

Salute Heroic Palestinian People

PALESTINE International Week" activities will take place in Peking, China's capital, today as a resolute support to the Palestinian people in their just struggle for national rights. We hail the growing in strength of the Palestinian people's armed forces and congratulate the Palestinian people on the important victories they have won in their struggle; we give our militant salutation to the heroic Palestinian people and the people of various Arab countries who stand at the anti-imperialist front in the Middle East, and warmly welcome the Delegation of the Palestine Liberation Organization that has come to our country to participate in the "International Week" on invitation.

The armed struggle waged by the Palestinian people is an important component part of the present struggle of the world people against U.S. imperialism and its running dogs. For several years now, the Palestinian guerrillas have fought thousands of battles against the Israeli aggressors, and thwarted the various schemes designed by U.S. imperialism and its collaborator to strangle the Palestinian revolution and inspired the fighting will of millions upon millions of Arab people in resisting the U.S. and Israeli aggressors. Today, the Palestinian guerrillas have become a staunch and active anti-imperialist revolutionary force in the Middle East.

The Palestinian guerrillas have created an excellent situation through their bitter, valiant and tenacious struggle. Since the founding of the Palestinian guerrilla units, U.S. imperialism has tried its utmost to break them up in a vain attempt to wipe out them in their very bases. Last September, U.S. imperialism instigated the Jordanian reactionaries to dispatch tens of thousands of troops and large numbers of aircraft and tanks in a massive onslaught on the guerrillas. The Palestinian guerrillas valiantly rose up, launched counter-attacks in self-defence and stood up to this rigorous test by frustrating the enemy's vicious scheme. Through this event, the cadres and fighters of the guer-

rilla units once again came to see clearly the sinister and fiendish features of U.S. imperialism and its collaborator and running dog and became all the more determined to carry their armed struggle through to the end. Firmly grasp the gun and recover their lost homeland through armed struggle—this is the only road chosen by the Palestinian guerrillas and people.

The Palestinian guerrillas have further strengthened and developed their unity on the principle of persevering in armed struggle and carrying the Palestinian revolution through to the end. Last March, the Eighth Session of the Palestinian National Council, the participants of which had a wide representation, adopted a "political action programme" which embodies the strong will and undaunted fighting spirit of the broad sections of the Palestinian people who are united in struggling against imperialism. This constitutes a powerful blow to U.S. imperialism and its collaborator, which are plotting to disrupt the unity of the Palestinian people.

The Palestinian guerrillas have a profound mass basis among the Palestinian people and enjoy the extensive support of the people of the Arab countries. By acting arbitrarily and playing the jackal to the tiger, the Jordanian reactionaries have found themselves in an extremely isolated position among the Arab countries. The perverse action of the Jordanian reactionaries in suppressing the Palestinian guerrillas is countenanced neither by the Palestinian people nor by the people of Jordan and other Arab countries.

U.S. imperialism and social-imperialism collude and at the same time contend with each other in their activities in the Middle East. While intensifying the arming of Israel and engineering military suppression of the Palestinian guerrillas, U.S. imperialism is actively pushing the plot for a so-called "Palestinian state." Flaunting the signboard: "For a just and lasting peace in the Middle East," social-imperialism is work-

ing in close co-ordination with it in many respects. Such underhanded activities of theirs boil down to one aim, i.e., to make the Palestinian people and the people of the Arab countries give up their struggle against the U.S.-Israeli aggressors, submit to their will and fall victim to their activities of contending for and dividing spheres of influence in the Middle East. Such power politics pursued by the two superpowers has met with resolute opposition by the Palestinian and other Arab peoples.

The great leader Chairman Mao has pointed out: **"A people's revolution can triumph and imperialism and its lackeys can be defeated."**

The struggle of the Palestinian and other Arab peoples against the U.S.-Israeli aggressors is a just one.

The Chinese people and the people of the whole world side with them and resolutely support their struggle. We are deeply convinced that, despite the comparatively difficult conditions in their present struggle, the Palestinian people can steadily develop and strengthen their force in struggle, overcome all difficulties on their way of advance and continuously achieve victories so long as they strengthen their unity and persevere in a protracted people's war.

U.S. imperialism and Zionism will certainly be defeated! The Palestinian people's just struggle for national rights is sure to win!

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