

Albania and Vietnam will continue building socialism and supporting revolution despite China's suspension of aid to both countries

IN A statement on July 12 the Albanian telegraphic agency announced that China had severed all economic and military aid agreements and credits, withdrawn all experts from Albania and had left incomplete a number of important projects. The announcement accused China of "unilateral and arbitrary action" and "a conscious and premeditated step to aggravate relations between the two countries, to damage the economy of socialist Albania and its defence potential."

In a note on July 6, 1978, the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam revealed that "the Chinese Government on May 12, 1978, and on May 30, 1978, decided to cancel the major part of its complete factory aid projects for Vietnam. . . . Now on July 3, 1978, the Chinese Government has decided to cut all economic and technical aid to Vietnam and withdraw all Chinese technicians working at the remaining Chinese aid projects in Vietnam."

In a commentary on this cutting off of all aid NHAN DAN (the People's Daily of Vietnam) stated on July 7: "It is natural that the Vietnamese people are indignant at this treacherous act. But they do not confuse the ruling circle with the genuine revolutionaries and with the fraternal Chinese people who have united with them in fighting for the victory of the revolution of each country. The Vietnamese people have not forgotten and will never forget the valuable support and assistance given them by the Chinese people who. . . made such an important contribution to the success of our people's resistance against US aggression. Neither will we forget the bright examples set by many Chinese specialists and workers who for the common interest and friendship of our two peoples worked devotedly for Vietnam until their departure."

As a reminder that under the leadership of the Communist Party of Vietnam the Vietnamese people had accepted boundless sacrifices to defeat "the ringleader of the imperialist aggressors of our time at the southern gate of the People's Republic of China" the commentary quoted Premier Chou En-Lai's words: "The Vietnamese people are waging a war of resistance and are shedding blood at the front line against the United States. This is a very great support for the Chinese people and the socialist revolution and the construction of socialism. The Chinese people must thank you, comrades."

In 1963 the editorial departments of the major Chinese newspapers, the PEOPLE'S DAILY and RED FLAG, in "The Origin and Development of the Differences between the Leadership of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and Ourselves" commented as follows on the Soviet Government's unilaterally cutting off all aid to China, breaking all contracts and withdrawing Soviet experts: "Completely disregarding the principles guiding relations among fraternal Parties and countries which were laid down in the 1957 Declaration, the leaders of the CPSU, eager to curry favour with US imperialism, engaged in unbridled activities against China. . . They thought they had solved their internal problems and had 'stabilised' their own position and could therefore step up their policy of 'being friendly to enemies and tough with friends. . . In June 1959, the Soviet Government unilaterally tore up the agreement on new technology for national defence concluded between China and the Soviet Union. . . In July (1960) the Soviet Government suddenly took a unilateral decision recalling all the Soviet experts in China within one month, thereby tearing up hundreds of agreements and contracts. . . Apparently the leaders of the CPSU imagined that once they waved their immense political and economic pressures, they could force the Chinese Communist Party to abandon its Marxist-Leninist and proletarian internationalist stand and submit to their revisionist and great power chauvinist behests."