

U.S. Imperialism, Arch-Criminal in Suppressing Palestinian Guerrillas

ON July 13, the Jordanian authorities sent one army division, two armoured brigades, one infantry brigade and three regiments of shock troops supported by artillery and tanks to attack Palestinian guerrilla bases and refugee camps in the Jarash-Ajlun area. Since then, the Jordanian troops have ceaselessly launched feverish attacks, including air strikes, against the guerrillas. This new crime of the Jordanian reactionaries has aroused high indignation among the Palestinian guerrillas and people who valiantly counter-attacked to defend their bases and refugee camps.

The Palestinian radio Voice of al Assifa pointed out in a commentary that these attacks on the Palestinian guerrillas were a U.S. and Zionist plot carried out with U.S. weapons and economic aid by U.S. and Zionist tools in Amman to liquidate the Palestinian revolution. It also revealed that the hundreds of tanks and armoured vehicles attacking guerrilla positions were U.S.-made Patton tanks and that the guns shelling the guerrillas were U.S.-made howitzers.

Numerous facts have proved that U.S. imperialism is the chief criminal in suppressing the Palestinian guerrillas.

Since instigating the Jordanian reactionaries to mount large-scale attacks on the guerrillas in September last year, U.S. imperialism has spared no effort in fostering these reactionaries militarily, politically and economically so as to prepare for further suppression of the Palestinian revolution. Last November, the U.S. Government decided to give Jordan 30 million U.S. dollars. It promised last January to supply Jordan again with a large amount of military aid when Jordanian King Hussein visited the United States. On July 14, the day after the Jordanian reactionaries started their attacks on the Palestinian guerrillas, a spokesman of the Jordanian authorities disclosed that the U.S. Government would supply Jordan with 15 million U.S. dollars in aid. Meanwhile, U.S. aircraft, tanks, artillery and ammunition poured into Jordan non-stop. Many U.S. advisers were also there to train Jordanian troops and work out criminal plots with the Jordanian reactionaries to liquidate the guerrillas.

On the eve of the recent attacks on the guerrillas, Richard Helms, Director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, slipped into Israel to arrange measures for suppressing them and instigate the Israeli Zionists to co-

ordinate in the suppression. It was reported that simultaneously with the Jordanian reactionaries' frenzied attacks, Israel sent aircraft to bomb Palestinian guerrilla bases.

In line with the U.S. imperialist schemes to suppress the Palestinian guerrillas, the Jordanian reactionaries have always used the counter-revolutionary dual tactics of alternating military attacks with ceasefires in a vain effort to wipe out the guerrillas piecemeal. Consolidating themselves at every step, cutting up the guerrilla units and then encircling and gradually closing in upon them, the Jordanian reactionaries have tried to drive the guerrillas to sparsely settled mountain areas cut off from the masses and then liquidate them as they please.

The U.S.-backed Jordanian reactionaries are swollen with arrogance. King Hussein clamoured on July 17 that this time the guerrillas would be eliminated once and for all. "There is no problem now with the commandos and there will be none in the future. This time it is final," he declared. A Jordanian government spokesman said the following day that the Cairo and Amman Agreements with the Palestinian guerrillas were no longer valid.

The guerrillas are now bravely fighting in self-defence. When the Jordanian reactionaries began to encroach upon the guerrilla bases, the guerrilla leaders, who were then attending the 9th Conference of the Palestinian National Council in Cairo, immediately held a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization. They studied the situation in Jordan and adopted measures to deal with the Jordanian reactionaries. The P.L.O. Executive Committee said in a statement that the Palestinian revolution "will continue to defend its goal, persist in its principles and carry on its armed struggle with even stronger determination till the complete liberation of the occupied land." Chairman of the P.L.O. Executive Committee Yasser Arafat pointed out that the Palestinian guerrillas are fighting not only to defend themselves but also to defend the Arab nation.

The U.S. imperialists and their agents will never succeed in their schemes to stamp out the Palestinian revolution. They will surely be reduced to ashes in the raging flames of the Palestinian revolution and the Arab national-liberation movement.