

OUR STRUGGLE



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AGAINST COMMUNISM

On the occasion of his 75th birthday this week, the leader of free China writes this special message to the American people

THE GRAVEST THREAT to world peace and stability posed by international Communism today comes from the Communists of Asia. The Communists on the Chinese mainland constitute the heart of the problem.

Since they seized the Chinese mainland 13 years ago, the Communists have committed aggression in Korea and Indo-China, brutally enslaved the Tibetan people, instigated border clashes with India, perpetrated a civil war in Laos, unleashed a campaign of terrorism in Vietnam, and conducted political subversion in all the non-Communist countries of Asia.

From their base of operations on the Chinese mainland, they have extended the scope of their activities to threaten democratic governments in Africa and Latin America.

Obsessed with power and their doctrine of a world revolution, the Chinese Communists have committed themselves to a desperate and relentless policy of conquest. They have been responsible for the aggressive wars of Asia and for numerous incidents which created conditions for conflict.

On the Chinese mainland, the Communists have ruthlessly enslaved and exploited 600 million people as tools of their policy of aggression. In trying to hasten industrialization for war, the Communists have inflicted untold suffering upon

the people. Natural disasters and calamities have been seriously aggravated by the blunders and fallacies of the Communist system.

Because of their policies of aggression abroad and suppression at home, the Communists are constantly faced with difficulties, and their regime has never been stabilized. Revolts first broke out in such outlying areas as Sinkiang, Tibet, Manchuria, and Inner Mongolia. They have expanded to other provinces and into cities, growing in intensity and number. The Communists have had to institute more rigid controls upon both civilians and troops.

OF LATE, resentment against the Communist rulers has spread from farmers and workers to militiamen, soldiers, and party cadres. It has even affected the unusually pampered Communist air force. Several Red fliers have defected to Taiwan in recent months. The mass exodus of refugees to Hong Kong and Macao last April and May was another powerful evidence of discontent with the Communist rule.

Here in Taiwan, people in all walks of life have been working hard for the last 13 years. With the perseverance and solidarity of our armed forces and civilian population, we have made noteworthy progress in economic, educational, and social development. Especially as a result of our policy for the equitable distribution of land, farmers have become owners of the land they till.

We are free in Taiwan today. But there can be no peace, security, and real freedom for us while the Communists persist in their aggressions against Quemoy and Matsu and, most importantly, while the hundreds of millions of our compatriots are suffering on the mainland, looking to us as their only hope of deliverance.

We cannot and shall not stand by and watch our own people fight against their Communist tyrants unaided and alone. There must not be another anti-Communist mass revolt doomed to the failure of the Hungarian freedom fighters in 1956. The moment will come when we shall join forces with our own freedom fighters on the mainland. We are confident that the inhuman and evil regime of Peiping will be destroyed.

The defeat of the Chinese Communist regime is a prerequisite to peace and democracy in Asia and the stability of the Pacific area. In the long run, the fate of human civilization itself will depend on whether China—with its huge population, resources, and potential—remains in the grip of international Communism or is restored to the democratic camp.

The collapse of the Communist regime in Peiping cannot and will not precipitate a world conflict. Once the Chinese people rise up against their Communist oppressors, their collapse will be rapid and complete. No alien force will be able to maintain the Chinese Communists in power. Nor should any outside force interfere in our domestic affairs.

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Marlon Brando, who has become a legend in his own time, is alternately described as gentle and considerate, stubborn and undisciplined. What's he really like? Read: "Hollywood's Expensive Enigma," page 4.

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