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From Nikolaevsk by direct wire No. 98.

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The Red Army headquarters of the Nikolaevsk District while informing all comrades about the bloody events in connection with the actions of the Japanese in the town of Nikolaevsk on the Amur, gives the following detailed summary of the events which makes clear without a shadow of doubt the whole perfidy and felony of the treacherous attack against the Soviet Red Army after a conclusion of peace with them. From the very beginning of the siege of Nikolaevsk by the Red Army and after the capture of the fortress Chnyrakh, which took place in the early days of February, the Japanese took part in the fighting against the Reds, acting even as the main participants in it, and directed the white guards that were under their complete control. The siege lasted almost the whole month and in the course of it the Red Army headquarters made proposals of peace to the white guard -- Japanese troops three times. The headquarters pointed out to them that the Red Army was in a position to take the town in 1-2 days, as it was in possession of the fortress-Chnyrakh with its long-range guns, . but that it was unwilling to subject the town to bombardment and destruction, and expose the inhabitants to danger, and suggested therefore that the town should be surrendered without fighting.

There was no reply to our first proposal of peace on the part of the Japanese; and Sorokin, bearer of a flag of truce, who was sent out to them was killed. The second proposal of peace negotiations was made to the Japanese through three bearers of a flag of truce, two Chinese and a Russian, comrade Orlov. Instead of replying the Japanese again killed comr. Orlow, our bearer of a flag of truce, having put him to the most brutal torture; which was established by the international commission of inquiry after we had captured the town, which found Orlov's body and discovered marks of a terrible torture on it. The third proposal was made by us only after the Japanese handed to us the declaration of general Shiramidzu, commander-in-chief of the Japanese troops in the Far East, which contained an announcement about the intentions of the Japanese to maintain neutrality in the future. The proposal was sent together with the request to illucidate certain items in the declaration, which contradicted one another and were inconsistent with the idea of neutrality. We made a statement to the effect that in case they should show stubbornness we would be obliged to bombard the town. Again there was no reply, and only when we started bombarding the town, which lasted a day, did the Japanese send a bearer of a -flag of truce, a Russian old peasant. The Japanese took him by force declaring: "You will have to die, all the same", evidently they believed that we, as well as they, would brutally kill the bearers of the flag of truce. There was no written proposal on the part of the Japanese, and it was only orally that the messenger said that they were willing to start peace negotiations. The headquarters handed over their reply to the messenger, in which their consent to the opening of negotiations of peace with the Japanese, was expressed, and immediately stopped military operations,

suggesting to the Japanese that they should send representatives to conduct negotiations. The Japanese did so, and the negotiations started on February 24.

On the basis of general Shiramidzu's declaration a proposal was made to the Japanese that they should stop all military operations against the Soviet Red Army in Siberia and conclude peace with us.

One of the conditions for the conclusion of peace was the suggested disarmament of the White-guard detachment of Nikolaevsk, and the last clause called for the implementation of all treaty conditions, the handing over of all guards to our troops and the taking over of quarters that would be indicated to them. The conditions of peace were accepted by the Japanese and signed by the representatives of Japanese command, the white guard, the municipality and the Army.

On February 28, the town was occupied without fighting; having been informed that friendly relations were established between the Soviet and the Japanese troops, we granted the Japanese the right to mount guard within the disposition of their troops and offices, thus complying with their request to that effect, and excusing them from carrying out the last stipulation of the treaty. Armed Japanese walked freely about the town. The relations seemed to be most friendly. All the requests on the part of the Japanese about some privileges in the matter of the delivery of food stuffs to them and so on were promptly and willingly complied with by us; the Japanese were also very courteous and assured us of their sincere friendship. Their officers frequently called on us at the headquarters and both business and friendly private talks were conducted on such occasions; the officers declared themselves in sympathy with the Soviet power, called themselves bolsheviks, wore red insignia, promised to help the Red Army with their strength and armament and everything in their power; but later on, it all proved to be a disguise to conceal the treachery that was being

On the face everything went on all right. Two weeks had passed since the occupation of the town and lasting peace and order seemed to be established. Life became a normal, everyday routine. A provisional Executive Committee was formed. A town council was elected. On March 12 the regional congress of the Soviet was to be held, after the opening of which the solemn burial of the white terror victims was to take place; among the latter were those who died the death of martyrs at the hands of the Japanese; our bearers of the flag of truce, comr. Orlov and the others. All the Soviet organizations, the population and the Red Army were preparing for those two solemn occasions. After a hectic day's work all went to sleep. The military units rested quietly in the barracks allotted to them, having repart in the order to report in the morning at indicated quarters to take part in the funeral ceremony. As usual the Japanese occupied the posts not only near the headquarters but at all houses where the Japanese were living. The Japanese patrols relieving the guards, freely walked about the town, and

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observed by them as strictly as it was observed by us, but the Japanese were preparing to stab us treacherously in the back.

After having concluded peace with us and frequently made declarations as to the friendly feelings towards us the Japanese insidiously and cunningly attacked the Red Army. All of a sudden at 3 o'clock in the morning large Tupanese units appeared before the building of the Red Army headquarters, before the public hall where one of the regiments was billeted, before the house, where artillery was placed near the disposition of a skiers' detachment on the cathedral square, as well as around all Soviet organizations and regimental headquarters. The main forces of the Japanese were concentrated near the headquarters. The attack was launched quite unexpectedly. The guards were killed. The building of the headquarters happened to be surrounded by a triple chain and the Japanese opened hurricane gun and rifle fire upon it and started throwing incendiary bombs which set the whole building of the headquarters on fire. It was only a miracle that the members of the staff, under a heavy fire, managed to escape from the burning house. At the same time other buildings within the disposition of the units were being fired upon and set on fire. The fiendish plan of the Japanese became clear. The whole command was supposed to be destroyed with a sudden blow, and the bewildered and confused Red Army rank and file could be easily done away with after that. At the first moment this plan seemed to be successful but the Japanese had not reckoned with the high morale and valour that were uppermost in the Red Army of Workers and Peasants.

As soon as the first shots were heard guerrilla fighters rushed to the scene from everywhere; putting on their clothes they didn't ask what the strength of the enemy was, they only wondered where the enemy was.

Each crossing was transformed into a trench, occupied by a few guerrilla fighters who, without liaison, without a general command, singly, on their own initiative began running and attacking the enemy. Little by little separate groups joined each other. Whole districts united under one command, and towards noon it became obvious to the Japanese that their plan hid failed. They began surrendering one point after another. They tried to concentrate, but met with resistance everywhere. Each street was taken by us in heavy fighting. The main Japanese forces were concentrated in their consulate, barracks and garrisons near the Public Hall building; in addition separate groups occupied positions in all the houses where the Japanese lived. All Japanese civilian population took part in the attack with arms in their hands, evidently aware of the baseness of their treacherous attack, without expecting any mercy for it. The Japanese put up a stiff resistance for two days. On the 12th and 13th fierce fighting was going on and the most important fortifications of the Japanese were taken one by one.

On the 14th the last groups of the Japanese who had taken their stand in private houses, were destroyed.

On March 15 at 12 the Japanese who were in the barracks, hoisted a white flag, delivered the arms to us and were received by us, 130 in number, and are being kept as prisoners of war.

Thus the action has been suppressed. The losses suffered by the Japanese, due to their stubborn resistance, are very great. Those who were armed were almost all annihilated.

Our losses: 50 men killed and over 100 wounded. Our best and selfless comrades perished, and due to their staunchness and heroism the Red Army was saved from a rout.

The Red Army headquarters of the Nikolaevsk district informs everybody about the Japanese action in Nikolaevsk and, expressing its profound indignation at the treachery, it urges the Russian and foreign workers to lodge a protest against the perfidious, cunning actions of the Japanese command in the Far East, who contrary to general Shiramidzu declaration about neutrality and contrary to the treaty concluded with us, attacked us unexpectedly, being fully aware that we would not violate the treaty and would not allow an attack to take place. We ask all the towns to advise us upon receiving this information what the reaction of the population and of the Japanese themselves was to the fact of another bloody crime, committed by the command of the Japanese troops of intervention in Siberia.

Commander of the Red Army of the Nikolaevsk District

J. Triapytzin

Acting Chief of Staff NINA LIEBEDEVA - KIASHKA

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江尼港! 于居自白衛軍 然加三多面之八主要花於加着 日本側、我方小和手締結後又亦軍 初了了一个又不可以要塞店领人 其間赤軍司合 和手提議 ニュラエフスクレヨリ 四日三時十二分附集合電報 問二市子 殿 エフスク 全人上月后的三年 英·尼港日本 流血事 送之一依上日本側 西心 破寝心 一路巴赤軍司合 何 直通電線 う的道子后 部八三回二百 提該 (19) う要 犯罪 公公子 塞了 部 られ 日本 (百) = 7 第 15 長距離 きつ 受信三分 見 包田 通 0 本 號 衛 シス 赤軍三計 二月初 DE 日本 知道以其中 戰 提 白まサー 0 砲擊 介スユ 日不便 后 該 声 人尼港司 九二〇軍 0 が明ら Fren 學寒 んをこ 包里山 り一京大切 上下ん。 1 準龍 九 西

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ニンンナ 八我方 行為自 之日本側上同樣軍使了殺人工人 同委員會小大小口了一一一一一一一人 初的:連上来了了一步情格八下、十二 日本側軍使了路人老人農夫 又令来了力了多斯 我方亦市占領後國際調查委員會包依 江口大人將軍一時明子 形飾月見出之外第三次,提議、在極 又令我才軍使分心了一一一門總的榜倒 一矛盾シテ 2アルコトニッイテ 我方面り之戸行了 かこか説明ラ 记場 一提議的本倒了方方 下和平 台丁 合八本得己名 台本則 文場分開始又30 小一面問 我方分经也统 三回意心的韓 了一番明三日 観念十相 和平 产能幹 一文方 共 日本便 唯口頭 送付言 石 天 デ スルト モフテ 明心同時日本倒了 大変か 提 便 砲擊 なると白重 ヨり 清精本中 スルマ 苯 フーラ 西文地 数個人 便一 上一次了了 吾々八日本 -107 るろう 東日本軍司令 日本便 33 明 明治立分子 ナナ 校シタ = 三渡江夕 看的日本側 , 经无处我方 ナナア 图: 歌到 传 的ニナン 之与、回路に 101 頂かア 倒殖後 心書百千物 榜問 支持了 巾 一方で 者子 スへき 13 E 五 强

事以外,右和平條件八日本側之可沒諾之日本軍 テ居ルト言と、自分等 スポリシライきが上海 我方可令部二太八三事 等がかまルコトナラ何の以うべ 部作中少多将板車,少政權一对 引水也之下百中入り山回答,使者二手交与夕日不倒八代表者引送り デッタシロ本側亦題,親切力 衛軍代表、市役所代表、去軍 方軍隊引渡之日本側派 9.相互関係、極手親善 了,可爾東日本側八武震 テ未夕支後八二月二十四日用始サンタ、シロオス、将軍一群明一 日本側一条 尼港一年部隊一式版解 我方上三八日本人側三对三元方角 像頂方協定條件生部履行後然了,造視 日本側分八何等力 一十八日戰十 死人人好防定,最後你項,發行 像及役所,存在三年居儿所 基十在雷利,分了工一一軍一对心軍事行動停止之我方 1和年條件を結び、キコーラ日本側温機等多和平 一親等関係が街立 ンラ身ラックタリ、赤軍 ナクシテ、我方が 望八松,方城方产香艺三年 死所与一食料 シュナ イフ通 遊視所然指花雅利引與 務上一会 シデ モショ接助 的二見八千居夕 之》占领之夕、少日两軍隊司 カンタル建物、移心でき 能度 儘市 1 兵力及武墨田以了又饭 代表之三者名シター下八二日 報接少于居多上一顧 シ自分等が同情习持以 除すずメルフトがで 内 自由三上少一三居 品其他人人 談外女庭館 19 スルトかっちシクラ 太二於ジ後等一重 可見除シタノ シタリ 将板車、原 ナクショを復行シ 代表白 條件 的於 又最後 う水 打我 1

う、火いに一後ニナッテ 饭等水準備中 後二周前確定工平和 モノニのギナカックノデール 生活了,軌道。我必然的執行委員会名集之心市 員会、選與をランタ、三日十 北大方軍使「九口」其他の名言不法九白色テル人物性 ようの者一葉乳が作いしつと 東ランニット公典、備へう居の終う者、愛劇力根気張りるを発すなれが作いいつと、定とうしき居の住民モノ軍 をまってりの他のなりうしりごろ 日中心右衛惟後八日本便一年 像一层交流白本侧监视兵八自由市田本人居住产居居在一年生工 日本側八不相或自分等, 少家屋的寺院太陽並 居夕一般集会所的及心心三江部隊 传手機動即於我们到指定場所法題又一作命 情一再一天三郎少俊校看这野童来,东軍司令部建 物一部一日本軍部隊、夜中 你神里童子丁子居出一人,实就一日本人公首通,敢 兵八俊等了那上子力 たの人用 高いき一月のノデ 一人裏切作為习際放心の人一般面の着力力 判以夕通り定八之八二年无假面デステ 表面的八万事良力行少多一市 上安静が山東タヤウ三見へう居夕 山村 九日本側、我方指後重表切り 日本側が経少知事八大大方上日 金中千种 司令部二儿监视所八八十五六 上日三川八了工一十大会開催 上体りりたを殺せらいう大い 受如上三 一家屋三九监親所 官衛及所為司令部居 條件习经一更友誼的 り三眠シナ年休魚シタ 隊中一個が人 内北步、牧方 占領 ヨモニ 感

對心山本側八山風 奇蹟的!此 襲擊八全八不意三行八八人卷其八 如井機関鏡及鏡砲火力開刊 令部員達八盛十九砲擊一下 建 助力了月禄一部隊一班在シテ居の 現心り 焼力上月日本軍部隊,恶魔 始外外维果建物、四方司 物八三重取巻カレテシマフテ 日本側八五力八司令部附 一一次へつい

指揮官全部上光然自失之又 ト考へタモノトシテコノ計画八成功

山田丁 発意デジテ行動シア小走シンツ酸對之以攻 月 果園八各地方丁同士間ランシッフ連 彼等八一以一小棒点了退却之始 八川ナザン八軍可令部上連絡了 で有エル方面ヨリベルナザンが集 女一八被等一领事能,兵营 ラ考を起シナカフタノデー 赤軍内二士気及勇気三八人 ロショ 抗造各街路八歌到了 日本側主力八次一切了拿 直近三日本側八自分,計 居住家屋全部

的裏切行為一對一下抗議也一 部片附ケラレタ、コノ時へい 於一般等一行動が国メラレテ居タイデアツク 回彼等,裏切行為一對シラン,探甚十几慎激了表明之總テノロン ア告之八光上全部提減さラレク我方損害八死者立十名傷者百名 締結三関スル命令が着イク 唯一的外兵管一致了了居力日本部隊一個大方子除了 人日本側損害八做等力預強一批抗ラタメ極メテ大キク武器ラ持ラ 軍司令部八老港二於上日本側,攻擊了八十天總丁八人又日周知又上上共 多、被等,右行為多不軍人破滅可放了上多了下下一百五五多人管己亦 连八白旗引指力了我方三武器可引渡之 月十一十二两日激戰續行廿上個人 分自量之力が容赦サレルモノ 谷さラレ軍事得馬トンテ型カレテ居り 銀テリ日本在住民八集團ラナン手三手一致ラ以テ攻撃一参加ラ 你中心多最毛優秀三三献身的十几同志八里及上英雄的行為,夕人一戰死 戰所行為停止一承諾了聲明 北抵抗八次カラ次へ上總テ澤在セラレク 侧八武器了引渡三夕 三月十五日正午 報三依り来クモーデアワテ日本側ノ通訳三送附セラレク ノテアック、彼等八自分等、攻撃が裏切的攻撃デテアルコトラナ 是港一日本側部隊長死即時對一軍戰關行動,停止 ーロスク 小川期行二十十一一預強地抗方 一命令ハロシア語及日本語デ電 ノョリ日本軍 アルゴガッズ又我方上鄉結 八家屋電田ワタ日本側 回答习持参三一来八日本 提議了ルモノデール日本軍八 一十一時英當在少月日本 ソシア我方二百二十 三月十四日夕方三至 斯1万攻擊八治末十上 司令官山田将軍 儿日本軍一指信 通訳八 他全 る牧 一土里 1.

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拉日本 様二言ツテ ケル日本政府軍 ニュラエクスク」窓と赤金 本人情報が受取 協定 平儿カラ河辺 攻酸于力加 了此芝狗多人而之我方小協定二班反子 テまり 能写度习探儿刀 千心流血,犯罪 好君之三回答シ又一般意民 一回「下 コトラシナイト知 トラウエムスノ 吾之人流行都 =

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寫八千軍 中央國家記 銀部保存一原本一依

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證明書

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