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NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE VICTORIES PREREQUISITE FOR PEACE
ACCORDING TO CHINESE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

Statements of two top-level Chinese Communists on the Peace Conference of Asian and Pacific Regions which have appeared in mainland newspapers have asserted that the fight for national independence is an integral part of the Asian concept of peace.

On 6 June 1952, Wu Yao-tsung, member of the Committee of Political and Legal Affairs and member representing Christian Religious Circles of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, stated that all peoples of Asia will fight to break the yoke of colonialism. The statement was published in the Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao in an article on the results of the Preparatory Meeting of the Peace Conference for Asian and Pacific Regions. Wu, who is also president of the "Resist US-Aid Korea Three Self-Reforms Movement, China Church of Christ," stated in this feature -- ostensibly a devout expression of Asian peoples' desire for peace -- that as a pacifist of 30 years' standing he has awakened from his dreams of "pure love" and nonviolence to the realization that peace must be fought for. The article exemplifies Communist semantics, i.e., just as "democracy" means dictatorship, so "realization of peace" presupposes, in current newspaper propaganda statements, "an Asian fight for independence."

Wu's statement strikes an interesting parallel with remarks made by Madame Sun Yat-sen in an article of peace in Asia which appeared in the 30 August 1952 issue of the Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao. Madame Sun also holds that peace and national independence are coterminous in Asia. Quoting from her speech: "Peace is a concept with many aspects for the people of Asia and the Pacific. It means more than the absence of general war....To the Asian and Pacific peoples, therefore, peace and national independence are so closely linked as to be indistinguishable. Peace must be founded on the equality of all peoples and on mutually advantageous dealing between all nations. This is possible only when each people runs its country without outside intervention, according to its own wishes and to its greatest benefit....This concept of peace is accepted far and wide among the peoples of Asia and the Pacific."

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The full text of Wu Yao-tsung's article follows:

The curtain has fallen on the Preparatory Meeting of the Peace Conference for Asian and Pacific Regions. This meeting is not only vital to the peace of Asia, but also to the peace of the world. Its future results will be far-reaching. I have fervent hope for this conference.

Thirty years ago, I was a fanatical pacifist and twisted the teachings of Jesus by interpreting his 'love your enemies' to be love without qualifications and that there never was to be resistance. I had forgotten Jesus' love for his motherland, his jealousy and hatred for its enemies, and his fierce struggle against the enemies of the people. I had already become a worshipper of Gandhi's passive nonviolence. When I read of his scheme for propagation, I was equally moved by it. I immediately translated his works into Chinese.

Within the Church of China there is an organization that works for world peace called 'The Fellowship of Reconciliation.' Thirty years ago, I was its responsible leader in China. I fervently propagated the principles of 'Pure Love' amongst the Christians of China. I was deeply moved by the Prophet Isaiah's inspired writings on peace in the Old Testament, such as: '...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.' Isaiah 2:4. 'The wolf and the lion shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den.' Isaiah 11:6-8.

That is a beautiful dream. Now 30 years afterward, I have been completely awakened from this daydreaming. But I have not given up my fervent hopes for the peace of the world. I understand clearly that world peace is a thing which must be fought for. In April 1949, I was in Prague and participated in the big and glorious conferences of Prague and Paris for peace. In February 1951, I attended the First Executive Council for World Peace in Berlin; and in November of the same year, I attended the second meeting of the executive council in Vienna. In that last meeting, I saw the high determination of the leaders of the whole world for the protection of peace in the democracies. From these meetings, I gradually developed a strong faith that aside from petty quarrels, peace is the thing most sought for by the people of the world -- therefore peace is a victory that can be fought for and won.

During the past 3 years, my livelihood has been in New China. I have personally witnessed the Chinese people's strong, unparalleled will to fight and their glorious unexcelled power to rebuild. In Liberated China, the people have received a freedom which they never had before. They have become a People's China. Because of this, I am happy beyond expression and I am proud. In the past, I had never dreamed of the future for China in which I now have faith. At this time, the US, the leader of imperialism and deception, has not recognized Liberated China, which is the greatest event in this age.--The US not only does not recognize the delegates of the Chinese democracy and the Republic of China, but she continues to support the Kuomintang, which is without a way or a future, and is a deteriorating and defeated power. The US began the war of invasion in Korea, and has occupied our territory -- Taiwan -- threatening the tranquility of our nation.

As a Chinese, my anger at the sins of the invasion by the imperialist US is greatly aroused. This aggressor is not only an enemy of the whole Chinese nation, but also is the enemy of the whole world which loves peace. As a Christian, I feel a righteous indignation, because under the banner of the church,

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US imperialism invaded and corrupted the beautiful name of the church. It has sold the Prince of Peace whom we worship and has made armaments and dollars, intrigue and lust, to be its God. When I hear about the ferocious savagery of the US imperialists and their inhumanity toward the people of Korea who love peace, and especially when I hear how the delegates of our Volunteer Army and Korean people's representatives on their return, accuse them, my heart is filled with hate -- and burns like furnace fire against the savagery of US imperialism. When I heard of the imperialist US germ warfare on Korea and my country, as well as how US soldiers have foully killed and shed the blood of war prisoners at Koje Do and at Pusan, I cannot understand how a government, or how the government of a nation that claims to be Christian, can sink to such inhuman levels -- despising and destroying in this manner. US imperialism having committed these sins that cry to heaven, is still disrespectful and unwilling to admit them. Consequently, I am aware of imperialist US' brittleness and weakness.

Can the imperialist US's organizing and preparation of wide-scale warfare intimidate the people of China? Can the US intimidate the people of the whole world who love peace? It cannot! Definitely not! During the past 2 years of the aggressive warfare waged by the imperialist US, the people of China under the glorious leadership of Chairman Mao and the CCP -- have they stopped active preparation and construction? No! China, in its help to Korea, has even greater power for defeating the aggressive warfare of the imperialist US, and has the ability to increase that power even more.

In addition, the campaigns to Resist US, Aid Korea, Land Reform, Suppression of Counter-revolutionaries, Thought Reform, and the Three-Anti and Five Anti, the Austerity and Production Increase campaigns have been the means for washing us clean from the filthiness of China's past history. For the great democratic peoples and their preparations for socialism, the strength of China cannot be destroyed. The foundations of the New China are built upon rock.

Thus, China's people have already fought and won their victory. All peoples of Asia and the Pacific regions will fight for it. The blessedness received by the New China -- and the greater blessings which she will receive -- shall be received by all the peoples of Asia and the Pacific regions. The Asian countries that have been under imperialist oppression have broken through and are arising. They will be breaking out of colonialism. The slaves and those who bear the yoke shall be released and restored to their original free state. They will not be satisfied to be enslaved and drawn into an imperialist war. They will arise and go hand in hand with the peoples of the world who love peace. For their own happiness and for the protection of world peace, they will fight to the end.

People of the world who love peace have already established a front of steel for its protection which cannot be defeated. This front is day by day growing stronger. Day by day, people from the colonies -- people who were slaves -- are being drawn from the camp to the imperialists to join the countless peoples who love peace. Only a small group of warmongers who, through warfare, hope to enslave the whole world to reap for themselves the greater profits and more excellent status, resist the movement.

Warfare is, for any people or nation -- their women and young especially -- a dreadful, loathesome, and crippling ruination. May the people of the whole world who love peace -- the first among them being, of course, the peoples of Asia and the Pacific regions -- be no longer divided into nations or peoples, nor be divided by religions, faiths, or political thoughts, but more broadly, more intimately, more resolutely be united, fighting to secure the greater victory -- peace for the whole world.

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