

China Declares the U.S. an Enemy: Sea-Change in World Affairs

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For a long period the Chinese regime has vacillated between seeking accommodation with the U.S.-led imperialist forces to 'do business' with the western world, and defending itself against the attempted economic, political, and military encirclement and strangulation of China by those same imperialist forces.

This encirclement campaign against China began under Bush as the Washington regime began to fear China's economic rise as a threat to its own global dominance. This campaign increased under Obama as 60% of U.S. military forces were moved into Asia and the 'trans-pacific partnership of the U.S. with its Asian allies' was created in a failed attempt to isolate China economically. Under Trump's nationalist 'America First' banner the anti-China campaign was qualitatively escalated by declaring that combating 'Strategic competitors' (i.e., China and Russia), and not global terrorism, was the 'number one' military and overall strategic priority for the U.S. regime.

China, though not imperialist like the U.S., had also turned to increased nationalism at least partially in response to the U.S. threat and partially to divert Chinese public attention from the economic slow-down in China due to the protracted post 2008 world economic crisis.

Now, however, the Chinese vacillation between accommodating the U.S.-led forces and defending itself against them seems to be over. In response to the US trade war; the false U.S. claims that China is responsible for the U.S. coronavirus crisis; the U.S. South Sea military actions and movement into Asia of 60% of the U.S. military; and the attacks on Huawei and China's hi-tech sector, the Chinese regime appears to have finally accepted that it must deal with the U.S. as an enemy state.

A lead article in today's Global Times, a Chinese state newspaper closely aligned with Beijing policies, is entitled 'China's countermeasures ready for prolonged 'war' with US'.

"The environment for China's peaceful development has changed greatly. China's domestic and foreign policies must also adjust. US suppression has become the No.1 challenge to China's development. For quite a long time, we need to release our strength to destroy US bluster.

"We must be clear that coping with US suppression will be the key focus of China's national strategy. We should enhance cooperation with most countries. The US is expected to contain China's international front lines, and we must knock out this US plot and make China-US rivalry a process of US self-isolation.

"That the US suppresses China in full fury goes against trends. As long as we do our job well, there is no need to fear Washington's thirst for power. If the US

really walks beyond the lines, we will first make some US companies suffer to show our strength and resolve. Then we will think how to cope with all these changes and adopt a down-to-earth manner to engage in a prolonged struggle with a reckless US.”

Another article in the same issue is entitled: ‘China ready to target Apple, Qualcomm, Cisco and Boeing in retaliation against US’ Huawei ban: source.” The article states that “Apple, Qualcomm, Cisco “and Boeing are all highly dependent on the Chinese market.”

And that investigations or suspensions of their right to do business in China will be implemented if the U.S. regime proceeds with blocking shipments of crucial chips to the Chinese tech giant Huawei. Stopping all purchases of Boeing aircraft is also mentioned as a distinct possibility.

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