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KMT CHUNG YANG JIH PAO EDITORIAL FOR SEPTEMBER 16 COMMENTING ON OPENING TWENTY-SECOND SESSION LEGISLATIVE YUAN, SAID IN PART "UNDER PRESENT SITUATION MILITARY IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE. WE MUST CONCENTRATE ALL STRENGTH TO MEET MILITARY NECESSITY.... WE ALSO HOPE LEGISLATIVE YUAN WILL HENCEFORTH DELEGATE MORE POWER TO EXECUTIVE YUAN," WHICH IN VIEW OF EMERGENCY "IS BOUND TO TAKE URGENT AND UNUSUAL MEASURES. OUR INTENTION IS ENABLE EXECUTIVE YUAN TO SUPPORT GREAT RESPONSIBILITY....AND FUNCTION MORE EFFECTIVELY. WE DO NOT WISH LEGISLATORS NEGLECT OR RELINQUISH CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES," EDITORIAL ENDED.

KMT CHUNGHUA JIH PAO COMMENTING ON "EFFECTIVE SUPPLY OF KINMEN," SAID INTENSITY COMMUNIST ARTILLERY FIRING ON SUPPLY VESSELS APPROACHING KINMEN BEACHES CLEARLY SHOWED REDS STRATEGY "IS TO CUT SUPPLY LINE... ISOLATE OFFSHORES AND DEMORALIZE DEFENSE TROOPS. U.S. ARMED CONVOY HAS IMPROVED EACH TIME, BUT IS STILL INEFFECTIVE BECAUSE POLICY STAYING OUTSIDE THREE MILE LIMIT HAS EXPOSED SUPPLY VESSELS TO COMMUNIST GUNFIRE. IT IS REGRETTABLE TO KNOW THAT SEVERAL TIMES OUR VESSELS HAD TO PULL AWAY FROM BEACH WITH US. CRUISERS STAYING FAR AWAY...WHEN COMMUNISTS CONCENTRATED THEIR SHELLING."

PAPER SAID, "WE DEEPLY HOPE U.S. WILL TAKE ADDITIONAL MEASURES IMPROVE CONVOY," AND ADDED THAT KINMEN TERRITORIAL WATERS UNDER JURISDICTION GRC WHICH CONSENTS THEIR NAVIGATION BY U.S. VESSELS. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED BY SAYING, "NEVERTHELESS BEST WAY TO LIFT BLOCKADE IS SMASH COMMUNIST ARTILLERY POSITIONS.... BY OVER-WHELMING AIR POWER."

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TAIWAN STRAITS ISSUE IN AGENDA UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND WOULD ALSO USE IT AS "WEAPON FOR DISCUSSION CHINESE REPRESENTATION QUESTION."

PAPER SAID "COMMUNISTS CANNOT SHOOT THEIR WAY INTO UNITED NATIONS, BUT OBVIOUSLY USING THREAT OF WAR CREATE SITUATION FAVORABLE THEM IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THEIR DIRECT PURPOSE IS EXPEL US FROM UNITED NATIONS WHILE INDIRECTLY URGING CONVENING BIG POWER MEETING."

PAPER SAID IT DID NOT "ABSOLUTELY OPPOSE" GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAKING UP STRAITS ISSUE... "UNITED NATIONS IS INTERNATIONAL WORLD ORGANIZATION AIMED AT CHECKING AGGRESSION AND PRESERVING PEACE," PAPER SAID, BUT IT SHOULD FIRMLY ADHERE TO PRINCIPLE THAT "AGGRESSOR, I.E. CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME, IS UNPARDONABLE."

COMMUNIST ATTACK OFFSHORES IS AGGRESSION AS WAS COMMUNIST ACTION IN KOREAN WAR, SAID PAPER, AND BEST WAY TO MEET IT "IS TO USE COLLECTIVE FORCE TO PUNISH AGGRESSOR." INDEPENDENT LIEN HO PAO DEVOTED ITS EDITORIAL COMMEMORATION SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY FOUNDING PAPER AND RE-ENUNCIATION ITS PRINCIPLES. OF INTEREST WAS EXPRESSION ITS VIEWS OF FOREIGN POLICY. "WE ADVOCATE AN INDEPENDENT DIPLOMACY. WE SHOULD RESUME INITIATIVE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SHOULD NOT ALWAYS BOW TO DECISIONS OTHER PEOPLE."

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