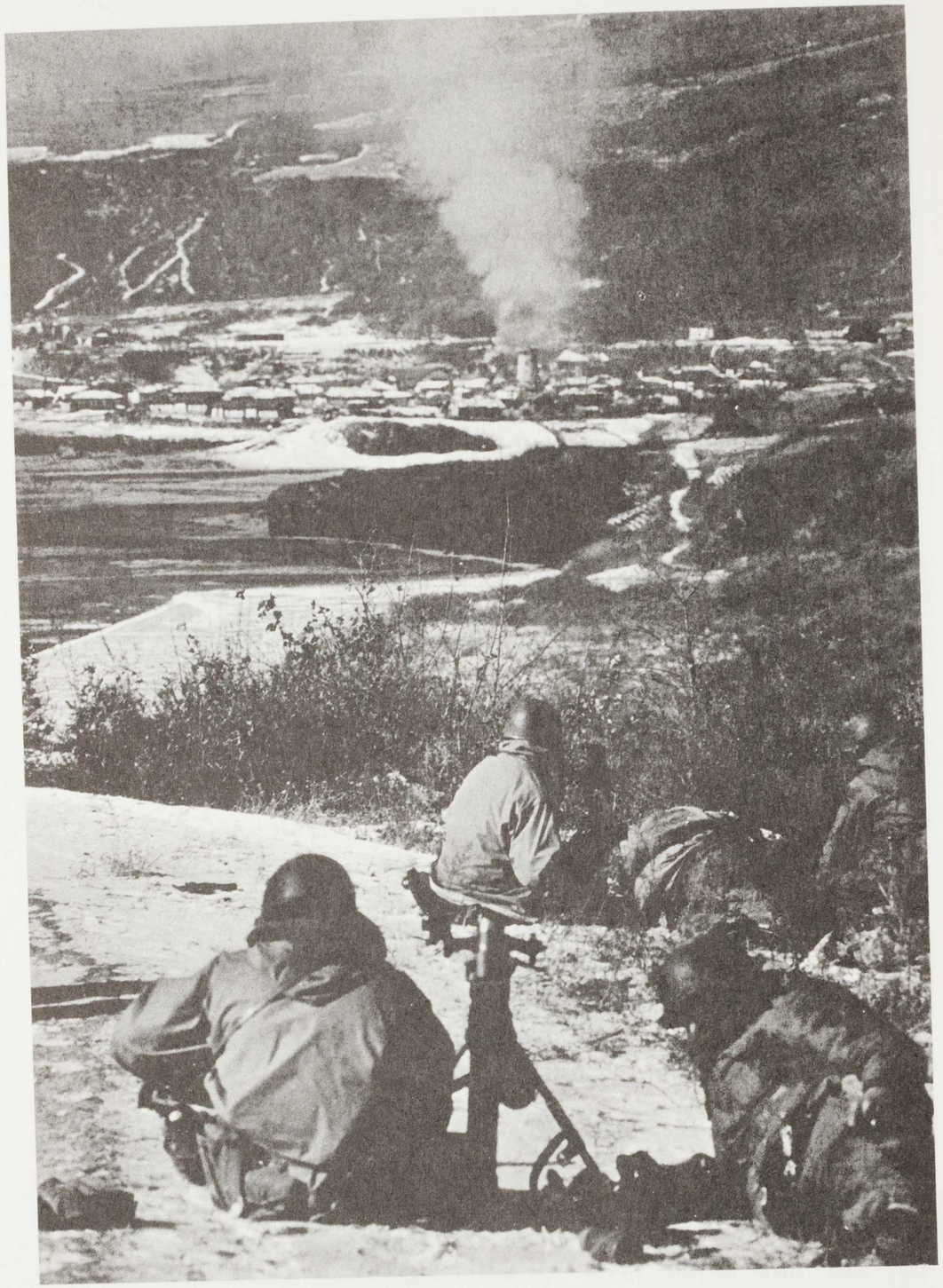

U.S. troops poised at the Chinese border on the Yalu River in Korea, 1950. The objective orientation of the U.S. ruling class to all the socialist countries including China is to undermine them, obstruct their development, and, if possible, to subvert and ruin them.

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The Vance Mission to China

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance is due to leave on a mission to China in the latter part of August. Not much has been written about it in the U.S. capitalist press. However, a deluge of propaganda emanating from the State Department and the White House will surely descend upon the American people should his scheduled visit to China actually take place.

The Carter administration, like the earlier Ford and Nixon administrations, has banked heavily on what it apparently sees as an irrevocable anti-Soviet position on the part of China. This is the cornerstone and the foundation for the rapprochement between the U.S. and the People's Republic of China. So heavily has the U.S. imperialist establishment counted on the anti-Soviet orientation of Chinese foreign policy, as it has been pursued since the middle 1960s, that China's continued adherence to the U.S. rapprochement has virtually been taken for granted.

Teng Hsiao-ping's reemergence to power has substantially added weight to this assumption.

U.S. RULERS COUNTING ON ANTI-SOVIET ALLIANCE

Not all segments of the ruling class are in agreement about how solid the U.S.-China rapprochement is today or how it will be after