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To our comrades in Chungking,

As we have already pointed out, it is a mistake to expect our victory in this war by relying upon the foreign support. Now the circumstances has become much clearer by the outbreak of the European War. Some may say that Soviet will be still reliable, though Britain and France will be kept too busy to look after the affairs in the Far East. But now Germany and Soviet are attacking Poland from both sides. This fact gives us a lesson that the attitude of a great power is always changeable, and that a weak nation is subject to an attack from her neighbours, although she may be in friendly relations with distant states. We must make a precise prospect of the future.

Some of our comrades may think that of course China desires for peace, but they cannot but doubt if Japan will carry out her terms of peace with



sincerity. But according to our belief, whether Japan will carry them out or not depends solely on the sincerity and effort of both sides. If Japan and China will pursue their own end which is different from each other, one being never satisfied with the victory already obtained, and the other, still snatching a necessary case despite its defeat or seeking vengeance with patience, then not only there will be any chance of peace but also the result will be like sowing the seed of war again. I am sure it is an utter nonsense. Contrary to this, if Japan and China strive jointly to attain a common object, it is not only the way to accomplish co-existence and co-prosperity, but it is also what is necessary to us.

East Asia has been suffering from economical invasion for a hundred years, and lately the baneful influence of Communism is especially remarkable and rampant.

China and Japan, at this very moment of the world war, must unite together tightly to save East Asia from falling into this war, and, at the same time, to root out economic aggression and communism from the sphere of East Asia. By doing so, we can get much result with comparatively little labor. If China and Japan would stop the war and open the way to peace, Japan, taking advantage of her special position, would be able to enjoy economical prosperity, and China would be able to have a period of rest and recuperation to promote her commerce and industry, to restore her post-war exhaustion, and to accomplish the establishment of the Republic of China under the Three-people Principle. Furthermore, it is really



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the supreme responsibility imposed upon China and Japan to establish everlasting peace in East Asia and to restore world-peace, which has been long desired for by us.

In short, both China and Japan must exert themselves jointly for their common cause. Then the peace will surely come true. You, our kindred spirits, I hope you will advance with all your might, probing the prospects to the bottom and improving the intentions resolutely. So I humbly ask you to hear and inspect what I said confidently.