

Joint Declaration of the Democratic Parties

We solemnly pledge our full strength to support the just demands of the entire Chinese people, and to support the sacred task of resisting America, aiding Korea, and defending our homeland on the basis of voluntary action.

The actions of the imperialists led by the United States in invading Korea are gravely threatening China's security. The entire Chinese people have long focused their attention on the U.S. aggressors' actions in Korea as well as their activities in China's territory, airspace, and territorial waters.

The imperialists' ambitions for aggression are without limit. On June 25 of this year, U.S. imperialism launched the war of aggression against Korea. Their plot was by no means confined to destroying the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. They sought to annex Korea, to invade China, to dominate Asia, and to conquer the world.

Facts over the past four months have amply proved this point. After the U.S., through its puppet Syngman Rhee, launched an attack against the Korean people, President Truman immediately ordered American land, sea, and air forces into Korea. At the same time, he ordered the U.S. Seventh Fleet to invade China's territorial waters around Taiwan, forcibly interfering with China's liberation of Taiwan; he also commanded intensified aggression against Vietnam, the Philippines, and other places. These facts prove that the purpose of the U.S. imperialists in launching the Korean War is to invade China and to invade all of Asia.

Since June, after launching the war against Korea, the U.S. Air Force has repeatedly intruded into the skies of Northeast China, slaughtering our people and destroying our property. Its naval forces have even fired upon Chinese merchant ships on the high seas, undermining China's maritime rights. More recently, the ferocious face of U.S. imperialism has been even more fully exposed. After their armed occupation of Seoul together with their accomplices, they have obstinately ignored China's warnings, crossed the 38th parallel, and with massive ground forces have pressed toward the Yalu and Tumen Rivers, directly threatening China's northeastern borders.

The situation today is perfectly clear. U.S. imperialism is resorting to the very same old trick once used by Japanese militarism—first invading Korea, then invading China. Everyone knows that although Korea is a relatively small country, its strategic position is of great importance. The U.S. imperialists' invasion of Korea is not primarily for Korea itself, but for the purpose of invading China, just as Japanese imperialism once did. Historical facts have long since told us that the fate of Korea is intimately linked with the safety of China. If the lips are gone, the teeth will be cold; if the house is broken, the hall cannot stand. For the Chinese people, supporting the Korean people's war of resistance against America is not only a moral responsibility, but also a matter of vital interest and a necessity for self-defense. To save one's neighbor is to save oneself; to defend the motherland, we must support the Korean people.

The entire Chinese nation has now raised a broad and fervent demand to struggle through voluntary action for the sacred task of resisting America, aiding Korea, and defending our homeland. This demand is wholly reasonable and entirely just. As Premier Zhou Enlai has said: "The Chinese people absolutely cannot tolerate foreign aggression, nor can they stand by and allow the imperialists to wantonly invade their neighbor." These words speak for the 475 million people of China. They reflect the people's will and embody their demands. The united and determined will of the Chinese people to defend their homes, defend their country, and defend peace cannot be destroyed in any way.

The Chinese people love peace. We have always sought peace in the past, we will always want peace in the future. We want peace for China, peace for Asia, and enduring peace for the whole world and all humanity. We maintain that the Korean question should be resolved peacefully, and that the imperialist armies of aggression should be withdrawn from Korea. Yet the U.S. imperialists and their accomplices not only refuse to withdraw their invading forces, stop their war of aggression, or resolve the Korean question by peaceful means, but instead have expanded the war of aggression beyond the 38th parallel, pushing forward to the banks of the Yalu and Tumen Rivers on China's border. This has compelled us to recognize a fact: that if the peace-loving people of the world wish to have peace, they must resist atrocities with active struggle and stop aggression. Only resistance can force the imperialists to learn their lesson. Only resistance can make possible a just settlement of the questions of independence and liberation for Korea and other regions, in accordance with the will of the people.

Justice is on our side—on the side of the peoples of China, Korea, Vietnam, the Philippines, on the side of the peoples of Asia, and on the side of all peace-loving peoples of the world. The imperialist aggressors are on the side of injustice; they are bereft of sympathy, isolated, and doomed to ultimate defeat. The final victory will belong to the just peoples.

We, the democratic parties of China, solemnly pledge our full strength to support the just demands of the entire Chinese people, and to support the sacred task of resisting America, aiding Korea, and defending our homeland on the basis of voluntary action.

Signatories:

- Communist Party of China
- Revolutionary Committee of the Kuomintang
- China Democratic League
- China Democratic National Construction Association
- Non-party democratic personages of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- China Association for Promoting Democracy
- Chinese Peasants' and Workers' Democratic Party
- Zhi Gong Party of China
- Jiu San Society
- Taiwan Democratic Self-Government League
- New Democratic Youth League of China

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