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Peiping, 14 May (Shin-hua) -- Chao Chong-yao, one of China's nuclear physicists and a research fellow in the China Academy of Sciences, in an interview with one of our reporters concerning the aggressor US's preparations for the use of atomic weapons, made the following statement:

"I was extremely incensed on reading the testimony of the American POWs, Kenneth Lloyd Knuch and John Quinn, concerning their participation in the inhuman germ warfare initiated by the US aggressors. Their testimony perfectly proves that American imperialism not only disregarded the firm opposition of the people of the whole world against the criminal acts of carrying on biological warfare in Korea and China, but it also reveals a further step in their evil designs, namely, their preparations for the use of the atomic weapons.

"The war of aggression against Korea, initiated by American imperialism, which has been going on for the past 2 years, under the firm blows of the Korean and Chinese people and due to the condemnation of the lovers of peace throughout the world, has met with irreparable defeat. Now the American aggressors, disregarding the opposition of the people of the whole world and undaunted by the distance of righteousness, not only proceed with their inhuman germ warfare of extermination, but are contemplating the use of another instrument, atomic weapons.

"Although atomic weapons have a certain destructive power, yet under disconcerting consideration, it is seen that they have no power of intimidation. As in the case of biological weapons, they cannot save American imperialism in Korea from defeat. If American imperialism dares to begin to use atomic weapons, we can positively affirm that biological weapons, atomic weapons, and the aggressors themselves will all be smashed in the presence and by the invincible power of the people of the whole world."

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Following this statement, Professor Chao said:

"In the testimony [of Knoch and Quinn] given, the A rays, B rays and C rays mentioned, spoken of in Chinese by the use of the three words, "chia," "i," and "ying," when expressed by using Greek letters, are called Alpha rays, Beta rays, and Gamma rays. The term translated "radiant action" should read "radioactivity." The reference by Quinn to A rays and B rays should be understood to refer to heat [sic] radiation." This kind of technical knowledge is something with which the ordinary military man is not familiar, and the said POW could not remember the matter perfectly; and this accounts for his mistake."

[This is the first reference to statements concerning nuclear weapons attributed to Knoch and Quinn which has been noted in the alleged testimony, letters, and broadcasts that have appeared in the Chinese press available [REDACTED]