

TRINH: TALKS WILL FOLLOW U.S. WAR ACTS HALT

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[Text] Hanoi--The Vietnam Workers Party Central Committee and the DRV Government has offered a reception in honor of the Mongolian party-government delegation on a visit to the DRV. The delegation is led by Sonomyn Lubsan, member of the Political Bureau of the MPRP Central Committee and first vice chairman of the Council of Ministers of the MPR.

Present at the reception were Thuong Chinh, member of the Political Bureau of the Vietnam Workers Party Central Committee and chairman of the DRV National Assembly Standing Committee; Premier Pham Van Dong, Political Bureau member; Nguyen Duy Minh, Political Bureau member, vice premier, and minister of foreign affairs; Le Thanh Nghi, Political Bureau member and vice premier; Phan Ke Toai, vice premier; Nguyen Con, member of the party Central Committee and vice premier; Tran Quoc Hoan, alternate member of the Political Bureau; Hoang Anh, secretary of the party Central Committee; Tran Dang Khoa, Presidium member of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee; Xuan Thuy, member of the party Central Committee and chairman of the Foreign Relations Board of the party Central Committee; Madame Ha Que, member of the party Central Committee and vice president of the Vietnam Women's Union; Nghien Xuan Yam, minister of state farms and secretary general of the Vietnam Democratic Party; Nguyen Vien, secretary general of the Vietnam Socialist Party; Tran Huu Duc, minister of the premier's office; Hoang Van Tien, vice minister for foreign affairs; Nguyen Quang Xa, Vice president of the Vietnam-Mongolia Friendship Association; Nguyen Euy Thu, DRV ambassador to Mongolia; and other officials.

Nguyen Phu Soai, acting head of the NPLSV permanent representation in North Vietnam, attended the reception. Also present were diplomatic envoys, representatives of foreign offices in Hanoi, and of the Vietnamese and foreign press.

In his welcome speech, Vice Premier Nguyen Duy Trinh said that at a time when the U.S. imperialists are frenziedly intensifying and expanding their war of aggression in Vietnam, the visit of the Mongolian party-government delegation to Vietnam is a splendid manifestation of the valiant solidarity of the fraternal Mongolian people with the Vietnamese people.

He spoke highly of the glorious revolutionary struggle of the Mongolian people who, under the leadership of the MPRP, are zealously carrying out the fourth five-year plan set forth by the 15th congress of the MPRP with a view to reaching an important stage of socialist industrialization in Mongolia.

The Vietnamese people greatly rejoice at the achievements of the brotherly Mongolian people and sincerely wish the latter many new greater successes in socialist construction so as to make Mongolia more and more prosperous, thus contributing to the strengthening of the socialist camp and the defense of peace in Asia and the rest of the world, he stressed.

Referring to the situation in Vietnam, Vice Premier Nguyen Duy Trinh said:

Though suffering heavy defeats, the U.S. imperialists have not yet given up their aggressive schemes. They have barbarously bombed Hanoi capital and Haiphong port city, feverishly sent more U.S. and satellite troops to South Vietnam, and at the same time threatened to expand the war to Cambodia and Laos. In his bellicose speech delivered at San Antonio and his recent brazen statements, U.S. President L.B. Johnson while pretending to be desirous of peace talks used the pretext of defending the security of the United States to intensify the war and cling to South Vietnam. The U.S. imperialists are also scheming to bring the Vietnam question before the Security Council of the United Nations. It is necessary to point out that the United Nations has no right to discuss the Vietnam question. Whatever resolution on the Vietnam question adopted by the U.N. Security Council is null and void.

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The stand of the Vietnamese people is quite clear. That is the four-point stand of the DRV Government and the political program of the NPLSV. That is the basis for the settlement of the Vietnam question.

The U.S. Government has unceasingly claimed that it wants to talk with Hanoi but has received no response. If the U.S. Government truly wants to talk, it must, as was made clear in our statement on 28 January 1967, first of all stop unconditionally the bombing and all other acts of war against the DRV. After the United States has ended unconditionally the bombing and all other acts of war against the DRV, the DRV will hold talks with the United States on questions concerned.

The Vietnamese people deeply cherish peace, but it must be a peace in genuine independence and freedom. So long as the U.S. imperialists obdurately pursue their war in aggression, our 31 million compatriots in both zones, in response to the sacred appeal of President Ho Chi Minh on 25 December 1967, are determined to fight the U.S. aggressors in order to defend the north, liberate the south and advance toward the peaceful unification of the country. The Vietnamese people will certainly win victory! The U.S. imperialist aggressors will surely be defeated.