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ASIAN REVOLUTION WILL DEFEAT IMPERIALISM

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[text] Hanoi VNA October 4-- "The revolutionary high tide of the Asian peoples will certainly sweep away all the new schemes of U.S. imperialism," is the title of an article in the Hanoi daily NHAN DAN today marking the week of solidarity with the Asian peoples (September 30-October 6).

The paper said: Since the conclusion of World War II, the spearhead of the U.S. policy of aggression and intervention has been directed at Asia. But it has met with a tremendous and awakened force possessing a tradition of staunch revolutionary struggle and having played an important role in defeating the French and British imperialists, inaugurating the collapse of the colonial system of imperialism.

This mighty force today totals 2 billion persons accounting for two-thirds of the world population. It has dealt staggering blows at U.S. imperialism, the most truculent aggressor. After the success of the Chinese revolution that definitively tipped the balance of forces in the world in favour of the progressive forces came the splendid success of the Korean people in their anti-U.S. struggle to defend the fatherland. Today, the great victories of the Vietnamese and Laotian peoples have brought to failure the local war and special war strategy of the U.S., exploded the myth about the U.S. imperialists' irresistible strength, driven their global strategy into serious crisis and compelled them to reconsider the whole of their policy. Asia continues to be the scene of a high revolutionary tide, taking the lead in the national and democratic movement in a continuous assault on the U.S. imperialists. From the east to the west, by means of armed and political struggle and other forms of struggle, the movement of the peoples in Indochina, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaya, Indonesia, South Korea, and Japan, and the Palestinian and Arab peoples against the U.S. and its henchmen is surging forward with a new mettle and strength.

Though sustaining bitter defeats, the Nixon administration still obstinately persists in its policy of aggression. It openly declared not to withdraw from Asia. In Vietnam, while babbling about its timetable on troop withdrawal aimed at appeasing and deceiving public opinion, the U.S. still maintains over 500,000 troops in South Vietnam, intensifies and prolongs the war of aggression, obstinately sticks to the Saigon puppet administration, and opposes the right to self-determination of the South Vietnamese people. The U.S. is stepping up its special war in Laos, openly using the Thailand reactionaries against the Indochinese peoples, and continues supplying aircraft and weapons to the Israeli aggressors to oppose the Arab countries. By claiming that the main threat lies in subversive actions, the Nixon administration has itself revealed its scheme to carry on the suppression of the national liberation movement in Asia. Meanwhile, it is feverishly carrying out its plans to revive Japanese militarism and is preparing war against the socialist countries. The so-called policy of Nixon basically remains the old policy of using Asians to fight Asians. The U.S. imperialists want to rally all reactionary forces in Asia into a military alliance put under U.S. command.

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They have ordered their henchmen to increase the draft to repress the people at home and serve as cannonfodder in the U.S. aggression against other countries.

Drawing a lesson from their failure, the U.S. ruling circles proclaimed that they would avoid using infantry as they did in Vietnam. Meanwhile, they continue to maintain their military bases in Asia to serve as staging bases for aggression by air and sea and threaten to wage a nuclear war. It is obvious that the Nixon doctrine towards Asia is only the scheme to carry out neocolonialism and the policy of aggression and war through new maneuvers and means. However, in the face of the Asian people's revolutionary high tide, the U.S. will surely fail in its scheme to rally the revolutionary forces just as it has failed in its SEATO military plan.

The paper said in conclusion. On this occasion, the Vietnamese people wish to convey their greetings of militant friendship to the peoples in the other Asian countries. Following the road charted by President Ho Chi Minh, the Vietnamese people are resolved to close their ranks and bring the fight against U.S. aggression, for national salvation, to complete victory, thereby making an effective contribution to the Asian people's common cause against U.S. imperialism.

Acting upon President Ho Chi Minh's teaching, we are determined to do our utmost to strengthen international solidarity and firmly support the Asian peoples' just struggle in order to bring to failure all new schemes of the U.S. imperialists, for national independence, peace, democracy, and socialism.