. It attempts by these means to prolong and extend the Korean war and achieve its aggressive designs to destroy the People's Republic of China and undermine peace and security in the Far East. The Chinese people are determined to smash, and inevitably will smash, the shameless machinations and criminal acts of American imperialism. American imperialism will not only fail to attain its criminal ends but will, without doubt, ignominiously pay the penalty for its crimes before the just wrath of the peaceful people of the whole world.

On behalf of the Chinese people, I charge the United States government, before the people of the whole world, with the heinous crime of employing bacteriological weapons, in violation of all principles of humanity and international conventions, to slaughter peaceful citizens and armed fighters in Korea. I call on the peace-loving people all over the world to take steps to put an end to the frenzied, criminal acts of the United States government. The Chinese people, together with the people throughout the world, will struggle to the very end to halt the frenzied crimes of the United States government.

Statement By Bak Hun Yung

Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Korean Democratic People's Republic

February 22, 1952

On May 8, 1951 the Government of the Korean Democratic People's Republic lodged a serious protest with the United Nations against the use of bacteriological weapons by the American imperialist interventionists in their war of aggression against Korea. However, the forces of the American imperialist invaders again used bacteriological weapons early this year for mass annihilation of the people. They have thus committed the most serious criminal act in the history of mankind, viciously violating all international conventions relating to war.

According to authenticated data available at the headquarters of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers, the American imperialist invaders, since January 28 this year, have been systematically scattering large quantities of bacteria-carrying insects by aircraft in order to disseminate infectious diseases over our frontline positions and rear.

On January 28, enemy military aircraft dropped three types of infected insects, over the Yongsodong and Yongsudong areas to the southeast of Ichon, such as have never been seen before in Korea. The first type resembles black flies; the second, fleas; and the third, ticks.

On January 29, enemy military aircraft again scattered large numbers of flies and fleas over the Ichon area.

On February 11, enemy military aircraft dropped large numbers of paper tubes and paper packets filled with fleas, spiders, mosquitoes, ants, flies and other bacteria-carrying insects over our frontline positions in the Chorwon area; a large quantity of flies over the Sibyonni area, and a large quantity of fleas, flies, mosquitoes and grasshoppers in the Pyongyang area.

On February 13, enemy aircraft scattered large quantities of flies, mosquitoes, spiders and fleas over the Kumhwa area.

On February 15, enemy military aircraft scattered large quantities of bacteria-carrying flies, spiders and other insects over the Pyongyang area.

On February 16, enemy military aircraft again scattered such types of infected insects over the Hongsu and Ochonni areas, east of the Pukhan River.

On February 17, four enemy aircraft scattered flies and fleas over the Shankapri and Hakkapri areas north of Pyongyang.

Bacteriological tests show that these insects scattered by the aggressors on the positions of our troops and in our rear are infected with plague, cholera and the germs of other infectious diseases.

This is irrefutable proof that the enemy is employing bacteria on a large scale and in a well-planned manner to slaughter the men of the Koreon People's Army, the Chinese People's Volunteers and peaceful Korean civilians.

I am instructed by the Government of the Korean Democratic People's Republic to lodge a solemn protest in the name of the Korean people against these foul atrocities.

After starting the war of aggression in Korea, the American imperialists have violated international conventions and are conducting bacteriological warfare on a large scale to slaughter the Korean people at the front and in the rear, in a vain attempt to turn Korea into an American military base.

This is by far the most serious of the atrocities perpetrated by the U.S. imperialist invaders in Korea.

At the same time, it shows clearly that U.S. imperialism is the enemy not only of the Korean people but also of all peace-loving people in the world. It is essential that the world should know that this criminal bacteriological warfare used by the American imperialists in Korea is being conducted after long preparations.

The Biological Warfare Section of the U.S. Army Chemical Corps has manufactured sixteen kinds of bacteriological weapons to spread bacteria by air and water for mass annihilation of the people.

In March 1951, the U.S. landing craft No. 1091 sailed to Wonsan. under the command of Crawford F. Sams, chief of the so-called Public Health and Welfare Section of the U.N. Forces General Headquarters. They later went to Koje Island, where they used captured men of the Korean People's Army and Chinese People's Volunteers for bacteriological experiments.

In perpetrating these ghastly crimes, the American imperialists have been openly collaborating with the Japanese bacteriological war criminals, the former jackals of Japanese militarism whose crimes have been proven by irrefutable evidence. Among the Japanese war criminals sent to Korea were Shiro Ishii, Jiro Wakamatsu and Masajo Kitano. On February 1, 1950 the Soviet Government proposed that these major planners of bacteriological warfare be handed over to a special international military tribunal.

Working hand in glove with the Japanese war criminals who are recognised as such by the whole world, including America, the American imperialists are waging bacteriological warfare on a large scale in our country.

It is clear that the American aggressors are determined to use the sworn enemies of the Korean people—the Japanese imperialists and particularly the Japanese war criminals, who are running dogs of American imperialism and known to the world as major planners of bacteriological warfare—to exterminate the Korean people. This vicious scheme of the American and Japanese imperialists has aroused the wrath and indignation of the people throughout Korea.

Like the other outrages engineered by the American imperialists during the Korean armistice negotiations, the use of bacteriological warfare brings out the criminal character of American imperialism in all its hideousness. But whatever violent means it employs, American imperialism will never attain its ends in Korea. What is in store for it is nothing but the most vehement opposition of the peace-loving people and utter bankruptcy of its aggressive schemes.

The Korean people will continue their struggle together with the people of the world against the savage atrocities of the American imperialists which trample on international law and every human moral precept.

We resolutely protest against the new crime that the interventionists are perpetrating by spreading deadly germs in Korea. We appeal to the people of the whole world to check the outrages of the interventionists and to investigate and define the international responsibility of the organisers of the use of bacteriological weapons.

Foreign Minister Chou En-lai's Protest Statement

March 8, 1952

After launching large-scale bacteriological warfare in Korea on January 28, 1952, the American aggressive forces, between February 29 and March 5, sent 68 formations of military aircraft making a total of 448 sorties to invade China's territorial air in the Northeast and scatter large quantities of germ-carrying insects at Fushun, Sinmin, Antung, Kwantien, Linkiang and other areas, and to bomb and strafe the Linkiang and Changtienhokow area. The details of these incidents are as follows:

(1) On February 29, American aircraft, in 14 formations, flew a total of 148 sorties over Antung, Fushun, Fengcheng and other areas and scattered insects over Fushun. An investigation on the spot showed that insects of a black colour were found within an area of 15-20 kilometres in Fushun County covering Takow, Lijen, and Fangsiao villages and Lientaowan.

(2) On March 1, American aircraft, in 14 formations, flew a total of 86 sorties to intrude over Fushun, Tatungkow, Changtienhokow, Kwantien and Chian and scatter insects of a black colour resembling fleas over Makinchwang and other places in Fushun County. Of these planes, 8 in one group strafed a point 5 kilometres northwest of Changtienhokow.

(3) On March 2, American aircraft, in 12 formations, flew a total of 72 sorties over Fushun, Antung, Tatungkow, Changtienhokow, Kiuliencheng, Chian, Kwantien and Changpai. They dropped large quantities of flies, mosquitoes, fleas and other types of insects over Takow and other parts of Fushun County and areas between Fushun and Mukden.

(4) On March 3, five formations of American aircraft, flying a total of 32 sorties, intruded and scattered insects over Antung, Langtow and Chian.

(5) On March 4, thirteen formations of American aircraft flew a total of 72 sorties, to intrude and scatter insects over Antung, Langtow, Tatungkow, Kiuliencheng, Changtienhokow, Sinmin, Chian, Hunkiangkow and Kwantien. At 11 a.m. of the same morning, six American aircraft were observed above Langtow. They dropped from a height of 5,000 metres two cloth receptacles which burst open some 2,000 metres from the ground, and then a swarm of flies was found near the highway. At 2 p.m., an American aircraft was observed over Paikipao and Jaoyangho in Sinmin County. It dropped a load of flies. On the same day, American aircraft were active over Kwantien, and afterwards flies, mosquitoes,

crickets and fleas dropped by American aircraft were immediately found east of Kwantien city and at Hungsheklatze and other places.

(6) On March 5, ten formations of American aircraft flew a total of 38 sorties to intrude over Antung, Anpingho, Changtienhokow, Hunkiangkow, Tunghua and Linkiang. Of these, one group of eight planes at about 8 a.m. indiscriminately bombed and strafed Linkiang, wounding two people and destroying five houses.

In view of the fact that the United States government has dared repeatedly and openly to make air intrusions over China's territory, spread germ-bearing insects and indiscriminately bomb, strafe and kill Chinese people at the same time as it is delaying the Korean armistice negotiations and obstructing a peaceful settlement of the Korean question in an attempt to prolong and extend the Korean war, I am authorised by the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China to solemnly protest against these most savage and brutal acts of aggression and provocation by the United States government.

The open and direct acts of aggression of the United States government against the People's Republic of China date from June 27, 1950 when U.S. President Truman announced the despatch of its navy to invade and occupy China's territory, Taiwan. On August 27, 1950 the American aggressor troops in Korea began to send their military aircraft to intrude into the territorial air of Northeast China. From then on, the military aircraft of the United States government have many times intruded over Northeast China and carried out reconnaissance, strafing and bombing. Now, on the heels of its large-scale bacteriological warfare in Korea, the United States government is adding to its open violation of international law and all laws of humanity by scattering large quantities of bacteria-laden insects over Northeast China. This is an attempt by the criminal and vicious device of mass slaughter of peaceful people to further its aims of invading China and threatening the security of the Chinese people.

These brutal crimes of the United States government will never be tolerated by the Chinese people. The opposition of the Chinese people in their wrath will assure the ignominious failure of these crimes.

It is the view of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China that the United States government, pursuing its objectives of extending the Korean war and undermining peace in the Far East and other parts of the world, has employed bacteriological weapons, strictly prohibited by humanity and international conventions, against the peaceful population and armed forces of the Korean and Chinese peoples in Korea, and is even extending such crimes against the peaceful population in Northeast China by employing these unlawful bacteriological weapons in a brutal provocation.

In its statement of February 24, the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China pointed out: "If the people of the world do not resolutely put an end to this crime, then the calamities befalling the peaceful people of Korea today will befall the peaceful people of the world tomorrow." Now is the time for the peace-loving people of the world to

rise and put an end to the maniacal crimes of the United States government. We are confident that human justice and peace will triumph.

The Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China hereby makes it known that members of the American air force who invade China's territorial air and use bacteriological weapons will be dealt with as war criminals on capture.

The Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China at the same time declares that the United States government must bear the full responsibility for all the consequences arising from air intrusions over China's territory, the use of bacteriological weapons and the murder of Chinese people by indiscriminate bombing and strafing.

Against U.S. Bacteriological War

A Statement by the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Democratic Parties of China

March 8, 1952

American imperialism, whose brutality is unprecedented in history, has suffered disastrous blows in its aggressive war in Korea, which is today nearly two years old. Over eight months have passed since it was first compelled to negotiate for an armistice. It has, however, not only no intention today of mending its ways but is using every underhand means to obstruct the armistice talks. It unscrupulously violates international conventions and becomes the enemy of human justice by committing the monstrous crime of waging large-scale bacteriological warfare.

Since January 28 this year, military aircraft of the American invaders have repeatedly scattered large quantities of germ-carrying insects over the frontline positions and rear of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers. This has aroused the boundless wrath of the Chinese and Korean people and the peace-loving people throughout the world. The Governments of China and Korea have issued statements in solemn protest. A continuous series of protests have been made by the Chinese and Korean people, and people in other parts of the world.

The U.S. government, however, is doing its utmost to escape, deny and evade its responsibility. In a shameless statement of March 4, U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson falsely stated that "United Nations forces have not used, and are not using, any sort of bacteriological warfare." The truth is that the American invaders not only continue to scatter germs in Korea but have further extended, from February 29 to March 5, the area of bacteriological warfare to our territory. The

American invaders sent on different occasions during this six-day period 68 formations of planes making 448 sorties to invade the territorial air of Northeast China and drop large quantities of germ-carrying insects over Fushun, Sinmin, Antung, Kwantien, Linkiang and other places. In addition, they bombed and strafed areas of Linkiang and Changtienhokow. These solid facts are a complete exposure of American imperialism, proving that it is so barbarous and inhuman that it will not stop at any ruthless methods to kill the Chinese and Korean people and prolong and extend the Korean war.

The American imperialists made preparations for bacteriological warfare long before the Second World War. As far back as 1925, the United States and Japan were the only countries among the then great powers which refused to ratify the Geneva Convention against bacteriological warfare. At the end of the Second World War, the American aggressors took under their wing a large group of Japanese bacteriological war criminals, including Shiro Ishii, Jiro Wakamatsu, and Masajo Kitano, to secretly manufacture, conduct research in, and experiment with, various bacteriological weapons. Recently, they used captured personnel of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers to test bacteriological weapons. These are all well-known facts.

The democratic parties of China and the people throughout the country fully endorse the two solemn statements issued by Chou En-lai, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Central People's Government, on February 24 and March 8, regarding these inhuman and monstrous atrocities committed by the American imperialists. To safeguard human justice, to defend peace in Asia and in the rest of the world and to safeguard our own security and that of mankind, we must wage a resolute struggle against the American aggressors' use of bacteriological weapons. We will not rest till our aim is achieved.

The democratic parties of China issue this solemn call particularly to the people throughout the country: the more maniacal American imperialism becomes, the more isolated and hopeless it is. We the Chinese people must unite among ourselves and with the Asian peoples and people in other parts of the world, to resolutely answer the frenzied provocation of the American aggressors. We must continue to strengthen our just action in resisting American aggression and aiding Korea, thoroughly carry out our militant task of combating corruption, waste and bureaucracy and further intensify our efforts to increase production and practise economy in support of the Chinese People's Volunteers and the Korean People's Army to deal mortal blows to the bacteriological war criminals.

The democratic parties of China issue this solemn call particularly to the peace-loving people of all Asia and the rest of the world (including the people of the United States and Japan), as well as all organisations striving for peace: the monstrous atrocities committed by the American aggressors are not only a serious threat to the security of mankind but are an affront to the dignity of mankind. The calamity which fell yesterday on the peaceful people of Korea, has today already fallen on the peaceful people of China. If this monstrous crime of the American imperialists is not stopped at once, a similar calamity will come crashing down

on the peaceful people of the rest of the world tomorrow. For the sake of human dignity and world peace, we must rise up and unanimously condemn the American imperialists and impose the most severe sanctions on the bacteriological war criminals.

Justice belongs to us and victory shall unquestionably be ours!

The National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

The Communist Party of China

The Revolutionary Committee of the Kuomintang

The China Democratic League

The Democratic National Construction Association

The Non-Party Democrats of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

The China Association for Promoting Democracy

The China Peasants and Workers Democratic Party

The China Chih Kung Tang

The Chiu San Society

The Taiwan Democratic Self-Government League

The New Democratic Youth League of China

American Aggressors: You Stand Condemned!

A Statement by Soong Ching Ling on American Bacteriological Warfare

The cry of "shame!" "unpardonable crime!" is resounding throughout the world. Accusing fingers, pointed in scorn and indignation, are being thrust from all corners of the globe. The protests against the American aggressors in Korea continue to heighten and swell.

The American aggressors have strafed individuals at peaceful labour in the fields. They have napalmed into oblivion the smallest villages, far from the actual war. They have bombed once-prosperous cities into ruins. Now they are attempting the most monstrous of crimes—the wiping out of whole populations in Korea and China by bacteriological warfare. It is no wonder that people everywhere have risen, first in distress at such incredible news, and then in anger! It is no wonder that the demand of the Korean and Chinese peoples, that the perpetrators of this heinous act be condemned as war criminals, is emphatically supported on all sides!

Let it be known that the peoples of the world, and especially the Chinese and Korean peoples, will not tolerate this outrage against humanity. The chapter and verse which cite aggression and mass annihilation as crimes are well known.

The resolutions of the World Peace Council and other peace organisations demanding the cessation of these crimes in international life are actively sustained by hundreds of millions. They are the basis upon which we say to the small band of profiteers, militarists and politicians who act as the United States government: "We hold you responsible for all damage, for every death and wound in Korea! We intend to prosecute you to the full for the major international crime of using bacteriological weapons!"

Those who have committed this latest act of depravity did not dare announce the fact to their own people. They know the wrath and restiveness it would cause. Their spokesmen have gone through every contortion of denial. Their press and radio have used slander and distortion to divert attention from themselves, the real culprits, to try and place the blame for the spreading of disease on the Korean and Chinese people, where it just will not stick.

American aggressors! You will never get away with this! We have the evidence on hand. It is clearly marked "Made in U.S.A." It is evidence which condemns. We have presented it for the whole world to see and pass judgment. We have shown that you have once again gone beyond reason. We have shown that you will stoop to the very lowest level, even to using Japanese criminals already condemned for bacteriological warfare; that you will further besmirch the name and purpose of the United Nations with any act, if you think it will accomplish your predatory "mission."

The truth is that you have over-stepped yourself from the very beginning. The world has changed. This is a China and a Korea you simply do not understand. You are facing people's republics, where the love for our lands and the way we have chosen for ourselves is rooted in the very core of our farmers and workers, our students and youth, our women and children. None of your schemes will throw us off or stop us, including this vilest of them. We are organised to meet and defeat your threat; and in this great battle, we have the material and spiritual help of all peace-loving people.

American aggressors! In the eyes of the world you stand condemned! The Chinese and Korean peoples will win their victory; they will carry the struggle for peace ever forward.

Li Teh-chuan's Statements

A special commission composed of 70 representatives from the various democratic parties and people's organisations was sent to Northeast China and to Korea to conduct an on-the-spot investigation into the crimes of the American aggressors in waging germ warfare. Among the members of the commission there are a number of jurists, scientists, bacteriologists, insectologists, parasitologists, epidemiologists, scholars, doctors, writers, artists and religious leaders. The two following statements were issued by Li Teh-chuan, head of the commission.

Statement Made on March 15 on the Departure of the Commission from Peking for Korea

We are going to the Korean front and Northeast China to carry out an on-the-spot investigation to gather full evidence on how American imperialism has spread germs, and to visit the heroic Korean people and our heroic Chinese People's Volunteers.

On our departure, on behalf of the commission, I declare to all peace-loving people throughout the world: The Chinese people resolutely support the solemn statements issued by Foreign Minister Chou En-lai and by China's democratic parties on March 8, and express deep indignation against the American aggressors' crime in conducting large-scale bacteriological warfare. We are dauntless before any challenge from the American aggressors. We know that the madder the enemy becomes, the more isolated and desperate he is.

The Chinese people's resist - American - aggression - and - aid - Korea movement will advance on a broader scale. All peace-loving people of the world should also act speedily to halt the American aggressors' brutal and shameless acts of germ war on the Korean front and in Northeast China. All peace-loving people of the world must realise clearly that American imperialism is the most dangerous foe of world peace and human justice. If we do not resolutely halt this atrocity of the American aggressors, then the calamity now befalling the peaceful residents of Korea and Northeast China will fall tomorrow on the peaceful people of the rest of the world.

We are confident that if the health and scientific workers of China and all the Chinese people take joint action, if all peace-loving people throughout the world act together, we can halt the crime of the American

aggressors, uphold human justice and restore and consolidate peace in the Far East and the rest of the world.

Statement Released Somewhere at the Korean Front

Since our arrival in Korea on March 20, the members of the Commission, working in teams, have carried out on-the-spot investigations, both at the Korean front and in the rear, of American bacteriological warfare. In the course of the investigations, we have examined a mass of evidence concerning the large-scale bacteriological warfare waged by the American aggressors, heard reports from anti-epidemic workers from different places on their examination of the germs spread by the American aggressors, and visited inhabitants and armed forces in areas where germs have been spread. On the basis of the evidence we have gathered, it is definitely established that the American aggressors have launched and are carrying on inhuman bacteriological warfare in Korea, regardless of their brazen attempts to deny responsibility for their crimes.

The evidence we have obtained proves that the American aggressors have spread various types of bacteria-laden vermin and objects on a large scale in northern Korea. Germs have been dropped over 27 counties, including Chorwon, Ichon, Kumhwa, Yangdok, Kangdong, Yaichon and Uiju. Germ-laden objects dropped are of many types—flies, fleas, snow fleas, mosquitoes, rats, dead fish, etc. Over a score of types of infected articles have been dropped, including biscuits, cotton, pork, canned food, cigarettes and leaflets. From January 28 to March 15, germs were dropped on over 226 occasions. Dissemination has been in the main by aircraft on moonless nights or in misty or foggy weather by spraying or dropping biological bombs. Containers made of chemical substance and light metal are among the means used. The American aggressors have also repeatedly used bacteria and poison gas bombs of various types at the front. The germs spread by the American aggressors are highly virulent and are artificially cultivated. Not only insects, food of various types and other things, but also various kinds of artificially-cultivated cold-resistant insects have been infected with these germs. The purpose of the American aggressors in adopting these vicious means is to carry out mass extermination of the Korean people and the Chinese and Korean people's forces. They hope to attain the aggressive ends which they have failed to attain at the conference table during the Korean armistice talks and on the Korean battlefield.

The American aggressors, fearing that their germ warfare crime might become known to the whole world, have tried to camouflage the evidence of their crime. For instance, a number of unexploded containers, loaded with germ-laden insects, carried the inscription "Empty." The American aggressors are attempting in this way to hoodwink people throughout the world.

The fact known to the entire world is this: The American aggressors are continuing to wage large-scale bacteriological warfare in violation of international law and human principles and in complete defiance of the just denunciations by the people of the whole world. Today the American aggressors have dropped bacteria bombs on the Chinese and Korean people, tomorrow they may also drop them on the peace-loving people in other parts of the world. American imperialism is the enemy not only of the Chinese and Korean people but of all humanity.

We earnestly appeal to honest people throughout the world to take prompt action and, for the sake of the peaceful life and security of humanity, to condemn the crime of the American aggressors and to put a halt to their germ warfare.

Joint Statement By International Journalists

The following joint statement on bacteriological warfare carried out by the American forces in Korea was issued by Kim Chong Yoon of "Mindu Chosen", Pyongyang; Chu Chi-ping of "Ta Kung Pao", Shanghai, Chungking and Hongkong; Alan Winnington of "Daily Worker", London; Wilfred Burchett of "Ce-Soir", Paris; Tibor Merai of "Szabad Nep", Budapest; and Lucian Pracki of "Zolnierz Wolnosci", Warsaw, all of whom attended the Korean truce negotiations thorughout with the exception of Lucian Pracki who arrived in Korea on August 23, 1951.

We correspondents who have covered every phase of the truce talks, on hearing the charges that Americans are waging bacteriological warfare, organised ourselves into two groups to investigate. Jointly or in separate groups, we investigated these charges at the front, in the near rear and deep rear in western Korea and especially in the region of Pyongyang.

Detailed reports on our investigations have been sent to our newspapers but we feel, in view of the historic importance of these events and the serious nature of the charges, that it is also our duty to summarise our conclusions for world public opinion to judge.

As a result of visits to many widely scattered districts, interviews with hundreds of people, soldiers, civilians, bacteriologists, doctors, medical workers and persons in health administration at all levels, we state:

Firstly, American forces are using bacteriological weapons on a large scale and in a great variety against both armed forces and civilians in North Korea, but especially against civilians.

Secondly, this weapon can be, and is being, met and defeated by close cooperation between the government and people, by mass social consciousness, discipline and courage. It is being defeated here. There are no epidemics.

Evidence against the Americans is conclusive. We found they have dropped from planes, or fired in shells of special design, a great variety of insects infected with virulent diseases of an epidemic nature. Many of the insects used are of species hitherto unknown in Korea and others of native types which do not normally appear at this time of the year.

Flies, fleas, mosquitoes and spiders are the commonest insects dropped, but lice, sand flies, bugs, ants and other species are also used. Contaminated meat, fish, cloth, feathers and straw have also been dropped.

Various bacteria are carried but the commonest are bubonic and cholera. Others include relapsing fever and typhus. Bubonic plague has never been known in the history of Korea before, and, apart from the outbreak of cholera in South Korea in 1946, this, too, is unknown for 60 years.

In one case, we have taken evidence from the entire adult population of a village that the insects which appeared after the overflight by American planes were of a species absolutely unknown. The insects were infected.

Dropping of insects is usually accompanied by dropping of propaganda leaflets and, on the front, by the firing of propaganda shells. This was the case in Pyongyang central district where at No. 6, 2nd Street, suburb of Nammunri, three people, Han San Kuk, 68 years, and his two grand-children aged six and two, died of cholera as a result, before the area could be decontaminated. Until March 19 these were the only deaths from any epidemic disease in the capital.

Insects are mostly dropped at night or in cloudy weather by planes flying very low. Containers used have included paper envelopes, as in Pyongyang central district on March 5, propaganda leaflet bombs as in Kondong Village on February 27, plastic containers and in some cases direct spraying from specially adapted planes as at Chukdong, a small village near Kaesong. Every effort seems to be made to drop the insects in or near rivers, streams, ponds and springs, especially in the case of cholera-bearing insects, as in Sonori on the 27th of February, on the Taedong River, which is 20 kilometres from Pyongyang and which provides the capital with its water supply.

Some of the insects dropped die from exposure to the cold but many also survive and are specially reared and conditioned to extreme cold. We personally found living flies on ice 10 days after most of them had been destroyed by burning. We have seen others able to fly a few hours after they had been dropped. Eyewitnesses from widely scattered parts of the country explained exactly similar habits of insects after they were found. For the first few hours the flies, for instance, are usually dazed, but after that they begin to fly at about a metre from the ground. After a few more hours they can fly twice that height and then begin to disperse.

Undoubtedly the Americans are counting on such factors as the approach of warm weather to make any epidemic seem to be from natural causes. They drop by night and in cloudy weather and use apparently normal propaganda weapons to try to conceal the evidence of their guilt. This is a weapon more insidious than any other. The Americans bank on the victims' being forced to destroy the evidence in self-defence. However, they cannot succeed in this evasion because there are tens of thousands of eye-witnesses. There are laboratory samples of non-indigenous insects and bacteria unknown in Korea. There is the mass of incontrovertible evidence—complete, damning and final. We correspondents used to dealing with facts must believe the evidence of our own eyes and ears, rather than the words of Acheson and Ridgway.

We have not only witnessed the American bacteriological attack, but also the enormous and successful fight against it. As so often before, the Americans have entirely underestimated the strength of the Korean and Chinese peoples. The whole nation and army were instantly mobilised to fight this new menace. Total inoculation was ordered and practically every square metre of North Korea cleaned and put under the scrutiny of anti-epidemic committees and groups. Instead of running away from the small synthetically created plague spots and allowing them to spread, the people, with complete confidence in their own government measures, have stayed and fought back. At the present stage it can be said that the Americans have succeeded in killing an infinitesimal number of people by this means rather than by using the same number of planes with orthodox methods.

We realise that too detailed an account of methods used to combat the germ war and of the relative efficacy of various methods the Americans are using could help the criminal to improve his technique. However, what can be said is that every man, woman and child in North Korea is now conscious of this new weapon and aware of how to deal with it. That every resource of the people and Government is in action against it and that as a result there neither is, nor has been, any epidemic.

The American air force has converted this country into ruins as no other country in world history. The living conditions of the Korean people are extremely difficult. But despite every difficulty they rose up and fought as one man against this new form of attack and despite their unfavourable living conditions, plague and cholera infections have not been allowed to spread.

In our view this is a fact of startling historical and international importance in the fight against war and for world peace.

Those are the conclusions briefly stated after several weeks of investigation covering the main areas under germ attack.

Having covered the truce talks throughout, we believe that this attack is a last ditch attempt to continue and extend the war in Korea at a crucial moment when world opinion is demanding a swift settlement of the negotiations at Panmunjom. America has failed to get back into China by force of arms and now hopes to force the Asian peoples to their knees by spreading epidemics throughout the Orient. They hope to frighten other Asian peoples who are fighting for liberty. And they wanted to carry this experiment out before an armistice was signed in Korea.

We correspondents between us have seen the razing of Warsaw, reported on the American use of mass terror at Hiroshima, lived through the destruction of Budapest, suffered under the horror of Japanese occupation in China, taken part in the defence of London from the Nazi Luftwaffe, watched the American air force pulverise Korea. We have the right and duty to appeal to the conscience of the entire world to demand a halt to this new terrible crime against the human race, which contains the seed of destruction of all the nations of the world and to demand the punishment of the criminals responsible.

Chinese People's Commission Investigates Germ Warfare Atrocities in Northeast China

When the American aggressors extended germ warfare to Northeast China, an investigating commission was organised by representatives from various public bodies to conduct an inquiry on the spot.

Below we give extracts from statements issued by the leaders and members of the Commission.

Chen Chi-yuan, head of the Northeast group of the Commission to Investigate the American Germ Warfare Crimes issued in Mukden on March 25 a statement on the discovery of a bacteriological bomb dropped by American aircraft one kilometre east of Kwantien in Liaotung Province.

During the past 10 days, he said, the Northeast group has collected conclusive evidence of various kinds which fully prove the American imperialist crime of large-scale dissemination of bacteria-laden insects and other infected material over Northeast China. The facts about the bacteriological bomb dropped over Kwantien by American aircraft are only one of many pieces of irrefutable proof.

No sensible, fair-minded person anywhere in the world could fail, in the light of this evidence, to be appalled by the utter shamelessness of the denials by the U.S. government and the Pentagon arch criminals—Acheson and Truman and the like—of their crimes. It is they who are directly organising and directing the bacteriological warfare in violation of humanity and international law, yet they have the temerity to demand that the "International Committee of the Red Cross" conduct "on-the-spot investigations."

He went to say that all the members of the Northeast group, who have personally examined the evidence, are shocked by these criminal atrocities perpetrated by the American murderers and again call upon peace-loving humanity to "unite and take immediate action to halt these barbarous atrocities of American imperialism; otherwise, such disasters may soon befall the whole of peaceful mankind."

In the past 10 days, he added, members of the group have also witnessed the inspiring fight which the heroic people of Northeast China are making against bacteriological warfare. "Medical workers, scientists and other people here, led by the People's Government and the Communist Party of China, have formed an effective epidemic prevention front and are successfully exterminating the bacteria-laden insects spread by the enemy. The industrious and courageous Chinese people are not deterred by this new viciousness. They are invincible. As long as the people of our country maintain and strengthen their unity, this criminal use of bacteriological weapons by American imperialism will undoubtedly be defeated."

In a press interview by the Mukden correspondent of the Hsinhua News Agency, members of the Northeast group of the Commission to Investigate American Germ Warfare Crimes expressed their views on the crimes committed by the American imperialists in dropping germ bombs and spreading bacteria in Kwantien County, Liaotung Province.

Peng Tse-min, representative of the Red Cross Society of China, said: "Since coming to Liaotung, we have obtained considerable evidence through on-the-spot investigations, which should close the mouths of Acheson and Ridgway. I believe that when we publish our evidence of the bacteriological war crimes perpetrated by American imperialism, it will arouse still greater public indignation throughout the world."

A leading member of the Chinese Medical Association, Fang Shih-shan, said: "We have personally examined the germ bomb and the infected insects and other materials dropped from American aircraft. Our anger at this American crime knows no bounds. We have also seen how the people of Liaotung Province are united to wipe out the germs. Their effective organisation shows that the strength of the masses is unlimited and invincible."

Mei Ju-ao, world-renowned jurist, said: "In the course of a week's investigation, we have gathered statements of eyewitnesses and other material evidence which prove that the American imperialists have spread germ-laden insects over certain parts of Northeast China and particularly over areas along the Yalu River. The remains of the germ bomb discovered east of Kwantien town, and the depositions of the eyewitnesses leave no room for doubt that the American imperialists have in fact committed this monstrous crime. From a legal standpoint, this is evidence which the American imperialists cannot possibly shrug off. The work of investigating germ warfare is obviously not easy, because the American aggressors themselves are well aware that bacteriological warfare is a grave crime against international law and against humanity. They therefore employ the most crafty and disguised methods of bacteriological warfare. However, our hard work of the past few days has yielded adequate authentic and reliable data which make it quite clear that the American imperialists have repeatedly committed, and are still committing, this disgraceful, vicious crime. The American bacteriological war criminals certainly cannot escape the severest condemnation at the bar of world opinion."

Entomologist Liu Chung-lo said: "The germ-laden insects which we have seen have laid bare the American imperialists' utterly vicious crime before the people throughout the world."

Botanist Shen Chi-yi said: "Even while we ourselves were in Antung, American aircraft spread infected tree leaves and feathers in the area. We have examined witnesses and material evidence which prove beyond reasonable doubt that the American imperialists have been carrying on this inhuman bacteriological warfare on our territory. We natural scientists have a particular obligation to participate in this just fight against germ war."

Wu Mao-sun, Secretary-General of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs who was a delegate to the Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw, said: "We have seen how the people deal with the large numbers of infected insects that have been dropped from American aircraft. The Second World Peace Congress in Warsaw defined aggression, called for the unconditional prohibition of all atomic and bacteriological weapons and demanded that any state first using such weapons must be declared war criminals. In defiance of the just demand of the people of the world,

American imperialism has dared to step forward as the enemy of the people. There is not the least doubt that they have committed this crime against peace and against humanity. We ask that in accordance with the resolution of the Warsaw Congress, the World Peace Council take immediate and effective measures to check this blood-thirsty crime of American imperialism."

Tien Teh-min, Chairman of the All-China Students' Federation, said: "The germ bomb dropped by American military aircraft over Kwantien County is one of many proofs of American imperialism's germ war crime. It is a fact which cannot be denied by Truman and Acheson. On behalf of the youth and students of China, I strongly protest against this monstrous American imperialist crime and call on all peace-loving youth throughout the world to form a common front to stop this inhuman bacteriological warfare."

A representative of the All-China Federation of Labour, Wang Jun-feng, said: "Speaking for the organised workers of China, I pledge on their behalf that we will take practical action by vigorously increasing production and supporting the Chinese and Korean people's forces as our answer to the American imperialists who have unleashed germ war."

Chu Jan, epidemiologist of the Medical College of Peking University, said that insects infected with bacteria had been found in all places where American planes had flown over, although the weather is very cold. "Degenerate members of American scientific circles have lost all vestige of human conscience and have turned the results of scientific research into weapons for the imperialists to slaughter mankind. We must ensure that the bacteriological war criminals nourished by Wall Street big business, whose hands are stained with the blood of many victims, are put on trial as soon as possible."

Sun Hsi-pu, professor of the College of Public Health of the China Medical University, said: "The American germ bomb we examined is very similar to the 'Ishii bomb' which the Japanese bacteriological war criminals used against China. This in itself is a clear enough exposure of all the American imperialist sophistry and denials."

Entomologist Ma Shih-chun said: "I have seen the germ bomb dropped by the American imperialists over Kwantien County and have examined specimens of infected insects. The American imperialists' crime in violation of international law is established beyond question. I personally know that the U.S. government has for a long time been preparing on a large scale for bacteriological warfare. A year and half ago when I was in America, I saw photographs showing living human beings being used for testing germ weapons in American research institutions. I have myself spoken to a staff member of the U.S. Public Health Service who expressed the view that the only effective method for dealing with an enemy with a large population is biological weapons. He said that Japan used this method before and it would be considered in any future international war. The facts revealed in our investigations in the Northeast fully bear out that American imperialism has planned the use of germ warfare against the Chinese people over a long period."

The Findings of the International Lawyers Commission of Inquiry

For the purpose of carrying out a full inquiry into alleged atrocities and war crimes committed in Korea by American forces and others under their direct command, the International Association of Democratic Lawyers entrusted a Commission of Inquiry to proceed to Korea to examine into the situation, to collect evidence and to place its findings before world public opinion.

The Commission was composed of well-known lawyers from eight countries and included two women lawyers. The Commission appointed Professor Heinrich Brandweiner of Austria as its Chairman and Cavalieri of Italy as Vice-Chairman. The other members of the Commission were De Britto (Brazil), Gaster (England), Jacquier (France), Ko Po-nien (China), Mme. Moerens (Belgium) and Mme. Wasilkowska (Poland).

The Commission made extensive inquiries in Korea and centred its main attention on inquiring into the allegation that American forces were carrying out bacteriological warfare, although at the same time it gathered evidence of other atrocities committed against North Korean soldiers and the civilian population.

Upon completion of its inquiries in Korea and pending the preparation of its report, the Commission felt it to be its immediate duty to send a cablegram to responsible leaders of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers in various countries and simultaneously to the press. In this statement the Commission expressed itself as "horrified beyond measure at the facts ascertained."

The Commission proceeded to Peking where at a reception in its honour the members spoke of their findings. As the germ warfare had by this time been extended to Northeast China the Commission decided to proceed there to make further investigations. On March 28, Professor Brandweiner cabled a report to Professor Joliot-Curie, President of the World Peace Council, in the course of which he declared that "Our investigations have established particularly, with all the certainty of a juristic inquiry, that bacteriological warfare has been used not only in Korea but also in Northeast China." The Commission also cabled a first report on its investigations in Northeast China to the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers.

Prior to leaving Peking to return home the Commission held a press conference at which its members described in detail the investigations they had carried out in both countries and their principal conclusions. They also released the text of two thoroughly documented reports which will be published in different languages.

Below will be found some of the statements and speeches made by members of the Commission and copies of cablegrams referred to above.

HORRIFIED BEYOND MEASURE

The Commission of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers to investigate U.S. crimes in Korea cabled to Peking on March 19 to Shen Chun-ju, Vice-Chairman of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, reporting that it had found indisputable facts of the employment of bacteriological weapons by the American aggressors.

The same report was sent to the Chairman and other Vice-Chairmen and the head office of the Association.

The cablegram reads:

The Commission sent by the International Association of Democratic Lawyers to inquire into alleged crimes has completed its enquiries in Korea and is now preparing its report. We think it necessary, however, urgently to inform you that we have especially made investigation into the allegation that American forces have instituted bacteriological warfare. We have obtained evidence which in our opinion is corroborated that flies and other insects of a character hitherto unknown in Korea have been found in the last weeks in many districts in circumstances as to temperature, grouping, type of soil and other factors and following the visit of circling aircraft in those districts and the finding of remains of containers that indicate that these insects were deposited in groups or clusters from the air. Many of these insects have been found by experts to be infected with cholera, typhus, plague and other diseases. Outbreaks of cholera and plague have occurred within a few days of finding of these insects and only in the immediate neighbourhood of such deposits.

We are horrified beyond measure at the facts we have ascertained but in our opinion they are indisputable. We will submit our full report in due course but in view of the urgent importance of this matter we inform you of these facts and are taking the liberty of communicating this telegram to the press.

(Signed): Brandweiner (Austria), Chairman; Cavalieri (Italy), Vice-Chairman; De Britto (Brazil); Gaster (England); Jacquier (France); Ko Po-nien (China); Moerens (Belgium) and Wasilkowska (Poland).

LAWYERS ON GERM WARFARE IN NORTHEAST CHINA

On completion of its investigation into the use of bacteriological weapons in Northeast China by the American aggressors, the Commission of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers on March 28 sent its first report to D. N. Pritt, Chairman of the Association (London); and to the Vice-Chairmen of the Association: Zeidin (Moscow), Shen Chun-ju (Peking), Ioolowski Ierzy (Warsaw), Terracini (Rome) and Mme. Bouffioux (Brussels). The report reads as follows:

At the request of the Secretary-General of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, we have inquired into the allegation that bacteria have been dispersed in the Northeast Provinces of China by American planes.

We have examined 10 cases covering an extensive area of Northeast China out of many cases alleged to have occurred since February 29.

In most of these cases, circumstances were found in Northeast China similar to those examined by us in Korea. We noted particularly the unusual nature and close grouping of insects in the extremely cold temperature in which the insects were found alive on snow and ice. Flies, mosquitoes, fleas and feathers have been found to carry bacteria or be infected with virus.

Fragments of a special container have been found. Despite the most stringent anti-epidemic precautions, a fatal disease of a type of encephalitis hitherto unknown in China has appeared. Expert examination has revealed that this is identical with the effects of virus carried by certain mosquitoes artificially infected and found in the area where the fatal cases have occurred. The presence of American planes in the neighbourhood where the insects were found has been established.

We consider that this spreading of the criminal acts which have been perpetrated in Korea to the soil of a country which is not at war is an act of aggression by the United States of America which may have the most grave consequences for the peace of the world if it is not now exposed and stopped.

The report is signed by: Brandweiner (Chairman of the Commission, Austria), Cavalieri (Vice-Chairman, Italy), De Britto (Brazil), Gaster (England), Jacquier (France), Ko Po-nien (China), Moerens (Belgium), and Wasilkowska (Poland).

A CLEAR CASE OF WAR CRIME

At a reception given in Peking in their honour on March 23, the eight lawyers who had come direct from investigating crimes committed by the American interventionists in Korea spoke of their experiences.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INVESTIGATING COMMISSION, BRANDWEINER, declared: "We have especially investigated the allegation that American forces have instituted bacteriological warfare in Korea. We have obtained evidence which in our opinion is corroborated that flies and other insects of a character hitherto unknown in Korea have been found in the last weeks in many districts in circumstances as to temperature, grouping, type of soil and other factors and following the visit of circling aircraft in those districts and the finding of remains of containers that indicate that these insects were deposited in groups or clusters from the air. . . . We are horrified beyond measure at the facts we have ascertained but, in our opinion, they are indisputable. At the same time, speaking as a professor of international law, I must say that this is, in my view, a clear case of a war crime and a crime against humanity. Bacteriological warfare is explicitly forbidden by international law—the Hague Regulations forbid the use of poisoned weapons and the Geneva Protocol of 1925 expressly prohibited bacteriological weapons. As a member of the World Peace Council I must also say that the peace movement representing the common will of peace-loving mankind went on record for the prohibition of bacteriological weapons. Such a crime was recognised also by the Nuremberg and Far East International Military Tribunals and confirmed by the Genocide Convention of 1948. We hope that our findings will be a contribution to the struggle of the heroic Korean people and the great Chinese people in their fight for peace, freedom and justice."

THE ITALIAN LAWYER CAVALIERI stated: "Among the most serious crimes committed in Korea by the military commanders, responsible for the conduct of actual war . . . is the crime committed by the barbaric invaders in Korea in the use of asphyxiating and toxic gas, expressly forbidden by morality and international law. These facts established and objectively documented not only by competent Korean authorities but also by numerous eyewitnesses show that the forces of the United Nations, incapable of relying on manpower and ordinary arms have not hestitated, probably also with the view of Genocide, to prepare and employ the most severely forbidden weapons."

THE BRAZILIAN LAWYER, DE BRITTO, made this statement: "The most important conclusion of our legal work in Korea on the war is that American imperialist aggression against the people of Korea means the menace of general aggression against all Asia. . . . In the territory of Korea they have committed aggression that is total war with the use of all methods—the most barbaric; and the most bestial crimes—against humanitarian conventions, against international rights. It is a war of monstrous brigandage . . . These are the methods of atomic diplomacy camouflaged under the flag of the United Nations. In this moment, so serious for the life and the future of humanity, we, the democratic lawyers must unite our strength with that of democratic forces of the world to struggle to bring about peace."

GASTER, THE BRITISH LAWYER, asserted: "I have seen in Korea enough of horror and brutality and savagery for a lifetime. But to see is not enough. For unless the civilised peoples of the whole world rise up and stay the hands of the criminals, the horror and savagery will spread. Korea is not an incident. It is part of a world-wide plan of dangerous madmen."

JACQUIER, THE FRENCH MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, said: "We have questioned numerous witnesses of the atrocities committed by American troops from the time of occupation to the moment of their retreat. They have given us a horrifying recital of murders of which many women, children and the aged were the victims; they have given us descriptions of tortures inspired by a sadistic imagination.

"We have learned how in different places a portion of the population was systematically massacred on orders of responsible officers of the American army. All these things constitute unquestionable violations of the laws and customs of war which no civilised country can violate without dishonour. These are not only crimes covered by Article 6 of the Statute of the Nuremberg Tribunal but abominations which revolt the world's conscience. When these facts are sufficiently known and proven in the West they will provoke a storm of indignation."

MME. MOERENS, BELGIAN LAWYER, said: "Like the other members of the Commission of Democratic Lawyers, I have seen in Korea cities, villages destroyed and razed. I have seen schools, museums, hospitals, churches, ancient monuments systematically destroyed." Describing the heroic efforts of the Korean people to defend their homeland and keep the cultural activities of the people at a high level, Mme. Moerens expressed her full confidence in the fact that the Korean people will defeat the soldiers of imperialism and achieve victory in the struggle for peace.

MME. WASILKOWSKA, THE POLISH REPRESENTATIVE, speaking in the name of Polish lawyers and women, declared: "The world has known for a long time the crimes committed by the Americans in Korea. But the last weeks have brought a new and odious crime—the employment of bacteriological weapons in Korea and on the territory of People's China . . . Progres-

sive scientists of all countries work to save humanity from the disaster of contagious diseases. They have had great success in their work. At the same time, American 'science' is working to set back humanity by spreading the germs of contagious diseases. The American aggressors do not hesitate before the greatest crime, before which even the Hitlerite criminals hesitated. Polish lawyers will join their voice to the wave of protests against this frightful crime in which they see the violation of all principles of international law. They consider this crime a crime against humanity. During our stay in Korea, we were horrified by the American crimes, especially by the mass extermination of women and children. I have spoken with a number of women before whose eyes the American murderers brutally killed their children. I have spoken with women whose hair turned grey in just a few hours following the indignities to which they were subjected. But all these mothers spoke to us not only of their suffering but also of their indomitable struggle."

Finally, CHAI KYN HIUNG, DEPUTY PROCURATOR-GENERAL OF THE KOREAN PROCURATOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE, spoke. He pointed out that, having failed to achieve its aim of conquering Korea by ruthless destruction and slaughter, American imperialism resorted to poison gas and germs in violation of international law and humanity. But even so, it still cannot conquer the Korean people. Being closely united around General Kim Il Sung, the Korean people are determined to win final victory.

CRIMINAL ACT AGAINST MANKIND

Members of the Commission of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers were honoured on March 27 at a dinner given by Vice-Chairman Lin Feng of the Northeast People's Government. Also present were Chairman Kao Chung-min of the Northeast branch of the China Peace Committee, representatives of democratic parties in Mukden and local officials.

A forum was held after the dinner in which Brandweiner, Chairman, and Cavalieri, Vice-Chairman, of the Investigating Commission expressed their gratitude for the great assistance rendered by the people of Northeast China to the Commission in conducting the investigation and completing its task. Brandweiner, after summarising the circumstances of the Commission's interview with many witnesses and its study of various material evidence, said that as far as he can see, the fact that U.S. military aircraft has spread large numbers of germ-laden insects over areas in Northeast China has been proved by a great deal of data and the Commission will submit a report to the International Association of Democratic Lawyers.

GASTER, THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE, said: The facts are clear. Has the U.S. used bacteriological weapons? How were the insects dropped? Were the insects bred under man-made conditions? How were they brought to the soil of China? A definite answer to all these questions has already been found. The appearance of the insects is decidedly not the result of accident or of nature, nor were the insects placed on the ground. Medical experts have testified that they clearly discerned lethal disease germs on these insects. At the same time, according to testimony of witnesses, American aircraft were seen a short time prior to the discovery of the insects. The facts, therefore, are established. They should be announced to the whole world.

POLISH LAWYER WASILKOWSKA said: I have obtained deep impressions of America's use of bacteriological warfare to kill the Chinese people. It can be observed from the data that America has for a long time been preparing to use bacteriological weapons in war. But more important, U.S. bacteriological warfare is not directed against any military target but at wiping out the whole of mankind. This is being done in Korea and in China. This is a war crime. It is a crime against humanity, a crime of genocide and of aggression. The U.S. prosecution of bacteriological warfare not only menaces the people of China and the rest of Asia but also mankind as a whole. It should, therefore, arouse the wrath and hatred of all humanity. The monstrous crime of American imperialism will only bring about a greater unity among the peoples of the world. Should there still exist people who doubt whether U.S. policy is aggressive, when they see that the purpose of American policy is to wipe out the whole of mankind, they will surely rise up against it and put a stop to aggressive war. I believe that progressive people and lawyers, noting this situation, will redouble their efforts to expose the American imperialist crimes and wage a resolute struggle against the criminal bacteriological warfare.

BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE MOERENS said: I consider that it is firmly established by the testimony of many witnesses that insects were discovered after objects were seen dropped from the air. All the proofs tally with each other. We have also heard numerous reports by entomologists and bacteriologists many of whom are world famous. They proved that the insects carried germs. More important, we have secured proof that the objects were dropped from American aircraft. These facts all prove that America is carrying out bacteriological warfare. I firmly believe that when we have made our report on the investigations, it will draw intense anger throughout our country.

DE BRITTO, THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM BRAZIL, said: Many factors lead me to the firm conviction that American preparations for bacteriological warfare were made long ago. We have heard reports by many specialists. Never in our past enquiries has there been so much testimony from specialists. When I return to my country, I will relay to my people, the facts they have told me. At the same time, I also want to say that these strange insects discovered here can be found in Brazil. The mosquitoes, flies and spiders are germ ridden. For this reason, I firmly believe that these insects were grown in man-made conditions to carry germs. Furthermore, below-zero temperature provides optimum conditions for preservation of germs for future propagation. The formal evidence given by the Air Defence Commander leads me to the firm belief that the aircraft were in truth American. The conclusion drawn from these facts is that the United States of America has taken aggressive action against the People's Republic of China and this is a crime.

JACQUIER, THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE, declared: After studying the reports by government authorities, eyewitnesses and specialists as well as the evidence, I believe that the germs were dropped by American aircraft. This makes it impossible for the explanation to stand that the U.S. government has not carried out bacteriological warfare. When I bring the evidence to my country, they will surely induce the capable bacteriologists and entomologists in my country to conduct research. The result of this research will strengthen their belief in the evidence. Apart from this, we know that in Korea the U.S. has resorted to a method of war banned by international law. For this reason, people are not surprised that it employs bacteriological



A Chinese volunteer shows a team of volunteer laboratory workers where germ-laden canisters were dropped by an American plane

Villagers in the Chelwon area of Korea give eye-witness reports on American dropping of germs to two Chinese volunteer epidemic-prevention workers





A phial of lethal insects spread by the American airforce



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A magnified photo of one of the infected insects which was dropped over China



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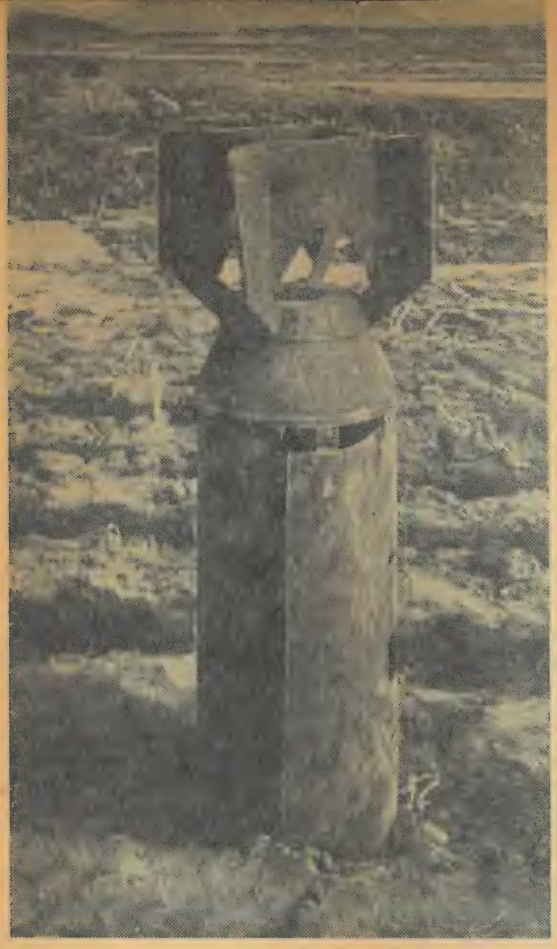
A swarm of germ-laden insects which were found on laboratory examination to be bearing the germs of *Meningococcus, Streptococcus* and *Bacillus Anthracis.* They are smaller than ordinary flies and are unable to fly

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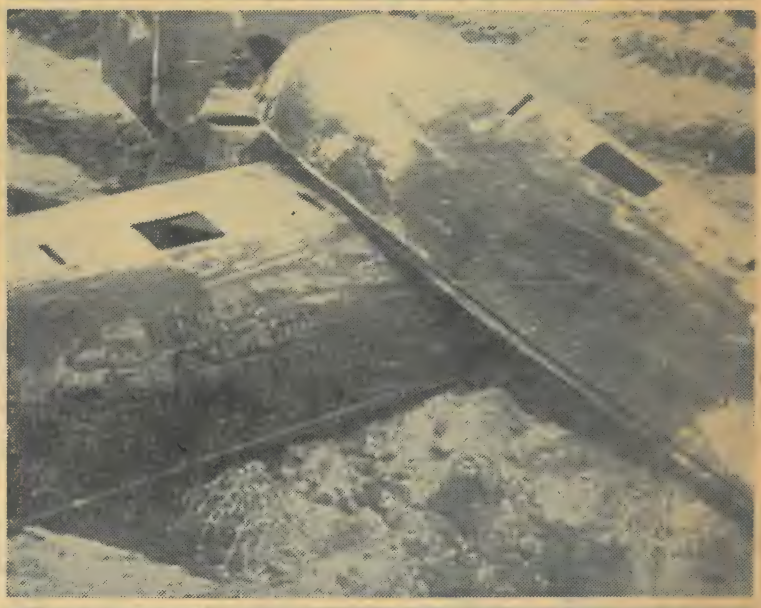
These specimens, dropped over Chinese territory, are equally at home on land or water





One type of germ bomb *(above)* used by the Americans. The photograph was taken after the pieces had been sterilised and reassembled





On reaching the ground it flies open, disclosing four compartments *(top right)*. This bomb is on the same pattern as a leaflet bomb

Centre right: Another type of germ bomb known as the M 105 bacteriological bomb, with identification marks in English



The germ bomb *(lower right)* explodes upon hitting the ground. The photograph was taken soon after it landed and shows a few flies still clinging to the shell

warfare in areas of Northeast China. By bringing back authentic information obtained in our investigations on the use of bacteriological warfare by the U.S., we will be helpful to the defence of world peace.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, BRANDWEINER, then again spoke. He said that in his capacity as a professor of international law, he wanted to say that bacteriological warfare is prohibited by explicit provisions in international law. The use, therefore, of germs itself constitutes a war crime. The use of this method against civilians is a criminal act against mankind. The bacteriological weapon is one type of weapons of war, and the use of military weapons against a country is a crime of aggression.

Finally, Vice-Chairman Lin Feng of the Northeast People's Government stressed that since American imperialism unleashed its aggressive war against Korea, its military aircraft have, on numerous occasions, intruded over Northeast China to carry out bombing and strafing attacks which killed or wounded peaceful Chinese and undermined Northeast construction work. These are all facts. From late February up to now, he continued, the conduct of the American aggressors has further degenerated. They have gone so far as to use military aircraft to spread germ-laden insects over areas in Northeast China. At the end of February, when there was still ice and snow in the Northeast, germ-laden insects spread by American military aircraft were discovered in many places. The Investigating Commission has collected numerous data from a number of witnesses and material evidence. These are also facts. The Chinese people fully understand the American imperialist aggressive act. Since American imperialist aircraft have spread germ-infected insects over Northeast China, the Chinese people's enmity toward American imperialism has deepened. They have a clearer understanding of the degeneration and meanness of American imperialism. When they saw vermin having been dropped by American aircraft, tens of thousands of Chinese mobilised to wipe out the menace. For this reason, it is difficult for the American imperialist crime of spreading germ-laden insects to have the desired result. At the present time, the broad masses of the Chinese people in the Northeast have formed anti-germ warfare and people's anti-epidemic war fronts. However, the most vicious American imperialists want to continue their crime of spreading germ-laden vermin. This crime is a menace not only to the Chinese people but to all humanity. The people of the Northeast hope that the conclusions drawn by the Commission will be quickly made public to the people throughout the world. This would be of benefit not only to the Korean and Chinese people but also to the just cause of all humanity.

BRANDWEINER APPEALS TO JOLIOT-CURIE

The following telegram was sent on March 29 to Professor Frederic Joliot-Curie, President of the World Peace Council by Heinrich Brandweiner, Chairman of the International Lawyers Commission.

I inform you that a commission of lawyers coming from eight countries entrusted by the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and headed by me, proceeded to the spot to make an enquiry into the violations of international law committed by the U.S.A. in the course of the Korean war. Our

investigations have established particularly, with all the certainty of a juristic enquiry, that bacteriological weapons have been used not only in Korea but also in Northeast China. In the two telegrams sent to our Association from Pyongyang on March 16 and from Mukden on March 28, the texts of which have been transmitted to the press, we have reported the precise circumstances of the use of germ weapons. We shall make two reports with very important documentation. As a member of the World Peace Council, I consider that the results of our work should be given the widest publicity. The use of bacteriological weapons is a particularly heinous crime, and when it is used against the civilian population of Northeast China, it constitutes, in my opinion, an act characterised as aggression which gravely threatens world peace. I am sure that the World Peace Council will take all possible measures to keep public opinion informed and to mobilise the forces of peace.

A Chronological Account of U.S. Germ Warfare In Korea and China

We reprint below correspondents' accounts in chronological order of the germ warfare

Jan. 28-Feb. 17, Germs Dropped Over Korea

Insects laden with plague, cholera and other diseases were dropped by American aircraft over Korea.

From January 28 to February 17, these deadly insects were dropped over areas far from the front as well as over frontline positions in Ichon, Chorwon, Sangnyong, Pyongyang, Kumhwa and east of the Pukhan River.

Insects dropped were disease-laden black flies, fleas, ticks and mosquitoes. Korean military medical authorities reported that these insects carry plague, cholera and other diseases.

These insects were dropped to cause wholesale death and illness to Korean civilians and Korean and Chinese frontline forces.

Feb. 17-25, Germs Again Dropped Over Korea

Between Feb. 17-25, American military aircraft again dropped bacteria-laden insects on this side's positions along the Korean front and in the rear.

On February 17, American aircraft dropped a canister east of Pongraeho and southeast of Ichon. Numerous flies swarmed out on the bursting of the canister.

On February 18, American aircraft dropped containers carrying another mass of flies south of Namchonjom, Hanpori.

On February 19, American aircraft dropped insects resembling flies at Pongmyongni, Pakchungni, and Yongpongni, northwest of Sukchon, and Paripyong, and Sangsipripyong, northeast of Sukchon. At each of the five drop-points, the area of dissemination ranged from 300 to 1,000 square metres; and the concentration of vermin ranged from seven to 100 per square metre.

On February 20, American invaders spread fly-like insects over our position at Paesokdong northeast of Kuhwari.

On February 22, American aircraft dropped five canisters in Sokmangsi and Nopuri areas south of Wonsan and north of Singosan. Two of the canisters burst and large numbers of flies swarmed out.

On February 23, many black flies dropped by American aircraft were spotted in the vicinity of Suhari southeast of Sibyonni.

On February 24, American aircraft dropped leaflets infested with louse-like insects over a valley northeast of Kuhwari and Height No. 131.

On February 25, flies dropped by American aircraft were discovered in the vicinity of Paesokri north of Sukchon. These insects were marked by tiny heads and white spots under their wings. Their legs were covered with a sticky substance. White-spotted mosquitoes with small abdomens were also discovered in this area.

Flaming anger was aroused among the Korean people, their army and Chinese volunteers over this continued use of bacteriological weapons in Korea by American aggressors. The people's forces and civilians have mobilised all available means to exterminate these insects. Preventive and de-infestation work on a large scale was carried out.

Feb. 25-Mar. 10, Germs Again Dropped in Korea

American invaders continued to drop large quantities of bacteria-laden insects, vermin and miscellaneous infected materials on frontline positions and in the rear in Korea between February 25 and March 10. Details follow:

On February 25, enemy aircraft circled for a long time over Kyomidong and Kuyongdong, south of Pyongyang, and dropped flies, fleas, spiders and other disease-laden insects.

On February 26, enemy aircraft dropped four containers west of Kuhwari. They exploded and released mosquitoes, flies and ants. Fleas, flies and other infected insects dropped by enemy aircraft were found at Changdori, Kumsong; Namsi, Taechon; and Pyongwonri, Koksan.

On February 27, enemy aircraft dropped more than 20 poison bombs south of Kuhwari. Two enemy planes dived twice and dropped flies and mosquitoes over Hajongkok, northwest of Wichonni. Another enemy aircraft dropped infected leaflets and flies over Masongni and Sanghwangpodong, northeast of Kuhwari. Infected insects were also found east of Ichon and Chongju and southwest of Cholson.

On February 28, enemy aircraft dropped infected rats west of Kujang. Infected tree leaves were found in areas west of Manghaesan, southwest of Kuhwari. Germ-laden insects were also discovered in areas north of Pyongtang, west of Munchon and southeast of Tosan.

On February 29, flies, mosquitoes, spiders and other infected insects were discovered in Kumsong, Koksan, Sunchon, and in places east of North Hangang River.

On March 1, fleas, mosquitoes, flies and other germ-laden insects were spotted in the vicinity of Tosan, Sinchon and Koksan.

On March 2, enemy aircraft dropped large swarms of flies, fleas, midges and other infected insects over Munchon and Songchon.

On March 3, enemy aircraft dropped one germ-laden container north of Anju, and another three over Sukchon.

On March 4, enemy artillery shelled our position southwest of Maryangsan. In 17 rounds of fire, great quantities of germ-laden cotton were scattered by bursting shells.

On March 5, enemy artillery fired at our positions on the western front. Large quantities of germ-laden feathers spread out with the explosion of shells from one round of fire. On the same day, one enemy aircraft spread many infected leaves over Hwakok, northeast of Kaesong.

On March 6, an enemy aircraft of F-80 type flying at low altitude dropped germ-infected yellow leaves over Sunan; at 9 a.m., six enemy jet planes flew over Sukchon, one of which dropped a paper package which on bursting open released spiders. Germ bombs were dropped near Sibyonni.

On March 7, germ-laden insects were dropped southeast of Unsan, and poisoned food packages containing biscuits and canned food were dropped east of Pyongyang.

On March 9, two enemy aircraft dropped germ-laden fleas over Munchon.

On March 9 at 1 p.m., more than 10 rounds were fired at positions of this side at Panmunjom. The shells released poisonous insects which resembled flies and ants.

On March 10, at six a.m., four enemy aircraft appeared to the northwest of Cnorwon and dropped a cloth receptacle in which was contained germ-laden pork. At 5 p.m. eight enemy light bombers appeared near Kujang and released a large number of germ-carrying birds resembling crows.

Over the same period U.S. troops also fired germ-laden shells into our positions. On March 6 at 09:45 hours this side's positions southeast of Changdori were fired upon. When the shells exploded, they emited white smoke and released germ-laden flies. Also on the 6th, one round of shells was fired at Sangnyong which on explosion, released germ-laden chicken feathers.

Feb. 29-Mar. 5, Germ Warfare Extended to China

American military planes have extended bacteriological warfare to China's Northeast, besides bombing and strafing peaceful localities.

Between February 29 and March 5, American military planes made a total of 448 flights in 68 groups over Fushun, Sinmin, Antung, Kwantien, Linkiang and other areas in Northeast China and spread large quantities of germ-laden insects. They also bombed and strafed Linkiang and Changtienhokow. Details follow:

On February 29, American planes in a total of 148 flights in 14 groups flew over Antung, Fushun and Fengcheng and spread bacteria-laden insects. An investigation on the scene showed that blackish insects were found within an area of 15 to 20 kilometres in Fushun County covering Takow, Lijen and Fangsiao villages and Lientaowan.

On March 1, American planes in a total of 86 flights in 14 groups intruded over Fushun, Tatungkow, Changtienhokow, Kwantien and Chian, and spread black flea-like insects over Makinchwang and other places in Fushun County. Of these planes, eight in one group strafed a place five kilometres northwest of Changtienhokow.

On March 2, American planes in a total of 72 flights in 12 groups flew over Fushun, Antung, Tatungkow, Changtienhokow, Kiuliencheng, Chian, Kwantien and Changpai. They dropped large numbers of flies, mosquitoes, fleas and other disease-laden insects over Takow village, Fushun County and areas between Fushun and Mukden.

On March 3, five groups of American aircraft, in a total of 32 flights, spread germ-laden insects in Antung, Langtow and Chi An.

On March 4, 13 groups of American aircraft, in a total of 72 flights, spread germ-laden insects in Antung, Langtow, Tatungkow, Kiuliencheng, Changtien-

hokow, Chian, Hunkiangkow and Kwantien. At 11 o'clock that morning, six American aircraft were observed above Langtow, dropping two cloth receptacles from a height of 5,000 metres which burst open 2,000 metres up; and within a matter of seconds, a swarm of flies was found near the highway. At two o'clock in the afternoon, an American aircraft dropped another batch of flies above Jaoyangho, Paikipao in Sinmin County. On the same day, American aircraft dropped flies, mosquitoes, crickets and fleas east of Kwantien City and at Hungsheklatze.

On March 5, ten groups of American aircraft, totalling 38 flights, invaded Antung, Anpingho, Changtienhokow, Hunkiangkow, Tunghwa and Linkiang. One of these groups, in a total of eight flights, strafed and bombed Linkiang at about eight o'clock. Two of the inhabitants were wounded and five houses destroyed.

Mar. 6-12, Germs Dropped Over Wide Area of China

American planes extended their bacteriological warfare from China's Northeast to Tsingtao in Shantung Province.

At 21:00 hours on March 6, one American plane intruded over the outlying areas of Tsingtao, including Taipingchueh, Foushanso, Tamaitao and Shatzukou, and dropped germ-laden insects. Immediately after the plane flew away, flies, spiders, beetles, grasshoppers, ants and other insects were found by the inhabitants at Taipingchueh and Shatzukou on the eastern outskirts of the city.

At 11:00 hours on March 7, one American plane intruded over Tsangkou and Litsun to the northeast of Tsingtao and dropped large quantities of flies, mosquitoes, fleas and spiders.

Air intrusions into Northeast China continued between March 6 and 12, with American planes dropping more germ-laden insects in addition to bombing and strafing.

From 10:06 to 16:00 hours on March 6, four groups of American aircraft in a total of 19 sorties intruded over Antung, Chiuliencheng, Fengcheng, Shuifeng, Tatungkow and Changtienhokow, and dropped large quantities of flies, mosquitoes, fleas, spiders, beetles, ticks, midges, lice, ants and another kind of black insect.

On March 7, one American plane intruded over Chian and other places and scattered germ-carriers. Infected mosquitoes, flies and fleas and other insects were found on that day at Taipingkou, Chian County, and in Chuangho, Kwantien, Chinchow, Mukden and Sinmintun.

On March 8, various kinds of infected insects dropped by American planes were found in Mukden, Tunghua, Linkiang, Fusung, Chian, Sinpin, Fengcheng, Antung and Fushun. They included centipedes, locusts and spiders.

On March 9, eight groups of American planes in a total of 38 sorties intruded over Langtow, Lungwangmiao, Fengcheng, Changtienhokow, Huanjen, Changpai and Chian, and spread germ-laden insects. Mosquitoes, flies, spiders and other germ carriers were found on the same day at Fengcheng, Huanjen, Changpai and Chian.

On March 10, eight groups of American planes in a total of 42 sorties intruded over Antung, Anpingho, Changtienhokow and Paichutzu, and dropped infected insects; and large quantities of germ-laden leaves were found at Wulungpei in the outlying area of Antung. On the same day, more

flies, mosquitoes, ants, spiders, crickets and fleas were discovered at Linkiang and other places.

On March 11, four groups of American planes in a total of 27 sorties intruded over Antung, Langtow, Kiuliencheng, Anpingho, Changtienhokow and Tumentzu. Chicken, duck and goose feathers infected with germs dropped by American planes were found on the same day at Lungwangmiao, west of Antung. On the same day, three cloth receptacles carrying white poisonous crystal substances and yellow powder were found at Langtow.

On March 12, 11 groups of American planes in a total of 62 sorties intruded over Antung, Anpingho, Yungtienhokow, Tatungkow, Fengcheng, Hsiuyen and Chian. One of them carried out bombing and strafing over Santaokow and Huangpaitientzu of Chian County, and dropped poisoned sticky substances between the railway stations at Huangpaitientzu and Yangcha.

March 13-21, US Intensified Germ Warfare in Northeast China

Unrelentingly, the Americans continued flying their aircraft into Northeast China, dropping bombs and spraying masses of germ-bearing insects and infected materials. In the nine days ending March 21, 71 groups of American planes encroached on China's territorial air and made a total of 318 sorties.

On March 13, bacteria-infected insects such as spiders, centipedes, flies and mosquitoes were found dropped by American aircraft at Fushun, Fusin, Mukden, Kirin and Szeping.

On March 14, five groups of American planes in a total of 17 sorties intruded over Tatungkow, Antung, Langtow, Kiuliencheng, Changtienhokow and Pulantien. The same day, fleas, a species of small black insects, midges, bugs, locusts, lice and other infected insects dropped by the Americans from the air were discovered in these places.

On March 15, one American plane intruded over Kaiping, Hsiungyueh and Lishutun, and dropped small grey mice, flies, mosquitoes, earthworms and other infected insects.

On March 16, 17 groups of American planes in a total of 75 sorties intruded over Antung, Langtow, Fengcheng, Chian, Linkiang, Chingyu and Lakushao. At 3 p.m. more than 10 American planes were seen over a certain part in Antung dropping white containers. Infected insects including flies, mosquitoes and spiders were found immediately afterwards in the vicinity. At one minute past two on the same afternoon, an American aircraft dropped two bombs near Chian station, wounding 16 people and damaging 12 houses.

On March 17, 14 groups of American aircraft in a total of 74 sorties intruded over Tsitsihar, Keshan, Naho, Suileng, Tiehli, Peian, Tungpei and Antung. At 2 p.m. two white packag - dropped by American aircraft were found at Keshan. At 3 p.m. a large number of balls of cottonwool containing lice and fleas were found at Yungan village of Keshan.

On March 18, two American planes intruded over Keshan, at 7:40 p.m. After circling for more than 40 minutes, they flew over Taian, Naho and Laha station.

On March 19, five groups of American planes in a total of 23 sorties intruded over Antung, Kwantien, Linkiang, Keshan, Naho and Laha and dropped flies, spiders and centipedes.

On March 20, seven groups of American aircraft in a total of 44 sorties intruded over Antung, Laokukow, Tatungkow, Changtienhokow, Langtow and Kiuliencheng. At 11 a.m. infected objects, including oak tree leaves, pear tree leaves, sorghum leaves and chicken feathers, were dropped.

On March 21, 21 groups of American aircraft in a total of 82 sorties intruded over Tsingtuitze, Siuyen, Peichingtze, Antung, Chingyu, Changpai, Tsitsihar and Chiaho, and dropped infected objects and insects such as mosquitoes, cottonwool and tree leaves.

Captured U.S. Spies' and War Prisoners' Damning Revelations

War prisoners tell of "secret inoculations" and germ warfare preparations made among American and British troops in Korea during December last. One of a group of captured U.S. spies who was parachuted in the rear of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers in Korea tells of his training for seeking information on the effects of U.S. germ warfare.

(HSINHUA NEWS AGENCY) KOREAN FRONT, March 29—American and British troops have been inoculated against cholera, typhoid, paratyphoid, smallpox and tetanus, recently captured American and British prisoners of war revealed. According to Corporal Reinaldo Bonilla (Serial Number 30449984), 3rd Platoon, 9th Company, 3rd Battalion, 65th Regiment of the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division, who was taken captive in mid-January on a height south of Sangnyong on the western front, men in his unit received these inoculations before last December.

Bonilla said that again in December all members of his unit were given a further inoculation, the name and effect of which were kept from them by their officers and military physicians. No entry was made in their "Inoculation Certificate", as is the usual practice. The soldiers therefore called this shot a "secret inoculation."

Rifleman R. G. White (Serial Number 22441410), 2nd Company of the Leicester Regiment of the British 29th Brigade, who was captured on March 1 on a height north of Korangpori on the western front, said that this "secret inoculation" was also given to members of the British forces last December. Because they did not understand the purpose and effect of this inoculation, two soldiers refused to have the shot. However, they were forced to do so by their officers.

White said that the reaction to this inoculation was very great. Among the 33 members in his platoon, 23 had suffered numbness and dizziness.

Both White and Bonilla said: "Now we understand that the 'secret inoculation' was a precautionary measure against the U.S. government's bacteriological warfare."

Bonilla also said that since last December, his unit has had frequent increases in epidemic prevention facilities. Many kinds of anti-germ drugs

were distributed to the soldiers last December. In January, medicated gauze of light green colour was issued to the soldiers as a head cover. He said that since January, the officer of his unit regularly ordered the soldiers to pay attention to health work. Every morning, the soldiers must wash their faces and hands with a yellow liquid. Their position was sprayed with D.D.T. every two or three days.

(HSINHUA NEWS AGENCY) KOREAN FRONT, March 26—Some details have been disclosed about one of the recently captured spies sent by the Americans into the rear to collect information on the effects of their bacteriological weapons.

He was among a group of 10 Chinese spies employed by the intelligence agents of the American forces in Korea. On March 13, they were set the task of finding out what "epidemics" are taking place in North Korea, whether there are plenty of flies, fleas and other insects in the infected places, the mortality rate and the steps taken to counter epidemics.

The spy, Wang Chi, aged 21, was a member of Chiang Kai-shek's "Anti-Communist and Resist Russia League." He went under the assumed name of Wang Chih-chia, was clad in Chinese volunteers' uniform and posed as a surveyor. Inside his great coat and cotton-padded uniform were printed the letters "U.S." On his left arm a crucifix is tattooed. He was captured by Chinese volunteers on the 15th in Kumchon, Korea.

This spy, according to his confession, left Seoul on the 14th. The whole group were taken by two planes, following their assignment the previous day. They carried fraudulent passes, carrier pigeons, military maps and carbines, and were under instructions to report back to the American intelligence headquarters within one week.

Protests and Appeals of the People's Organisations

Chinese Red Cross Calls for Sanctions

Immediate action to stop the spreading of plague and other diseases in Korea by the Americans is demanded by Li Teh-chuan, President of the Red Cross Society of China, in a statement issued on February 28. The statement followed on the news that between January 28 and February 17, insects carrying plague, cholera and other diseases were dropped over Korea by American aircraft. The statement reads in full:

Civilised humanity unanimously condemns the use of bacteriological weapons in war, involving indiscriminate murder of civilians and armed forces, as being in utter violation of all human principles. Pacts banning bacteriological warfare have been concluded at all international conferences concerned with the matter. The International Red Cross Conference, basing itself on the principles of humanitarianism, has made solemn declarations and decisions, again and again condemning bacteriological warfare as a savage atrocity and demanding its prohibition.

In a desperate effort to save themselves from the hopeless mess they have landed themselves in with their aggression, the American forces in Korea have recently been using bacteriological weapons of war—as the Japanese did in similar circumstances in China—now that they have suffered irreparable losses on the Korean battlefront and are holding up the Korean armistice negotiations in the teeth of the righteous condemnation of all peace-loving people in the world, including those in their own country.

But just as the Japanese imperialist aggressors were eventually crushed by the mighty Chinese people, so the American imperialist aggressors, following in the footsteps of their Japanese predecessors, unscrupulously violating international conventions and all principles of human justice and humanitarianism, carrying out bacteriological warfare aimed at the wholesale murder of Korean civilians and Korean and Chinese people's forces, repeatedly sending over military aircraft to drop large quantities of bacteria-laden insects at the front and in the rear in Korea, will, by these desperate, heinous crimes, certainly arouse the just indignation, the unanimous condemnation and the severest sanctions of all humanitarian people.

Red Cross Societies, whose glorious tradition is to develop the spirit of humanitarianism and whose noble task is to defend world peace, must not for a moment tolerate these inhuman crimes. On behalf of the Red Cross Society of China, I lodge a serious protest with the American authorities who are directly responsible for these crimes. And I hereby propose to, and call on the people throughout the world, the Red Cross, Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun Societies in the various countries and their more than 100 million members throughout the world, to take immediate action in the name of justice and to apply the most effective and concrete sanctions to bring the shameless atrocities of the American forces to an end.

Chinese Trade Union's World Appeal

An appeal to the World Federation of Trade Unions to issue a call to the working people of the whole world to stop the American use of bacteriological weapons in Korea was sent from the All-China Federation of Labour on February 28 to Louis Saillant, General Secretary of the W.F.T.U. The message reads:

To salvage their lost war in Korea, the American imperialists, in violation of international conventions, are continually disseminating large quantities of plague and cholera germs over the Korean front and rear to exterminate the Korean people in barbarous bacteriological warfare. Besides lodging a strong protest with the American government, we hope the W.F.T.U. Secretariat will call on the working people of the world to take effective measures against the American imperialists' inhuman crimes.

Chinese Medical Experts Condemn U.S. Germ Warfare

Medical experts who are members of the Chinese Volunteers' Epidemic Prevention Team in Korea issued a joint statement on March 30 condemning the grave crime of U.S. germ warfare in Korea and urging all peace-loving people and fair-minded medical workers throughout the world to rise up as one man to curb the American aggressors' attempt to destroy mankind and pervert science. The full text follows:

We are medical workers of New China. The science we have learned is designed to improve human health and reduce and eliminate epidemic diseases. Originally we were all serving in various health and academic institutions in our country and working for the welfare and health of

the Chinese people. On January 28, the American aggressors spread large numbers of bacteria-carrying insects and infected objects over the frontline positions and the rear in Korea. They want to use science to kill mankind and employ bacteriological warfare to save them from defeat. As scientists of New China, we felt obliged to rush to the front like our beloved Volunteers and fight side by side with them resolutely to crush this shameful scheme of the enemy. Thus we came voluntarily and in separate groups to various parts of the Korean front and engaged in epidemic prevention work. In the course of our work, we have discovered from the facts we have seen and the tests we have made, a mass of evidence which proves that the American aggressors have used, and are continuing to use, bacteriological warfare in contravention of international law, against the Korean people, the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers who are resisting aggression and defending peace.

We want to expose and condemn this inhuman crime of the American aggressors before the scientific workers and other sections of the people throughout the world who uphold justice. However, in view of the fact that the American bacteriological war criminals are making every effort to obtain intelligence reports on the effects of the bacteria which they have spread and even going to such lengths as dropping secret agents for this purpose, we therefore find it inappropriate at this time to publish all the data and evidence we have in our hands. Nevertheless, the following facts confirm beyond any doubt the crime of the American aggressors in conducting bacteriological warfare.

We have seen the various containers which the American aggressors used to spread bacteria, such as a bomb-shaped iron vessel one metre long divided into four compartments; a paper cylinder attached to a parachute; a conical tube made of a chemical substance, and a soft container with holes throughout its body attached to a netting. We have also seen vermin and infected objects—fleas, snow fleas, mosquitoes, flies, birds, rats, dead fish, cotton, foodstuffs—dropped by American aircraft.

The temperature in North Korea from February to early March varies generally between zero and 19 degrees below centigrade. On the icy and snowy ground in such cold weather, it is impossible for large numbers of insects to make their appearance under natural conditions. However, in early February, we suddenly discovered large numbers of flies and various types of insects concentrated in areas over which the American aircraft had just passed. These insects were spread over areas of a specific length and width and in a specific density. Furthermore on the bodies of these insects, we have time and again discovered various types of disease bacteria, and have discovered among them some disease bacteria or viruses which either have never occurred in Korea or do not occur at this temperature. By examination of the vermin and infected objects we have also found virulent disease-infecting germs which were developed only by artificial means. Consider, for example, pasteurella pestis. According to the *Epidemiology of the Diseases of Naval Importance in Korea* published by the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, Washington, in 1946, Korea is an area where there

has been no plague for many years. Now that we have found pasteurella pestis through examination of the bodies of the large numbers of fleas and rats dropped by American aircraft, is not this conclusive proof that American imperialism has waged bacteriological warfare?

Bacteriological warfare, which Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese fascists had not dared to use on a large scale has today been unscrupulously carried out by the American aggressors.

That the American beasts are conducting bacteriological warfare cannot be denied by any sophistry.

We are medical workers. We have confirmed with our own eyes and hands the monstrous crime of American imperialism. We are the witnesses who have confirmed on the Korean front the American aggressors' bacteriological war crime—and our statement rests on our scientific investigation. Under the American imperialist bombing and strafing for days and nights on end, we, relying on the facilities provided by the Korean people at the cost of their blood, and by means of microscope, culture slide and laboratory, have collected conclusive evidence which the American aggressors cannot deny.

We are loyal to the noble ethics and obligations of scientific workers. For the security and welfare of all mankind, we want to denounce this brutal crime of the American imperialists. We call on all the peace-loving people throughout the world to rise up as one man to curb this crime and to punish this group of criminals.

We hereby issue this solemn call to all the scientific workers devoted to the cause of human welfare throughout the world to prevent the the American brigands from misusing the fruits of science for the crime of the wholesale massacre of mankind. Scientists should raise their voices in opposition to continuation by the American aggressors of bacteriological warfare.

We especially admonish those scientists who have been utilised by the American warmongers: Science is designed to bring happiness to mankind, but you are being used for the slaughter of mankind; science is used to eliminate diseases, but you are being utilised to create calamities for mankind. We make this solemn appeal to you! You have already been set on the road of crime by the American aggressors! We urge you to stop your murderous activities immediately and join with us in opposing bacteriological warfare and those who use it—for the cause of world peace, human happiness and the dignity of science.

We medical workers of New China are united. Under the leadership of the Chinese people's leader, Chairman Mao Tse-tung, we are carrying out, with complete confidence and strength, the solemn work of defeating the American aggressors' bacteriological warfare. We urge all the scientists throughout the world who love peace and oppose aggressive war to unite and join with us, for the cause of the security and peaceful happy life of mankind and for the use of science to create happiness for mankind, in striving resolutely to defeat the bacteriological warfare carried out by the American imperialists.

The statement is signed by Professor of Bacteriology Wei Hsi, D.M.; Professor of Parasitology Wu Kuang, D.Sc.; Professor of Entomology Liu Chih-ying, M.Sc.; Professor of Entomology Ho Chi, D.Sc.; Professor of Bacteriology Fang Po; Bacteriologist Hsieh Chih-mu, D.M.; specialist in *rickettsia prowazeki* Liu Wei-tung, D.M.; Professor of Bacteriology Kuo Cheng-chou; Pathologist Yen Chia-kuei, D.M.; Epidemiologist Yu Huan-wen, D.M.; Public Hygienist Ho Kuan-ching; Dietitian Yang En-fu, Doctor of Chemistry; Bacteriologist Shen Ting-hung; Bacteriologist Yang Shu-ya and Parasitologist Pao Ting-cheng.

Chinese Women Appeal for World Action

In a vigorous appeal to the women of the world "to take immediate action against bacteriological warfare," Tsai Chang, President of the All-China Democratic Women's Federation, sent the following message on March 8 to Mme. Eugenie Cotton, President, and Maria Claude Vaillant-Couturier, General Secretary of the Women's International Democratic Federation, for transmission to all Federation sections:

The American aggressors have been carrying on inhuman bacteriological warfare in Korea. Simultaneously ignoring the stern warnings of people throughout the world, recently they even continuously sent a large number of aeroplanes to invade Northeast China, dropping a large amount of plague-laden insects, and bombing and strafing at random. The American aggressors have committed the gravest crimes in Korea and China. Their bloodstained paws are menacing the whole of mankind, especially the lives and security of women and children. On the occasion of International Women's Day, a day in defence of peace, of women's and children's rights, we appeal to you to call on women, mothers and all advocates of righteousness and humanity throughout the world to take immediate action to start a powerful world-wide movement against bacteriological warfare, to eradicate germs pestiferous to mankind and check the monstrous atrocities of the American murderers.

Chinese Youth Voice Protest

Joint statement issued on February 23 by the Central Committee of the China New Democratic Youth League, the All-China Federation of Democratic Youth and the All-China Students' Association protesting against the American crime of spreading bacteria in Korea.

Having sustained shameful defeat on the Korean front, the American aggressors, on the one hand, have been compelled to conduct peace negotiations with us, but on the other hand they carry out utterly

inhuman bacteriological warfare on the Korean battlefield, frantically spreading poisonous bacteria at the frontlines and in the rear, in an attempt to save themselves from inevitable military debacle. We remember that during the Second World War the Japanese fascists used bacteriological weapons in violation of human justice and international law; but eventually they themselves met with shameful failure. These criminal schemes and desperate efforts of the American aggressors will be of no avail and can by no means rescue them from their disastrous failure. This savage and inhuman action cannot intimidate the Chinese and Korean people, but, on the contrary, it will only serve to evoke deeper hatred and stronger resistance from them. Youth and students throughout China will not tolerate this arch-crime of the American aggressors; we will continue to strengthen the movement to resist American aggression and aid Korea, actively support the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers, make efforts to study military science, strengthen our national defences and smash all criminal schemes of the American aggressors until they are willing to accept a just and reasonable Korean armistice agreement.

Peking Protestants and Catholics Join In Protest

Chinese Protestants urge all honest Christians in the United States and the rest of the world not to be indifferent to the American imperialist crime of aggression, declare Protestants in Peking in a joint statement issued on March 7 by 13 religious organisations, including the Young Men's Christian Association, the Salvation Army and the Chinese Christians Association, in a strong condemnation of American bacteriological warfare in Korea.

They make this appeal to Christians in the United States: "If you have faith in justice, peace and humanity, you should stand on the side of the peace-loving people throughout the world and take immediate action to check the American aggressive war and all its crimes."

On behalf of 30,000 Catholics in the capital, the Catholic Reform Committee of Peking in a statement pledges support to the Korean and Chinese people's fighters in defeating the American aggressors. It calls on all Catholics to rise up "in defence of world peace and human justice" and against the American germ war in Korea.

Editorials and Commentaries

Stop U.S. Germ Warfare

A stirring call to the world to "rise up and halt the appalling crime of the American aggressors in Korea in waging bacteriological warfare" was made editorially by the Peking *People's Daily* on March 23. The editorial reads in part:

The monstrous American aggressors, whose hands are already steeped in blood, have lately added to their long list of crimes in Korea by employing the inhuman weapon of bacteriological warfare on a large scale against the heroic, famed Korean People's Army and Chinese People's Volunteers, and against the whole Korean population. No decent person in all the world can fail to be stirred to anger at yesterday's news from the Korean front or to be passive in the face of the appalling crimes of the American murderers.

It is common knowledge that for all their heavy artillery barrages, the American aggressors have failed to make any headway at the front against the positions held by the heroic Chinese and Korean people's forces; and so, at their wit's end, failing in strength, they are sending their military aircraft with disease-laden insects to destroy the Chinese and Korean people's heroes and the civilian population by plague, cholera and other deadly diseases. By these barbarous means, they hope to gain what they otherwise find it impossible to achieve. This is the behaviour of desperate maniacs, utterly devoid of human principles; criminal action which violates international conventions and follows the pattern of the fascist criminals who waged bacteriological warfare in the Second World War.

Countless are the violations by the American aggressors of international conventions. Their total list of crimes is too long to enumerate. They have used weapons of mass annihilation and more than once used poison gas. They have destroyed and are still destroying villages, cities and peaceful civilians and have slaughtered and tortured large numbers of Chinese and Korean prisoners of war. But all this does not satisfy them and they are now resorting to bacteriological warfare which surpasses in horror all their former crimes. The use of this weapon of wholesale and indiscriminate annihilation proves the American aggressors to be the deadly enemies of every peace-loving person in the world, the hardened opponent of the justice and security of all humanity.

That the American aggressors have long planned the use of this weapon is proved by the evidence. They tried their best to shield the Japanese bacteriological war criminals after the Second World War; they have nurtured a group of cannibals to conduct planned research into and to manufacture bacteriological weapons; after they began to suffer heavy defeats, they sent the Japanese bacteriological war criminals to Korea, to prepare for bacteriological warfare; and they have used Korean and Chinese prisoners of war as guinea pigs in bacteriological experiments, trying out their weapons on them before employing these weapons on a still larger scale on the battlefront. And the criminal activity on board the American landing craft No. 1091 has long

become an open secret. All this points to the fact that the American aggressors have long been deliberately preparing bacteriological warfare, working in league with the Japanese bacteriological war criminals.

It should now be clear to everyone why the American aggressors have been using every means to prolong the armistice negotiations. Their military adventures failed. They were compelled to negotiate. But they are not accepting this position. Using every trick to obstruct the negotiations, they are trying to pull themselves out of the hopeless mire by this ruthless and utterly inhuman device of bacteriological warfare. They are still thinking not only of further adventures on the Korean front, but of extending aggression in Korea, and destroying and occupying all Korea as a springboard for launching a new war.

We must warn the American aggressors that they will be responsible for all the consequences of this use of bacteriological warfare, the most appalling crime they have yet committed in violation of civilisation. Their intolerable obstruction of the armistice negotiations and their use of this vicious weapon while the negotiations are going on prove them to be the most envenomed opponents of the people's aspirations for peace. They are placing themselves daily in the position of world public enemy and are bound to be shunned by mankind.

We call on those among the American-led aggressive forces in Korea who have been deceived and still retain a spark of conscience—whether American, British, French, Turkish, Australian or any other nationality, to look at the enormity that is being committed by the American aggressors, to recognise that this crime of mass annihilation is unforgivable, to stand up and refuse to be part of it, to oppose this crime and refuse to go on throwing their lives away in vain for the benefit of the criminal schemes of the American aggressors.

There is no doubt whatever that the American aggressors will fail in their plans, their desperate ventures will be fruitless. Bacteriological warfare will not remedy their failure any more than their so-called naval and air "superiority" and all their other weapons. It will merely stir the decent people of the world to greater anger and will spur the Korean and Chinese people's forces to greater heroism. There is no other possible outcome. The heroic Korean and Chinese warriors will undoubtedly go on hitting the aggressors hard until they are willing to accept a fair and reasonable armistice.

We call on all peace-loving people throughout the world to rally at once for the sake of civilisation and justice and halt the appalling crime of the American aggressor in carrying out large-scale bacteriological warfare in Korea. Humanity has the right to demand that America stop its bloodthirsty monstrous violations of international conventions and its crimes against mankind. We wholeheartedly support the appeal of the second session of the World Peace Council to the United Nations, which represents the demand of millions of people in the world, for the unconditional banning of all types of atomic, bacteriological and chemical weapons, poison gas, radioactive weapons and all other means of mass annihilation and for proclaiming as a war criminal the government which first employs them. We surely hold the American aggressors fully responsible for all their crimes committed in Korea. If the American aggressors do not at once stop their maniacal, savage crimes, they must bear all the consequences that flow from them. We, the people of China, and the people throughout the world will give all the more active support to the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers and take resolute and effective action to smash all the criminal plans of the American aggressors.

America Cannot Deny Evidence

Unbounded support for Foreign Minister Chou En-lai's statement on the Americans' use of bacteriological warfare is expressed in the editorial in the *People's Daily* of March 8 entitled "Punish the American Butchers Who Are Bombing and Spreading Germs in Northeast China."

The editorial says, "Foreign Minister Chou En-lai has made a solemn protest on behalf of the Chinese Government and has announced that members of the American air force who invade China's territorial air and use bacteriological weapons will, on capture, be dealt with as war criminals. He also declared that the U.S. government must bear full responsibility for all the consequences arising from their crimes."

This official statement, says the paper, represents the "indomitable will of the Chinese people and their boundless wrath at the attempt to extend the Korean war and conduct germ warfare."

The American aggressors will certainly be severely punished and will have to pay for their crimes, continues the editorial. "The Chinese people are fearless in the face of any American provocations, because we know very well that the more isolated and desperate the enemy is, the more frantic he becomes. The Chinese people's great resist-American-aggression-and-aid-Korea movement will go forward on a even bigger scale and the heroic sons of the Chinese and Korean people will strike the savage American aggressors still heavier blows. All peace-loving, decent people will stand by us in our fight to the end to check the monstrous crimes and to punish the vicious American butchers with the utmost severity."

The editorial goes on:

Public opinion throughout the world is unanimous in its condemnation of the utterly inhuman crime of the American aggressors in launching bacteriological warfare in Korea. Nevertheless, despite serious warnings, they are now extending the use of bacteriological warfare to Northeast China.

At the same time, they are trying to evade their responsibility for this crime and have shamelessly denied that they are using bacteriological weapons. On March 4, U.S. Secretary of State Acheson said: "The United Nations forces have not used, and are not using, any sort of bacteriological warfare." But whatever cunning Acheson and the American brasshats use, they cannot hide their carefully planned and prepared crimes.

It is generally known that in the winter of 1950, when the American invading forces were retreating in confusion under the hammer blows of the Korean and Chinese people's forces, they used bacteriological weapons in the area along the line between Pyongyang and Wonsan. It is well known, too, that a group of "bacteriological specialists" under the direction of Crawford F. Sams, Chief of the U.S. Army's so-called Public Health and Welfare Section, carried out bacteriological experiments on board the American landing vessel No. 1091; while the criminal activities of the Japanese fascist bacteriological war criminals whom the American aggressors have taken to their bosom, men like Shiro Ishii, Jiro Wakamatsu and Masajo Kitano are notorious. Acheson and his crew dare not make a single mention of these facts which are already widely known throughout the world. They have no way at all of denying the abundant evidence of the crimes committed by the American invading forces in their use of large-scale bacteriological warfare in Korea and Northeast China.

People all over the world have long ago discovered that the American aggressors and their government officials are a group of shameless and dirty liars. People still remember that two months after the United States started its war of aggression in Korea, when Chou En-lai, China's Minister of Foreign Affairs, cabled a protest to the United Nations on August 24, 1950, against America's invasion of China's territory Taiwan, the officials of the U.S. Department of Defence seriously stated that there were no American military personnel in Taiwan and the U.S. navy, aircraft and war vessels had not gone to Taiwan. Yet the fact was that U.S. military personnel, and the U.S. navy and air force had long invaded Taiwan and its territorial waters. Now the vicious American aggressors, acting in complete violation of all human codes and international conventions are conducting bacteriological warfare on a large scale. There is no end of evidence in corroboration of this. It is not only impossible for them to get away from the facts, but the more denials they issue, the more they show themselves in their true light. The Chinese people will undoubtedly adopt measures to punish these vicious germ warfare *ghouls* with the utmost severity. It is the sacred right of the Chinese people, which they must insist on in order to uphold justice and safeguard their own security and that of all mankind.

That the American aggressors have chosen precisely this moment to bomb our Northeast again and to carry out large-scale germ warfare has the obvious aim of wrecking the armistice talks in Korea, prolonging and expanding the aggressive war in Korea and instigating new wars. It is by such ventures that the American aggressors attempt to maintain the war profits of the American monopolists and to continue their grabbing of the manpower and the material resources of all their satellite countries. The governments of all the satellite countries of the United States, therefore, face a critical test. They must express their attitude towards the daily increasing crimes on the part of the U.S.A. in wrecking the armistice talks in Korea, indiscriminately bombing Northeast China, spreading large quantities of bacteria and extending the war of aggression. Those who advocate the halting of these American appalling crimes and make efforts to this end may yet have the chance of avoiding the pitfalls of a new war which the American aggressors have prepared for them. But those who condone these crimes of the American aggressors and support them or try to shift the blame or cover them up under any pretext whatsoever will demonstrate once and for all that they are out and out lackeys of the American aggressors and, like the American aggressors themselves, are the deadly enemies of human justice and security.

International Committee of Red Cross Is U.S. Tool

A special correspondent of Hsinhua News Agency made the following commentary on March 22, exposing the true character of the International Committee of the Red Cross as a tool of the American aggressors.

Dean Acheson, American Secretary of State, is very anxious to find shelter from the wrathful and universal tide of condemnation that has risen since the American aggressors launched their bacteriological warfare in Korea and Northeast China.

When he issued a statement on March 4 denying this crime, he said that he "would welcome an impartial investigation by an international agency such as the International Committee of the Red Cross." Then in a message sent on March 11 he asked the Committee, which he praised as a "disinterested international body" to investigate the charge of germ warfare on both sides of the Korean battlelines and prophesied that it would "provide additional evidence with regard to the falsity of biological warfare" charges. On March 19, Cohen, the American representative to the United Nations Disarmament Commission also proposed that the International Committee of the Red Cross "inquire into the charges that the United States has used germ warfare in Korea."

People will wonder why the American imperialists are so partial to this Committee and repose such trust in it, why they sing such praises to its disinterestedness and impartiality that they wish it to take on the task of investigating their horrible crime.

The blind eye which this allegedly disinterested and impartial agency has in the past turned toward American acts of aggression in the Korean war shows clearly that, under the sign of the Red Cross, it has long curried favour with the American imperialists.

This is seen particularly on two points—the way in which it has thrown overboard the Geneva Convention on prisoners of war, which it professes to be fundamental to its work, and the way it has condoned the atrocities committed by the American troops of aggression in Korea.

In South Korea, the International Committee of the Red Cross has rendered service to the American aggressors, in the name of the Geneva Convention, ever since they started their war against Korea. What the American aggressors have been doing to Korean and Chinese prisoners is to insult, torture and massacre them in a variety of brutal ways. Yet these people are supposed to be entitled to entirely different treatment according to the Geneva Convention.

Articles 3 and 13 of the Geneva Convention stipulate that all prisoners of war must be protected from maltreatment, threats, insults and physical mutilation. In order to keep back Korean and Chinese prisoners, the American aggressors have conducted so-called "screening" and "interrogation." They have sent in Chiang Kai-shek's and Syngman Rhee's special agents who have forcibly tattooed insulting slogans on the prisoners and compelled them to sign petitions in their blood. American officers in charge of the P.O.W. camp have intimidated these prisoners, threatening that if they return to this side, they would have no other alternative but death.

Article 13 of the Geneva Convention also stipulates that "no prisoner of war may be subjected to physical mutilation or to medical or scientific experiments of any kind which are not justified by the medical, dental or hospital treatment of the prisoner concerned and carried out in his interest."

The American aggressors have openly violated this Article too. On board their No. 1091 landing craft, they have at Wonsan and on Koje Island used many prisoners of this side for bacteriological experiments. As a result, eight out of 10 prisoners of war in American-controlled war prisoner camps are ridden with diseases. And it is a matter of particular anger that time and again the American aggressors have carried out ruthless cold-blooded massacres of captured personnel of this side, in direct violation of Articles 3 and 13 of the Geneva Convention.

Yet these ghastly crimes, in direct violation of the Geneva Convention, have all been done under the very nose of the International Committee of the Red Cross which the Americans described as having "completely free access to the camps to interview the P.O.W.s." (United States Information Service dispatch of December 15 from Tokyo.) But this "disinterested international body," as Acheson calls it, paying solemn lip service to the Geneva Convention wherever it goes, has not lifted a finger to prevent these brutal crimes. It has not even said a word about them. On the contrary, it has gone out of its way to protect the criminals by consistently rating conditions in these P.O.W. camps excellent. (Associated Press dispatch of December 14 from Tokyo.) What is this if not evidence that the International Committee of the Red Cross is an accomplice of the United States? This came out with particular force when the American forces slaughtered a large number of P.O.W.s in the camps on February 18 and March 13. When public opinion reacted sharply to the facts the Americans rushed in to say that the International Committee of the Red Cross was conducting an on-the-spot "independent" investigation. More than one month has elapsed since the alleged "investigation" into the massacre of February 18 began. So far nothing has been heard about any report on this massacre. It is indeed not an easy matter for the International Committee of the Red Cross—accomplice of American imperialism, under the cloak of the Geneva Convention—to write such a report. If the report were very similar to that issued by the American side, it would expose its true countenance as a servant of the American aggressors. And if the report were to give a true picture, it would place its masters in an awkward position!

Both Acheson and the Committee are worried about the tremendous feeling that has been aroused over the news of American large-scale germ warfare in Korea and Northeast China. Acheson on March 4 declared that he would welcome an investigation by the Committee. Hurrying to comply, the Committee the next day sent a message to Supreme Commander Kim Il Sung and Commander Peng Teh-huai asking to be allowed to go to the rear areas of our forces, but dared not mention any word about bacteria. Then, on March 11, Acheson definitely invited the Committee to investigate; and the Committee in turn quickly came out with a statement on March 13 that it had sent a message the previous day to Supreme Commander Kim Il Sung and Commander Peng Teh-huai demanding that a committee be organised to carry out the investigation.

The Committee is so hasty in responding to Acheson, even ignoring the regulation which, it claimed, gives it no right to investigate.

When the Women's International Democratic Federation's fact-finding commission on atrocities committed by the American and Syngman Rhee Forces in Korea sent its report to the International Committee of the Red Cross and accused the American forces of atrocities, the Committee, in a flurry, issued a memorandum right and left on November 23, finding every possible excuse to deny that it had any authority to investigate contraventions and violations of international law. It was afraid it might be called upon to conduct an investigation which would place it in a very embarassing position. It even invoked a working rule, enacted in 1939, to avoid being specially invited to investigate the American atrocities, should such invitation arise. This rule states to the effect that the International Committee cannot be charged with responsibility to carry out an investigation unless (a) such an investigation has been authorised by a prior agreement; (b) there is special agreement by all the parties concerned. This is a very useful rule. The Committee knew there was no agreement to authorise it to investigate. And it knew even better that all the parties concerned in the Korean war

would never be able to work out some special agreement to invite it to investigate American atrocities.

It closed the door fast against the danger of doing an embarassing job by making a fool of itself. How was it to know that four months later a demand would come up for an investigation, and that it would be Acheson himself demanding it, in an attempt to save himself from the flood of universal condemnation against the American germ warfare. At this critical point, the Committee conveniently forgot all the reasoning and stipulations it had put up four months before to justify its refusal to investigate the Americar atrocities.

We would ask, by the authority of which particular convention and by the conditions of which special agreement did Acheson ask the Committee to investigate germ warfare? On what particular basis did the Committee comply with this request? Why did the Committee deliberately refuse to investigate the American atrocities when it imagined the people would raise this demand, whilst it rushed in before it could possibly have had time to make a considered judgment, to comply with Acheson's order that it should come into the rear of this side's forces for an investigation?

Where is the so-called disinterestedness? Where is the impartiality? The Committee's actions brand it as a most vicious and shameless accomplice and lackey of American imperialism. The purpose behind its eagerness to investigate is obviously to find out the effectiveness of the American aggressors' unparalleled, brutal crime and to try to whitewash the perpetrators of the crime with a worthless report.

The Korean and Chinese peoples will never allow this accomplice and supporter of American imperialism to enter their countries to carry out such disgraceful schemes. The news of the highly criminal use by American imperialism of bacteriological weapons in Korea and China will be carried to every corner of the globe. Let the people all over the world transmute their just anger at this crime into overwhelming strength and chop off the American imperialists' blood-stained hands.

U.S. Cannot Evade Responsibility for Germ War

The following commentary was published by the Hsinhua News Agency on March 29, 1952.

In the face of angry condemnation of the people throughout the world, the monstrous perpetrators of germ warfare—the American aggressors—are uneasy. On the one hand, they continue to disclaim responsibility for their crime and, by slandering with vicious lies, hope to evade this responsibility. On the other hand, using complete sophistry, they are trying their best to prove that carrying out bacteriological warfare is not a crime. This is an expression of the American aggressors' guilty conscience, and has sharply revealed the sanguinary face of the murderers before the people of the world.

The United State Information Service, official propaganda agency of the U.S.A., as well as a spy centre, on March 21 published a thoroughly misleading commentary entitled, "The World Today" which attempts to deny germ warfare. Like a wolf in sheep's clothing, the commentary tried all manner of tricks, basing itself on two fallacious points.

The first point brought out was that "no nation with the most elementary humanitarianism would initiate a war of such weapons." Even here, the American aggressors still dare not openly announce that the U.S. is a "nation with the most elementary humanitarianism," because America dare not condemn bacteriological weapons. But the commentary intended to suggest that the U.S. is such a country. However, people throughout the world know that the United States which is controlled by the millionaire clique of Wall Streeters can never be a "nation with the most elementary humanitarianism." The American aggressors have not only actively prepared bacteriological weapons which contravene humanitarianism, but they have also systematically carried out bombings and strafings against open peaceful cities and villages in Korea. On a mass scale, they have slaughtered defenceless women and children, the aged and the weak in Korea. America's aggressive armed forces in Korea rape and loot at will. They maltreat, insult and slaughter the captured personnel of the Chinese and Korean people's forces at will and even carry out germ experiments on them. Can all these countless crimes be committed by a "nation with the most elementary humanitarianism"? Facts prove that the American aggressors are a gang of most cruel, barbaric and shameless bandits.

The second point raised in this commentary is: "If the United Nations Command were to spread germs to the Communist troops, nothing would prevent these same germs from spreading to their own forces." But this kind of sophistry is unworthy of refutation. The American aggressors have long made all kinds of preparations to carry out bacteriological warfare. The inoculation certificates and statements of many American soldiers and those of satellite countries who have been recently captured at the Korean front prove that before the American aggressors began bacteriological warfare they inoculated their aggressive forces against plague, cholera, typhus fever, smallpox, tetanus, encephalitis, yellow fever and other diseases. Everyone knows plague has never occurred in Korea; there has been no cholera in North Korea since 1947; while yellow fever is a disease occurring on the American continent and in other tropical regions. The fact that the American aggressive forces in Korea should all be inoculated against these diseases is clear proof that they were preparing to carry out germ warfare. Another powerful proof is the fact that the American aggressive forces were withdrawn in advance from the area in which they were preparing to disseminate germs. At 1 p.m. on February 11, three American planes dropped germ-carrying vermin in the area 45 kilometres east northeast of Kaesong and 15 kilometres northwest of Chorwon. But American forces in that area were withdrawn during the night of February 10. This was not a coincidence, but was deliberately pre-arranged. The American aggressors thought their preparations were as secret as the grave. But their soldiers taken prisoner by the Chinese and Korean people's forces have exposed their shameless machinations.

While the American aggressors pretend to be as innocent as a newborn babe, swearing denial of their own crimes, they have been revealing their criminal nature. In the United States Information Service commentary, reiteration was made of clumsy lies such as that "serious epidemics in China of influenza, pneumonia, measles, smallpox, scarlet fever, encephalitis and other diseases" have broken out and that the "Communist authorities in North Korea have failed to provide efficient civil or military health measures." In order to substantiate their lies, they referred to the war criminal, Brigadier General Sams. This is what the commentary said: "Last year, U.S. Brigadier General Crawford Sams, a medical expert, led a four-man team behind Communist lines to study health conditions there." These presumptuous American

aggressors perhaps imagine that nobody knows about Brigadier General Sams. But it is well known that Sams is not only not a "medical expert" that although his full title is Chief of the U.S. Army's so-called "Public Health and Welfare Section," his actual job is to kill people and that he is the criminal in charge of bacteriological warfare. American news agencies and magazines have repeatedly revealed that he is directing bacteriological experiments on Korean and Chinese prisoners aboard landing craft No. 1091. He personally went on a secret mission in March of last year to the Korean rear. According to the Associated Press at the time, his mission was to collect "disease intelligence" and not "to investigate the health conditions there." The gangster chiefs are calling on their underlings to stand witness for them, for they can find no one else. But this testimony only proves their countless crimes.

Prevaricating and slandering, the American aggressors are holding on like grim death to their "life-saving" wisp of straw, in the form of the "International Committee of the Red Cross." Again, the United States Information Service commentary brazenly asserted: "It is up to the Communists to admit the Red Cross Committee to North Korea. It is up to the Communists to permit this investigation or to retract their charges." This has been constantly parrotted in Tokyo by the so-called "Voice of the United Nations Command" broadcasting station and the London Press Service. But these vile and weak lies of the American aggressors and their collaborators are only an endless repetition of the threadbare lies of yesterday and the day before. The American aggressors and their collaborators only deny that they have carried out germ warfare but dare not condemn the use of bacteriological weapons. They dare not even advocate their prohibition. They have not for a moment stopped slandering the Korean and Chinese peoples' just accusation as "monstrous falsehoods," but they dare not even mention the facts exposing their long-planned preparations to engage in bacteriological warfare. With every breath they clamour for an investigation by the "disinterested" "International Committee of the Red Cross," but towards the facts which have exposed the truth about the so-called "disinterested" "International Committee of the Red Cross" in the service of U.S. imperialism they dare not utter a word. They have even imposed so tight a blackout on reports of these facts that not a single word about them is let out. These iron-clad facts have now clearly hit the American aggressors and their collaborators, like the fear that overwhelms a robber in court when he is confronted with his hidden plunder. How could they dare to refer to them? They have the furtive manner of men with a guilty conscience who stand exposed before the world.

The evidence of their crimes is so conclusive that the American aggressors themselves seem to consider that their slanderous repudiation is inadequate. They are racking their brains to fabricate a variety of points to convince people that bacteriological warfare is not a crime, while plotting in advance to lay the groundwork for public opinion to exonerate them of their criminal responsibility. With this end in view, they have already shamelessly trumped up three types of feeble arguments. However, the American aggressors carelessly revealed their flagrant crime of bacteriological warfare.

Their first absurd argument is that bacteriological warfare is not illegal. The mouthpiece of the American warmongers, *U.S. News and World Report*, carried in its March 21 issue an article of fantastic propaganda about bacteriological warfare. This article openly answers "yes" to the question: "Is the U.S. Army actively experimenting with germ warfare?" and admits that "it has been doing so since early World War II." It further admits that "there is no practical reason why it cannot be done just as the Communists

have charged the U.S. with doing it—dropping diseased animals and insects from planes over wide areas." The article devotes much space to shameless boasting about bacteriological warfare. In conclusion, it raises the question: "Is there any international agreement against the use of bacteriological warfare, as there is against the use of poison gas?" and brazenly replies, "Apparently not." That the American aggressors have the effrontery to deny a fact known to everyone is precisely a full exposure of their shameless nature. The Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907 prohibit the use of poison weapons, and even the "Rules of Land Warfare" of the U.S. Army also acknowledge that this article in the Hague Conventions "extends to the use of means calculated to spread contagious diseases." The banning of bacteriological weapons was explicitly provided in the Geneva Protocol of 1925, and the U.S. is one of the signatory States. Such shameless denials by the American aggressors only serve to betray them and prove their crime.

The American aggressors' second trick is to cite historical precedents, by which they try to evade their responsibility for bacteriological warfare. The same article in the *U.S. News and World Report* reads: "Have there been actual cases in which germ warfare was used against people? Yes, many times on a limited scale. U.S. military officials are convinced that the Japanese began small epidemics among Chinese troops at one time in World War II. In World War I, the Germans infected some Allied horses with virus, hoping it would spread to the troops. Centuries ago, the British left plague-infected clothing behind when their army retreated, the advancing French forces were defeated after they captured and wore the clothing, then come down with bubonic plague. Earlier, Roman armies catapulted diseased corpses into besieged cities, causing serious epidemics and making the cities' capture easy." This betrays their serious consideration of using bacteriological warfare. By such "historical" parallels, the American aggressors are now trying to show that they are not the first to use bacteriological warfare, but have predecessors in history, hoping that this will lessen or relieve them of responsibility for their own crimes. But the people have never allowed any murderers of the people to go unpunished. American war criminals do not have to go back to the Roman Empire to find predecessors. They need only look at contemporary history and note the fate of those who were tried at the Nuremberg and Khabarovsk Tribunals. The American aggressors' nonsensical arguments can never brush aside their crimes and responsibility, but, on the contrary, will be strong evidence in the future trial of these criminals.

The American aggressors have yet another set of tricks up their sleeve: they adopt an air of outraged innocence, and at the same time put up a bold front. In the "Science in Review" column of the *New York Times* of March 16, they tried hard, on the one hand to deny their crime of conducting bacteriological warfare, but, on the other hand, made reservations by shamelessly spreading rumours to the effect that: "China is full of infected rats and fleas, and a few more would not convert and make disease into an epidemic. . ."

The American aggressors think they are smart and imagine if they really cannot deny the facts, they can put up a bold front and plead not guilty by saying—yes, we did spread germs, but since you are already full of germs, it does not matter if we spread a few more. Is this the talk of civilised human beings? It is the logic of gangsters, the yammering of a devil!

The rumours spread by the American aggressors do not dignify a reply. Everyone knows the American and British imperialists are bitterly hostile to the great People's Republic of China. Unable to do anything about her, they can only resort to the most witless imprecation, slander and rumour,

to present a thoroughly distorted picture of China. As early as July 10, 1950, the British imperialist government of Hongkong declared by way of rumour that Amoy was a plague port. In March 1951, the World Health Organisation, under the control of U.S. imperialism, in order to carry out the American order to blockade China, in an announcement shamelessly rumoured that all China's coastal ports were plague-ridden. As a matter of fact, China is neither "full of infected rats and fleas" nor has she any special diseases.

Since the establishment of the Central People's Government all contagious epidemics have been controlled. In Korea, as has been pointed out earlier, there has never been a case of plague in its history. As for cholera, it has been eliminated from North Korea since 1947. The sudden appearance of germ-infected rats and fleas can have no other source than the American imperialists.

The attempt of the American aggressors to use such vicious rumours and gangster logic in order to evade and deny their responsibility is but a revelation of the true face of these criminals who use bacteriological weapons to massacre the people of China and Korea.

From the fact that the American aggressors dare not mention any of the evidence that points to their crime but indulge only in manufacturing crude rumours and slanders, the fact that Acheson dare not condemn bacteriological warfare as illegal and inhuman but keeps on denying everything, and from the absurd sophistry voiced by the American propaganda machine, people see the true countenance of the guilty one trying to cover up his crime.

All such shameless denial, slanders and sophistry, not only cannot minimise the grave crime of the American aggressors in conducting bacteriological warfare but really serve as powerful evidence pointing to the criminal. The American aggressors can never escape their responsibility for carrying out germ warfare; they must ultimately receive the most severe punishment of justice from all the people of the world.