

China Backs Arab People's Just Struggle

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U.S. IMPERIALISM'S instigation of the West German government to take a step further in arming Israel by providing it with weapons and munitions has met with strong protests and condemnation from the Arab countries. Not only has the Bonn government refused to put an end to this hostile action against the Arab countries, but with U.S. support has brazenly announced that it will establish diplomatic relations with Israel. This Bonn government attitude has aroused the deep anger of the people of the Arab countries, and many Arab countries have expressed their determination to take concrete steps to retaliate for West Germany's intensified collusion with Israel.

Bonn's decision to establish diplomatic relations with Israel is not only a question of enabling West Germany to claim to be "the sole representative of the German people," as the Bonn authorities and the U.S. Government allege. It is a serious move by U.S. imperialism in intensifying its aggression against the Arab countries.

Israel is a tool of aggression created by U.S. imperialism and a dagger pointed at the heart of the Arab world. It is a special detachment for creating tension in the region and threatening the peace and security of the Arab people. U.S. imperialism has consistently directed Israel to carry out provocations against the Arab countries in an effort to use the situation to perpetrate aggression against and expansion into these countries and to preserve its own colonial interests in the region. U.S. Secretary of State Dean Rusk recently admitted that "we [the U.S.] have a very important interest in the security of Israel." For this reason, the United States has always strongly fostered Israel politically, economically and militarily. West Germany is providing Israel with arms and munitions at U.S. bidding. As the U.S. paper *Christian Science Monitor* reported, U.S. "pressure" was the "determining factor" in the West German decision.

But U.S. imperialism's hopes are futile. The people of the Arab countries more and more clearly see that it is their most vicious enemy. Recently, Washington's attempt to force the Arab countries to stop supporting the Congolese (Leopoldville) people in their just struggle against U.S. imperialism, by threatening to stop "aid" and other shameful measures, was firmly rebuffed by the Arab countries. The giving of arms and munitions to Israel by the United States through West Germany also has been exposed and opposed by

the Arab countries. In these circumstances, U.S. imperialism has intensified the use of Israel as a tool to force the Arab countries to submit. **In supporting West Germany's further collusion with Israel, the United States wants to openly step up arming Israel by means of West Germany and set up a triple force of aggression consisting of U.S. imperialism, German militarism and Zionism, thus posing a great threat to the independence and security of the Arab states.** This, of course, is something that the people of the Arab countries, who are struggling to safeguard their national independence, cannot possibly allow.

As the U.A.R. paper *Al Goumhouria* pointed out: "Every plot against us was hatched by it [the U.S.] and every danger that threatens us is fostered by the

Statements by Chinese People's Organizations

THE Chinese Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity and the China Islamic Association each issued a statement on March 14 declaring firm support for the Arab people's struggle and resolute opposition to the stepped-up arming of Israel by West Germany under U.S. imperialist instigation.

The Chinese Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity stated that the huge quantity of arms supplied by West German militarists, at the instigation of U.S. imperialism, to speed the arming of Israel seriously threatened the security of the Arab countries and had once again exposed the criminal U.S. imperialist plot of premeditated aggression against the Arab people.

The Chinese people, the statement said, resolutely opposed the further arming of Israel by West German militarism at U.S. imperialism's instigation, and firmly supported the Arab people in their struggle in defence of their independence and sovereignty against U.S. imperialist aggression and intervention.

The China Islamic Association solemnly declared that the Chinese Muslims and all the people of China stood together with the Arab people in resolutely opposing the criminal aggression and interference by U.S. imperialism and its lackeys. Its statement pointed out that U.S. imperialism had a long history of aggression against and interference in the Arab countries and had long nurtured Israel as a tool for purposes of aggression.

The Chinese Muslims, the statement concluded, strongly believed that the Arab people, with a long and glorious tradition in anti-imperialist and anti-colonialist struggle, would win final victory.

United States.” The struggle of the Arab countries to oppose West Germany giving arms to Israel and to the two ganging up is in fact a struggle against the U.S. imperialist plot of aggression against the Arab states. In this struggle the people of the Arab countries can count on the firm support of all the people in the world who oppose imperialism and love peace.

The Chinese people have consistently supported the people of the Arab countries in their struggle against imperialism and old and new colonialism, resolutely supported the just demands of the Arab states on the Palestine question and supported the rights of the Arab people of Palestine to return to their homeland. **The Chinese people firmly oppose U.S. im-**

perialist efforts to make Israel a tool of aggression against the Arab countries. Therefore, we have had nothing to do with Israel and neither will we have anything to do with it in the future. We resolutely support the struggle of the Arab countries against the continued arming of Israel by West Germany at the instigation of U.S. imperialism. We firmly believe that the stepping up of collusion between the Bonn government and Israel cannot frighten the heroic people of the Arab countries. If Bonn is willing to pull Washington's chestnuts out of the fire, it will suffer for it. In the face of the solid unity of the Arab countries and people, any U.S. imperialist scheme of aggression will meet with shameful defeat.