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III. LIBERATION RADIO: "SMASH THE U.S. -
PUPPET SPECIAL PACIFICATION PLAN

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[Commentary: "Smash the U.S. -Puppet Special Pacification Plan"]

Since the early part of July 1970, the U.S. -puppet clique has actively carried out the so-called special pacification plan. Traitor Nguyen Van Thieu has boasted about his victories and his decision to launch the campaign. Puppet General Cao Van Vien has stated that military attacks by the communists--that is the South Viet-Nam liberation armed forces--has tended to delay the pacification efforts and (words indistinct) the government--that is the puppet administration--has set forth the special pacification plan, according to AFF on 5 July 1970.

Actually, the so-called special pacification plan of the U.S. -puppet clique is not new to anyone. It is but the mending of the old pacification cloth of the U.S. -puppet clique which was torn long ago by our people. From their desire to pacify South Viet-Nam in 18 months, in accordance with Staley-Taylor plan, the U.S. -puppet clique had to shift toward the Mc. Namara plan to pacify key areas. Being unable to achieve what they call "winning the hearts and minds of the people," and being hit hard by the South Vietnamese armed forces and people since the early spring of 1968, the U.S. -puppet clique has hastened to implement the accelerated pacification plan aimed at winning land and bringing people to its side and rebuilding thousands of strategic hamlets which were destroyed by our people.

Having been driven back and hit hard in its defense in depth strategy, the U.S. -puppet clique had set aside the period from November 1968 through January 1969 for its accelerated pacification plan. But 18 months have elapsed, and its accelerated pacification plan has sustained new defeats, as Cao Van Vien stated. A recent report by the U.S. Senate

has bitterly admitted that, according to U.S. officials in South Viet-Nam, the results of the pacification plan are precarious, as was stated in the magazine [? International Affairs], July 1970.

Because the three-month accelerated pacification plan, which was actually dragged out to 18 months, did not improve the deadlocked situation of the U.S.-puppet clique and also further drove the Vietnamization-of-the-war plan to serious deadlock, the enemy has had to create the special pacification plan. It is obvious that the so-called special pacification plan is only a stupid effort by the U.S.-puppet clique aimed at retrieving its losing posture. It also shows the stubborn nature of the aggressors and traitors and their dream of smashing the revolutionary force of the South Vietnamese people, something which they have been unable to achieve for the past ten years although they have resorted to the most barbarous schemes.

What are they now planning as part of the so-called special pacification plan? On paper, the U.S.-puppet clique admits that the objective of the present pacification plan is no different than those of the previous pacification plans. At present they are striving toward three objectives: Re-establishment of security in rural areas, mass indoctrination, and scraping up of manpower and rural economic resources.

But the actual purpose of the special pacification plan is to gather together the civil self-defense forces, militia forces, civil guards, and regular forces and the cruel village officials and violently strike at and wipe out the revolutionary organizations in villages and hamlets. The plan aims to smash our compatriots' patriotism and to check our people's offensive and uprising movements. If they succeed in these objectives, they will keep our compatriots under barbarous oppression and will free the puppet regular forces from their defense duties so that they can go and die in place of the Americans while carrying out the so-called Vietnamization plan.

Along with these military activities, they are stepping up their psywar activities, their demagogic and oppressive measures, their propaganda about false victories (words indistinct) with a view to driving out compatriots away from the revolution and having them serve as lackeys. Their plan to scrape up manpower and economic resources in the rural areas is but a trick to scrape up manpower and wealth from our people to serve the U.S. pacification plan.

What will the enemy achieve in its cruel and cunning special pacification plan? With its stupid ambitions and (words indistinct) with

violent attacks and deceitful and demagogic tricks, the enemy will strive to concentrate its forces to create temporary difficulties for us during a given period of time. But generally speaking, throughout the South Vietnamese battlefield, the enemy will not be able to retrieve its losing posture. Realistically, if the enemy concentrates its forces in one place, other areas will be left undefended.

Faced with the strong opposition of our compatriots, the enemy has shown its shortcomings in regions where they are fighting and has revealed the weakpoints of its unpopular pacification plan. This constitutes an occasion for our armed forces and people to use their consolidated strength to arise and attack and smash the U.S.-puppet clique's special pacification plan.

Since July, with their repeated attacks and uprisings, the South Vietnamese armed forces and people have continuously dealt this new plan painful blows. Thousands of cruel local administrative agents and spies, civil defense and shock troops, and militiamen--the core forces of the oppressive machinery in the rural areas--have been punished. Many pacification teams and civil guard companies--the main forces to support the pacification clique--have been exterminated or have met with heavy losses inflicted on them by our armed forces and people, especially in the lowlands of Central Trung Bo and the Mekong delta. In particular, the western Nam Bo armed forces and people recently exterminated a puppet regular forces battalion supporting the pacification clique at Khanh Binh Tay. In the Central Trung Bo lowlands, the U.S. advisors, recognizing that the Saigon government has set as a goal the 100 percent pacification of the northern part of the South Viet-Nam--Central Trung Bo--by the end of this year, embarrassingly admitted that it is difficult now to attain such an ideal objective, AFP reported on 6 August 1970.

It is crystal clear that the Americans and puppets have failed with their special pacification scheme; even in the initial steps, they have met with complete failure because they have had to face our people's relentless attacks and uprisings and because this new plan, in essence, is filled with those contradictions from the old plans that the Americans and puppets could not overcome.

These contradictions are as follows:

1. The contradiction between the Americans' and their puppets' ambition of winning over the people, grabbing land (words indistinct) and their defeated and weakened pacification forces. Their special pacification

plan is merely a product of continuous setbacks during the past ten years. Their dirty and torn pacification coat has been unable to resist our people's revolutionary storms. The Americans and their puppets have striven to mend their torn pacification coat, while the Americans have been seriously bogged down and has been compelled to gradually withdraw the U.S. armed forces from South Viet-Nam and to hand over the burden of war to their puppets. Previously, the Americans sent their armed forces to serve as the forward shield, and had the puppet army perform pacification and defense tasks. Yet, the Americans were unable to serve as the shield against the liberation armed forces on the battlefield. At present, how can the puppet army simultaneously fulfill these two tasks when it has been badly mauled? Moreover, the puppet army, obeying U.S. orders, has invaded Cambodia and Laos and thus has been thinly deployed and suffered heavy losses throughout Indochina. How can the puppet army replace the U.S. armed forces in order to materialize their special pacification plan?

Even in Saigon, puppet Nguyen Van Thieu has had to isolate his puppet presidential palace and ardently has sought to cope with the people's struggle for peace and livelihood, for example the struggle movement by workers, college and high-school students, intellectuals, journalists, Buddhist followers, and so forth. He is also puzzled in coping with the puppet war invalids' struggle movement and has been unable to solve this problem. Thus, how can they restore their oppressive apparatus in villages and hamlets that has been repeatedly smashed by our people?

Many strategic hamlets have been destroyed in big chunks or damaged by our forces. Several hundred fortresses and posts have been forced by our troops to withdraw or surrender or are being encircled by the people's guerrilla war movement. The U.S. press, assessing the entire situation in South Viet-Nam through the U.S. Vietnamization scheme, has come to the following rather bitter conclusion for the U.S. masters and their puppets: "There will be a danger that the communists" -- that is the South Viet-Nam liberation armed forces -- "will cause the political and military situation in South Viet-Nam to weaken alarmingly" (the U.S. magazine Foreign Affairs, issue of July 1970).

2. The acute contradiction between the plot to win over the people's hearts and minds and their fascist acts, such as launching sweeps and attacks, killing of people, and so forth.

The U.S. aggressors and their puppets have boasted about their concern for the people, about the problem of making the people property owners, about freedom and democracy, and about peace. However, actually, they have intensified the war by launching sweeps, bombing and shelling villages, leveling houses and fruit trees of the people, and using poisonous chemicals and B-52's to ravage large areas, thus committing countless crimes in the so-called pacification plan. More impudently, they have bombed even those areas still under their temporary control. AFP on 5 August reported: "Government officials called for U.S. aircraft and artillery guns to bomb and bombard villages. About six villages that had been regarded as "secure" were completely destroyed. Nguyen Van Thieu flew to this area and ordered that the destroyed villages be rebuilt immediately in order to save somewhat the face of Saigon. "

In Saigon, Thieu openly makes known that he will throw into jail those who talk about peace. Actually, Thieu's fascist hands have committed bloody crimes against the urbanites, students, intellectuals, and even the puppet war invalids. Having conducted the pacification plan for over ten years, the U.S. aggressors and their puppets have only incurred hatred and been dealt heavy blows by our people.

With the above irremediable contradictions, the special pacification monster belatedly given birth to by the U.S. -puppets will not avoid dying young. Aware of the enemy's foolish scheme in his weak, declining position and drawing experiences from their resistance to the pacification activities over the past years, our people will uphold vigilance, correctly assess the enemy's capabilities and schemes in each locality, and resolutely use their combined strength to bury the U.S. -puppets' special pacification monster.