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PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN KOREA

Report of Group on Cease-Fire in Korea

On 31 December 1950 the General Assembly adopted the following resolution
which had been sponsored by thirteen Asian Powers:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming with grave concern the situation in the Far East,

"Anxious that immediate steps should be taken to prevent the conflict
in Korea spreading to other areas and to put an end to the fighting in
Korea itself, and that further steps should then be taken for a peaceful
settlement of existing issues in accordance with the purposes and principles
of the United Nations,

"Requests the President of the General Assembly to constitute a group
of three persons, including himself, to determine the bases on which a
satisfactory cease-fire in Korea can be arranged and to make recommenda-
tions to the General Assembly as soon as possible."

2. In pursuance of the resolution, the President forthwith constituted a group
consisting of Mr. J.B. Pearson of Canada, Sir Benegal M. Ssu of India and
himself, and announced this fact to the General Assembly. The Group met almost
immediately afterwards and decided to associate the Secretary-General of the
United Nations with its work.

3. A copy of the resolution was sent to Ambassador Wu, the
representative of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of
China who was then in New York.

4. On 25 December, as a first step in carrying out its task the Group
consulted the representatives of the United Command as to what they considered
to be a satisfactory basis for a cease-fire. The suggestions which emerged from
this consultation and which in the circumstances the Group felt constituted a
reasonable basis for discussion, are summarised below:

(1) All governments and authorities concerned, including the Central
People's Government of the People's Republic of China and the North
Korean authorities, shall order and enforce a cessation of all acts of
armed force in Korea. This cease-fire shall apply to all of Korea.

(2) There shall be established a demilitarised area across Korea of
approximately twenty miles in depth with the southern limit following
generally the line of the 38th parallel.

(3) All ground forces shall remain in position or be withdrawn to the
rear of the demilitarised zone and the areas beyond the zone;
air forces shall respect the demilitarised zone and the areas beyond the zone;
and opposing forces shall respect the waters contiguous to the land areas
occupied by the opposing armed forces to the limit of 3 miles from shore.

(4) Supervision of the cease-fire shall be by a United Nations Commission
whose members and designated observers shall ensure full compliance with
the terms of the cease-fire. They shall have free and unlimited access to
the whole of Korea. All governments and authorities shall co-operate with
the Cease-Fire Commission and its designated observers in the performance
of their duties.

(5) All governments and authorities shall cease promptly the introduction
into Korea of any reinforcing or replacement units or personnel, including
volunteers, and the introduction of additional war equipment and material.
Such equipment and material will not include supplies required for the
maintenance of health and welfare and such other supplies as may be
authorised by the Cease-Fire Commission.

(6) Prisoners of war shall be exchanged on a one-for-one basis, pending
final settlement of the Korean question.

(7) Appropriate provision shall be made in the cease-fire arrangements
in regard to steps to ensure (a) the security of the forces; (b) the
movement of refugees; and (c) the handling of other specific problems
arising out of the cease-fire, including civil government and police power
in the demilitarised zone.

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3. The General Assembly should be asked to confirm the cease-fire arrangements, which should continue in effect until superseded by further steps approved by the United Nations.

4. The group then attempted to consult the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and, for this purpose, sent a message by hand to Ambassador Wu and repeated it by cable to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Peiping. The text of this message is reproduced below:

"Dear Ambassador Wu,

As you have already been informed by Resolution 1717, a copy of which was sent to you yesterday, a Committee was set up by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the previous day, December 13, consisting of myself and my two colleagues, Sir Benegal Ran of India, and Mr. L. B. Pearson of Canada, charged with the duty of determining whether it is possible to arrange appropriate and satisfactory conditions for a cease-fire in Korea. The purpose of this cease-fire in China will be to prevent the conflict from spreading to other areas, to put an end to the fighting in Korea, and to provide an opportunity for considering what further steps should be taken for a peaceful settlement of existing issues, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

The above Committee has now met representatives of the United Communist of Korea, and has discussed with them, in an exploratory manner, possible conditions upon which a cease-fire might be established. Since the Government of the Communist People's Republic of China has expressed strong views on the future of Korea, and about the present state of warfare in that country, and since Chinese are participating in that warfare, the Committee wishes also to discuss with your Government or its representatives, and with the military authorities in command of the forces operating in North Korea, possible conditions upon which a cease-fire might be established. For this purpose, we desire to see you at your earliest convenience, and we should be grateful to know when a meeting can be arranged.

We realized that your Government which sent you here with other objects in mind, may prefer other arrangements by which a cease-fire can be discussed with them. We wish your Government to know that, in the interests of stopping the fighting in Korea and of facilitating a just
settlement of the issue there in accordance with the principles of the 
United Nations Charter, we are prepared to discuss cease-fire 
arrangements with your Government or its representatives either here or 
extremely, as would be mutually convenient. We urge only that 
rangements for these discussions should be made with the least possible 
delay. With this in mind, we are sending the text of this communication 
directly to your Government by telegraph.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Nasrallah Suleiman.
December 16, 1950,

6. On 18 December, Mr. Pearson, on behalf of the Group, submitted a brief 
preliminary account of its activities to the First Committee, hoping that a 
fuller report would be made in the near future.

7. On 16 December, the President, acting on behalf of the Group, had 
written himself of the good offices of the Swedish Delegation to transmit through 
the Swedish Embassy in Peking a request to the Central People's Government that 
Ambassador Wu be instructed to stay on in New York and discuss with the Group the 
possibility of arranging a cease-fire. The reply to the request, communicated 
to the President on 21 December, through the same channel was as follows:

"The Central People's Government acknowledges receipt of a message 
dated 16th December 1950 from Mr. Pearson, President of the General Assembly. 
It has been instructed to convey the Swedish Government's request to the Swedish Government to 
transmit the following reply to Mr. Pearson, President of the General Assembly.

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General Assembly, and it has been instructed to convey that the Central People's Government would 
regard any such action as illegal and null and void all 
the decisions of the General Assembly and its 
subsequent resolutions, and that the Central People's Government would 
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against Japan" raised by the People's Republic of China, General Wu was instructed by the Central People's Government to continue to stay at Lake Success for participation in the discussion of "the complaint of the U.S. aggression against China" admitted by the U.S.S.R. representative; although he has waited for a long time and until the United Nations General Assembly was declared adjourned, he was still not given the opportunity to speak. Under such circumstances, the Central People's Government feels that there is no more necessity for General Wu and his staff to remain at Lake Success and has therefore instructed him to start their homeward journey on December 19.

8. As to the question of how the United Nations may get in touch with the Korean Democratic People's Republic, the Central People's Government is of the opinion that United Nations should address direct inquiry to the Government of the Korean Democratic People's Republic."

On 19 December, acting on a recommendation from the sponsor of the twelve-Power resolution introduced in the First Committee on 18 December, the Group sent another message to the Foreign Minister of the Central People's Government. This was intended to remove any possible misunderstandings which may have arisen out of the separation of the twelve-Power resolution from the thirteen-Power resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 16 December. The text of the message is given below:

"CHOU EN LAI
Minister for Foreign Affairs
CENTRAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
(TIBET, CHINA)

In the consideration which you are giving to our earlier message, we are anxious that there should be no misunderstanding as to the relationship between the United Nations Resolution establishing a cease fire group, and resolution proposed by twelve Asian Government, recommending appointment of a committee to meet as soon as possible and make recommendations for peaceful settlement of existing issues in Far East. It is our clear understanding and also that of the twelve Asian sponsors, that once a cease fire arrangement had been achieved, the negotiations visualized in the second resolution should be proceeded with at once. Indeed, the prime to cease fire resolution states specifically
that steps should be taken for a peaceful settlement when fighting in Korea is ended. It is also our view, as well as that of the twelve Asian governments sponsoring the second resolution, that Government of the People's Republic of China should be included in the Negotiating Committee referred to in that resolution. We feel that this Committee should become an effective channel for seeking peaceful solution of existing issues in Far East between the United States, the United Kingdom, the Soviet Union and China. For that purpose, in our opinion, it should be set up with minimum of delay, but to make that possible a "cease fire" arrangement must be put into effect. This point of view has been communicated to your Delegation which left New York today, and we express the hope that you will give full weight to it.

Committee of the General Assembly

Nasrullah Kintzoum, President of the General Assembly
Sir Erasmeo Hua
Lester B. Pearson.

9. On 22 December, the President of the General Assembly, in his capacity as such, received from the Foreign Minister of the Central People's Government the text of a statement issued by the latter in Peking on 22 December explaining the attitude of the Central People's Government on the Resolution constituting the Cease-Fire Group and on the peaceful settlement of the Korean question. This document is reproduced as an Annex. It appears to be in the nature of an answer to the Group's message of 25 December.

10. In these circumstances and in spite of its best efforts, the Group regrets that it has been unable to pursue discussion of a satisfactory cease-fire arrangement. It therefore feels that no recommendation in regard to a cease-fire can usefully be made by it at this time.
Mr. Kanzo Nakamura, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, on the so-called "three-man committee for cease-fire in Korea" and the peaceful settlement of the Korean question is to be found in his statement issued on December 22. Realizing being broadcast by the Mainichi News Agency on the same date, the said statement is hereby transmitted by cable for your information.


The General Assembly of the United Nations, illegally adopted a resolution submitted by thirteen nations concerning a so-called "cease-fire in Korea." This resolution provided for the establishment of a three-man committee, consisting of the President of the current session of the United Nations General Assembly; the President of the United Nations General Assembly; and the Representative of the People's Republic of China. The three-man committee was to conduct talks to determine whether it is possible to arrange appropriate and satisfactory conditions for a cease-fire in Korea, and then to make recommendations to the United Nations General Assembly.

"1. The Representative of the People's Republic of China neither participated nor agreed to the adoption of the resolution concerning the so-called "three-man committee for cease-fire in Korea" submitted by thirteen nations. The Chinese representative, Chou En-Lai, has made the following statement in this connection:"

Note: The document contains a typewritten text that is difficult to read due to the quality of the image. The text appears to be a statement by Chou En-Lai, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, regarding a resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 22, 1950, concerning a three-man committee for cease-fire in Korea.
In order to achieve lasting peace and freedom in Korea, it is absolutely necessary to resolve the Korean question by restoring the political situation in Korea. It is proposed that the Government of the United States and the Government of the Soviet Union, in respect to the Korean question, should proceed to negotiate an international conference to consider the problem of the Korean question. It is proposed that the Government of the United States and the Government of the Soviet Union should be represented by their respective plenipotentiaries at the conference. The aim of the conference should be to determine the political situation in Korea and to settle the Korean question. It is proposed that the conference should be held in a neutral country and that the arrangement of the conference should be made by the two Governments. It is proposed that the conference should be convened as soon as practicable and that the proceedings of the conference should be kept secret.

The United Nations has the responsibility to ensure that the Korean question is settled in a peaceful manner. It is proposed that the United Nations should be represented by its Secretary-General at the conference. The Secretary-General should be authorized to take such measures as may be necessary to ensure the peaceful settlement of the Korean question. It is proposed that the Secretary-General should be furnished with such facilities as may be necessary to carry out his duties.

The Korean question is a matter of great importance and should be settled in a way that will be acceptable to all concerned. It is proposed that the conference should be convened as soon as practicable and that the proceedings of the conference should be kept secret. It is proposed that the conference should be held in a neutral country and that the arrangement of the conference should be made by the two Governments. It is proposed that the conference should be convened as soon as practicable and that the proceedings of the conference should be kept secret. It is proposed that the Secretary-General should be authorized to take such measures as may be necessary to ensure the peaceful settlement of the Korean question. The Secretary-General should be furnished with such facilities as may be necessary to carry out his duties.
"7% This being the case, why does the American delegate, Mr. Austin, now favor an immediate cease-fire in Korea, and why does President Truman also express willingness to conduct negotiations to settle the hostilities in Korea? It is not difficult to understand that, when the American invading troops were heading at Inchon, crossing the 38th parallel or pressing toward the Yalu River, they did not favor an immediate cease-fire and were not willing to conduct negotiations. It is only today when the American invading troops have sustained defeats, that they favor an immediate cease-fire and the conducting of negotiations after the cease-fire. Very obviously, they opposed peace yesterday, so that the United States might continue to extend her aggression; and they favor a cease-fire today, so that the United States may gain a breathing space and prepare to attack again, or at least hold their present aggressive position in preparation for further advance. What they care about is not the interests of the Korean people and the Asian peoples, nor those of the American people. They are only interested in how American imperialists can maintain their invading troops and aggressive activities in Korea, how they can continue to invade and occupy China's Taiwan and how they can intensify the preparation for war in the capitalist world. Therefore, the Representative of MacArthur's Headquarters said bluntly that they would accept a cease-fire only on a military basis and without any political conditions. This means that, all the status of aggression will remain the same after the cease-fire, so that they can fight again when they are prepared. Further, they would take this opportunity to declare the existence of a state of emergency and to prepare for mobilization in the United States, in Western Europe and Japan, thus driving the peoples of the United States, Western Europe and Japan down into the abyss of war. Is this not what MacArthur, Truman, Johnson, Marshall and MacArthur are doing now? With reference to the so-called proposal for cease-fire first and negotiations afterwards, irrespective of the fact that the proposal by the twelve nations had neither been adopted by the Security Council nor by the United Nations General Assembly and irrespective of what countries are to be included in the negotiating conference and even if all these had been agreed upon, the agenda and contents of the negotiation could still be discussed endlessly after the cease-fire. If the conference is not a conference of the legal Security Council or of the legal Five Power conferences, or is not affiliated to these, the U.S. Government in the last resort can still manipulate its voting machine.
Thus to discuss the cease-fire and start negotiations not on the basis of
the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea and the settling of Korean
domestic affairs by the Korean people themselves is to act hypocritically and
would therefore suit the designs of the U.S. Government, and hence cannot
satisfy the sincere desires of the peace-loving peoples of the world. The
three-man committee - a cease-fire on the spot - peace negotiations - launching
of a huge offensives: this Marshall formula is not in the least unfamiliar to
the Chinese people, because in 1946, General Marshall assisted Chiang Kai-shek
in this way, repeatedly for a whole year, and in the end had to admit failure
and leave. Will the people of China, who had learned this lesson in 1946 and
later gained victory, fall into such trap today? No, the old trick of General
Marshall will not work again in the United Nations.

Moreover, the present issues are definitely not confined to the Korean
problem. While the United States Government was engineering the hostilities in
Korea, it despatched the Seventh Fleet to invade China’s Taiwan and then
bombed North-East China, fired on Chinese merchant vessels and criticized its
aggression in East Asia. Against all this, the Central People’s Government of the
People’s Republic of China has repeatedly lodged charges with the United Nations,
but under American domination, the majority in the United Nations has not only
upheld American aggression against Korea and supported American invasion and
occupation of Taiwan, the bombing of North-East China, but also rejected the three
proposals submitted by our representative on the charge against the United States
for armed aggression against Taiwan, and shielded the charge of United States
aggression against China made by the Delegate of the Soviet Union. Our
Representative was kept waiting for a long time and until the First Committee of
the United Nations General Assembly was informally adjourned, he was not given
a chance to speak.

This attitude which was taken by the majority of the United Nations under the
domination of the Anglo-American bloc, obviously violates the United Nations
Charter and its purposes. They are furthering rather than checking American
aggression. They are undermining rather than defending world peace.
What particularly arouses the world's indignation is that, in spite of the fact that during the past several months the United Nations held numerous discussions on China or on important questions concerning China, the Delegates of the People's Republic of China, who are the only Representatives of the four hundred and seventy-five million people of China, are still being kept out of the doors of the United Nations, whereas the Representatives of a handful of the Chiang Kai shek reactionary elements are still being allowed to occupy the seats of the Chinese Delegation in the United Nations. To such an extent the Chinese people have been slighted and insulted.

Therefore, the Chinese people, who, impelled by righteous indignation, have risen to volunteer in resisting the United States and helping Korea, and thus protecting their homes and defending their country are absolutely responsible and justified in so doing. The Chinese peoples' volunteers, who have been forced to take up arms side by side with the Korean Peoples' Army to resist the American aggressors, under the United Command of the Government of the Korean Democratic People's Republic, are fighting for their own existence, fighting to aid Korea and fighting for the peace of East Asia as well as the peace of the whole world.

"It must be pointed out that the proposal for a peaceful settlement of the Korean problem submitted by the majority of the Delegates of the thirteen Asian and Arabian nations was originally based on their desire for peace, and this is understandable. But they have failed to see through the whole intrigue of the United States Government in supporting the proposal for a cease-fire first and negotiations afterwards, and therefore they have not seriously considered the basic proposals of the Chinese Government concerning the peaceful settlement of the Korean problem.

The original thirteen-nation resolution was not wholly palatable to the United States Government, so it was separated into two resolutions. The first resolution, or the resolution providing for the so-called "three man committee for cease-fire in Korea", which is satisfactory to the United States, was, under pressure, given priority for discussion and was consequently adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. But the second resolution, or the resolution providing for a so-called "negotiating conference" "negotiating commission", with which the United States was either not satisfied, or not quite satisfied,
was therefore shared for the time being.

The difference between these two resolutions was remarkably demonstrated by the attitude of the Philippine Delegation. The Philippine Delegation, who was always in the forefront of the United States, only agreed to the first resolution but withdrew from the second resolution. This lack of close cooperation displayed by the Philippines in the case of demobilizing a cease-fire and by the United States in the case supporting it has thus been exposed.

From this fact itself, the lesson can be drawn that if the Asian and Arabian nations wish to gain genuine peace, they must free themselves from United States pressure and must abandon the "three man committee for cease-fire in Korea", and give up the idea of cease-fire first and negotiations afterwards.

"O" The Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China emphatically declares that the Chinese people are eagerly hoping that the hostilities in Korea can be settled peacefully. We firmly insist that, as a basis for negotiating for a general settlement of the Korean problem, all foreign troops must be withdrawn from Korea, and Korea's domestic affairs must be settled by the Korean people themselves. The American aggression forces must be withdrawn from Taiwan. And the representatives of the People's Republic of China must obtain a legitimate status in the United Nations. These points are not only the justified demands of the Chinese people and the Korean people; they are also the urgent desire of all progressive public opinion throughout the world. To put aside these points would make it impossible to settle peacefully the Korean problem and the important problems of Asia.

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