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**COMPLAINT BY THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS**

**REGARDING AGGRESSION AGAINST CHINA BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Report of the First Committee

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1. By a letter dated 20 September 1950 addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/1375), the delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposed that the question of American aggression against China should be included in the agenda of the fifth session of the General Assembly. An explanatory note dated 21 September 1950 (A/1382) followed this request.
2. The General Committee decided at its 70th meeting to recommend the inclusion of this item in the agenda under the heading "Complaint by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics regarding aggression against China by the United States of America". The General Assembly approved this recommendation at its 285th meeting on 26 September 1950, and included the item as item 70 on its agenda, referring it to the First Committee.
3. At the 399th meeting of the First Committee, during a discussion on the priority to be assigned to the consideration of items that yet remained on its agenda, the USSR delegation introduced a draft resolution (A/C.1/630) proposing that the First Committee invite the representative of the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China to participate in the discussion of this item.
4. The First Committee considered the item at its 405th to 409th, and 439th to 441st meetings, inclusive.
5. At the 405th meeting, an amendment was submitted by Chile (A/C.1/635) to replace the operative part of the USSR draft resolution (A/C.1/630). The Chilean amendment proposed that the representative of the People's Republic of China be invited to present his views and provide such information as the Committee might request during its discussion of the item, and stated that the invitation in no way prejudged the merits of the question under discussion or affected the present status of Chinese representation in the United Nations.

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6. At the 406th meeting, upon further clarification by the USSR, the Chilean delegation agreed to withdraw the amendment if the USSR was agreeable to the addition of the following sentence to its draft resolution: "This invitation in no way prejudices the merits of the question under discussion or affects the present status of Chinese representation in the United Nations". The proposed addition was not accepted by the USSR and the Chilean amendment was therefore put to the vote and rejected by 17 votes to 9, with 33 abstentions.

7. The USSR draft resolution (A/C.1/630) was put to the vote by roll-call and was adopted by 30 votes to 8, with 22 abstentions. The vote was as follows:

In favour: Afghanistan, Australia, Burma, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Canada, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Haiti, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Israel, Lebanon, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Sweden, Syria, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Yemen, Yugoslavia.

Against: Bolivia, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Turkey.

Abstaining: Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Iran, Iraq, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Union of South Africa, United States of America, Venezuela.

8. Further discussion of the item was then postponed for two days to enable the Secretary-General to communicate to the Government of the People's Republic of China the text of the resolution adopted by the Committee. The Government of the People's Republic of China replied by telegram (A/C.1/636), appointing its representative to participate in the discussion of the item in the First Committee. The representative of the Government of the People's Republic of China was invited to the Committee table by the Chairman at the 407th meeting.

9. At its 408th and 409th meetings, the First Committee considered a proposal by France to include in the agenda of the Committee and give priority to the consideration of item 76 of the agenda, viz., "Intervention of the Central

People's Government of the People's Republic of China in Korea". The French proposal was adopted by 42 votes to 5, with 4 abstentions, at the 409th meeting held on 7 December 1950.

10. The First Committee resumed consideration of item 70 at its 439th meeting held on 2 February 1951. At the 440th meeting, held on 6 February, the Chairman informed the Committee that he had, on 2 February, informed by cablegram the Government of the People's Republic of China that the Committee had resumed on that date discussion of item 70 of the agenda, and had also indicated the date of the next meeting of the Committee. The reply to this cablegram was read to the Committee. The Chairman ruled at the same meeting that the text of the statement of the representative of the Government of the People's Republic of China, alluded to in the cablegram of the Foreign Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of China which had been read out to the Committee, would be circulated as a Committee document instead of being both read out to the Committee and circulated as a document. The Committee sustained the Chairman's ruling and the statement of the representative of the Government of the People's Republic of China was circulated as a document of the Committee (A/C.1/661).

11. During the consideration of the item, the following draft resolution (A/C.1/637) was submitted by the USSR at the 407th meeting:

"The General Assembly,

"Having considered the question of the aggression against China by the United States of America,

"Having heard the statement on this question by the delegations of the People's Republic of China and the explanation given by the delegation of the United States of America,

"Having considered the facts of the infringement of China's territorial integrity and the inviolability of its frontiers by naval and air units of the United States of America, as witnessed by:

"(a) The invasion by United States armed forces of the island of Taiwan, which, as recognized in the three-Power Cairo agreement of 1 December 1943 between the United States of America, the United Kingdom and China, is an inalienable part of Chinese territory, and the consequent intervention by the Government of the United States of America in the domestic affairs of China,

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"(b) The blockade of the coast of the island of Taiwan by the United States Seventh Fleet for the hostile purpose of barring the island to the armed forces and authorities of the People's Republic of China,

"Requests the Security Council to take the necessary steps to ensure the immediate cessation of aggression against China by the United States of America."

12. The USSR draft resolution, which was the only draft resolution submitted on the item, was put to the vote at the 441st meeting of the Committee and was rejected by 49 votes to 5, with 3 abstentions. Consequently, as regards this item, the First Committee has no recommendation to submit to the General Assembly.