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CHINA DEPLOYS IN SUPPORT OF NSC PROVOCATIONS

Nov. 29 (IPS) -- China abandoned its final claim to being "anti-imperialist" by strongly attacking Vietnam this week, and clearly deploying itself in coordination with Henry Kissinger's National Security Council to set up the Indian subcontinent for a full-scale war and subsequent nuclear holocaust.

The New Chinese News Agency gloated last week that India and the Soviet Union had been pleased with the short-lived Nov. 3 coup in Bangladesh, but were extremely upset over the Nov. 7 anti-Indian countercoup. NCNA reported the Indian statements of concern over the second coup in such a way as to imply that India intended possible intervention into Bangladesh. NCNA added remarks allegedly made by Pakistani Prime Minister Bhutto (but reported by no Pakistani or international newspapers) in which Bhutto threatened India that any intervention would be very "inadvisable."

As it is well-known that China would almost certainly invade India if India were forced to intervene in Bangladesh, (as publicly admitted by a Chinese official last month) the Chinese coverage amounted to a not very veiled reiteration of this earlier provocative threat, which makes the situation highly dangerous in light of joint CIA-Chinese destabilizing activity in Bangladesh which could spill over into the adjoining Indian provinces.

This week, China astonishingly attacked Vietnam by demanding the cession of the Spratley Islands, 200 miles from Vietnam and over 500 miles from China, which Vietnam now possesses. Under the cry "once Chinese, always Chinese," widely publicized articles in the Chinese press called for the "return of the sacred islands to its homeland." Chinese control over the islands would give the Chinese strategic command of Vietnam's waterways, giving them the capacity to interdict Soviet shipping to Vietnam. The Chinese blast at Vietnam coincides with a strong U.S. press campaign against Vietnam as well as Thai border provocations against Vietnamese-allied Laos.

Early in the week, China also denounced the Soviet Union for responding to the recent escalation of world tensions by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Ignoring Kissinger's provocative remarks in Detroit, NCNA distorted the Soviet Union's reply and charged the Soviets with launching "a general offensive in every sense of the word." The Chinese charged that Soviet Party leader Brezhnev's warning against a hot war provoked by Kissinger was properly interpreted as the Soviets' admission of their own war plans.

At the same time, French Foreign Minister Sauvargues was in Peking on Chinese invitation to discuss the sale of Mirage fighter

bombers to China. Sauvargues made no objection to heated Chinese denunciations of the Soviet Union and detente, and made it clear that his trip had been very friendly. Understandably, no information on the results of the talks was made public.