

China Assails U.S. On Plan for ABMs

HONG KONG, Sept. 21 (UPI)—Communist China charged today that U.S. plans for a limited anti-ballistic-missile system against a possible Red Chinese nuclear attack are part of a "military blackmail" plot.

Peking Radio said the United States and the Soviet Union acted in collusion.

"This is an important step taken by U.S. imperialism in conducting military blackmail and threatens against China after China has developed her own defensive nuclear weapons and broken the nuclear monopoly by U.S. imperialism and Soviet revisionism," the broadcast said.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara announced Monday that America would build a \$5 billion ABM system "against a possible Chinese attack."

McNamara added, "it would provide an additional indication to Asians that we intend to deter China from nuclear blackmail."

The Peking commentary said the step was "another criminal measure taken by U.S. imperialism for increase

collusion with the Soviet revisionist clique in jointly opposing China."

[In a dispatch from Moscow, Anatole Shub of The Washington Post reported that the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda made what some observers believe to have been an oblique response to the U.S. decision to build an ABM system. In a front-page editorial, Pravda said Soviet forces now have "the most contemporary weapons, including rocket and nuclear weapons. Soviet forces are in a condition of such preparedness to defend the motherland that the slightest possibility is excluded for the imperialistic aggressors to catch us unawares."]