

Red Chinese Attack LBJ for 'Trickery'

TOKYO (UPI) — Communist China launched a bitter attack against President Johnson Sunday and branded him as a supporter of the slain chief executive's "trickery policy."

"Since the emergence of the Kennedy regime, Johnson has positively supported various reactionary policies of the Kennedy Administration and participated in formulating and promoting such policies," the New China News Agency said.

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The Peking propaganda blast was issued only two days after President Kennedy was assassinated by a sniper in Dallas, Tex., and Mr. Johnson was inaugurated as the 36th President.

The Chinese Communist government first reported the assassination Saturday in a four-paragraph dispatch eight hours after it occurred. But it shed no tears over the tragedy, and Sunday it followed up with its sharp attack on Mr. Johnson.

The New China agency launched the attack on Mr. Johnson by saying, "He was one of the central figures in the Kennedy government and has made frequent trips abroad."

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The Chinese comment was anything but mild, even though observers of Chinese affairs in Hong Kong had said Saturday that they did not believe authorities on the mainland would make the mistake of disregarding world opinion as they had after the signing of the nuclear test ban treaty.

One observer said bluntly, "If they do, it will show just how far out of touch with reality they are."

The Chinese statement said Mr. Johnson believes "the United States, in making two-faced anti-revolutionary plots, must maintain a strong position on the basis of strong force.

"He also looks toward Cuba with animosity and has called for the

elimination of the Cuban revolutionary government. He once stated, 'We would never be satisfied until communism is eliminated from Cuba and the Western hemisphere,' " the agency said.

"Johnson maintains a strong position against the Chinese people through (U.S.) occupation of Chinese territory on Taiwan (Formosa).

"This was evident when he visited Taiwan shortly after he became vice-president and guaranteed non-reduction of U.S. assistance to Chiang Kai-shek and assured him the U. S. would take responsibility for defending Taiwan."