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On Our Launching A New Diplomatic Offensive

In the face of successive defeats in their war of aggression in South Viet-Nam, and further bogged down by extending the Indo-Chinese war, the American imperialists are stubbornly striving to carry on their special pacification scheme to implement the Vietnamization of the war in Viet-Nam with a view to getting a strong position at the Paris [conference]. The American imperialists will put forth arguments designed to deceive world public opinion and the people in the U.S.A. who are seethingly clamouring for stopping the war in Viet-Nam.

To defeat the American imperialists' dark plot and obdurate, perfidious moves: to closely coordinate with the military and political struggle in the South in order to create favorable conditions for bringing about changes to our advantage in the balance of power between us and the enemy on the battlefield; and at the same time, to expose the falseness of the so-called good will towards peace of the American imperialists in conjunction with the struggle movement of the American people before the partial elections of the Senate in November 1970, we will launch a new diplomatic offensive in the near future.

Our basic theme is the declaration of our delegation to the Paris Conference (to be announced on the Liberation Radio) based on the 10-point overall solution proposed by the VN NFL and the basic principles of the 1154 Geneva Agreements on Indo-China; the American policy is flexible [sic]\*, but our principles about the settlement of the war in Viet-Nam is unalterable, it is aimed at demanding the U.S. to end the war of aggression in Viet-Nam, withdraw from South Viet-Nam all American troops and troops of the countries of the American camp; it is aimed at combining

\*Possibly one word is missing which would make the sentence read: "our strategy against the Americans is flexible."

with the struggle movement of the American people, isolating the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique, broadly rallying all those who yearn for peace, independence, neutralism in accordance with realities (especially reality in towns and cities) which are developing to our advantage.

To promote strongly the diplomatic offensive combined with the military, political, and military-proselyting struggle in an all-out offensive, to positively support the anti-war movement in the U.S.A., the sub-region Party Committee has the following guiding suggestions:

1. Conceptually:

- It is necessary to make all party members, cadres, combatants, and the masses fully aware of the meaning of our diplomatic offensive which is aimed at creating favorable conditions to strongly push the struggle movement far ahead (especially in towns and cities), to win over the people of all strata, to highly isolate the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique, to combine with and support the struggle movement of the American people, to help create a power balance to our advantage.

It [the diplomatic offensive] is designed to push ahead and create favorable conditions for us to step up the task of attacking the enemy and building our [strength], but this solution does not settle the war and bring peace to Viet-Nam, but, on the other hand, avoid the tendency to overlook and not fully realize the meaning and purpose of this diplomatic offensive, or to have illusory hopes for peace and, therefore, to fail to see that if the problem is to be solved, it will basically be solved on the battlefield through the comparative balance of forces of both sides.

- The diplomatic offensive is one of our important attacks which cover the military, political, economic, and diplomatic fields. In substance, it is a deep political movement among the masses, transforming the [?] stand [sic]\* into a force and revolutionary acts of the people.

- It is necessary to clearly understand that the new diplomatic offensive will not last only a few days before and after

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the announcement of the document, rather, it will take several successive steps, paralleling and combining with the process of causing changes in the balance of power between us and the enemy, which is more and more in our favor. This diplomatic offensive will not dissociate itself from, nor will it contradict or hamper the other tasks, rather, it will accelerate the various tasks in the rainy season and in the period afterwards/

2. To carry out [the tasks pertaining to the diplomatic offensive] in time, after the announcement [of the proposal] on Liberation Radio, all echelons are to expeditiously make the content [of the proposal] understood and guide cadres and party members, especially those in village and hamlets to listen to the Liberation Radio.

- Print documents and leaflets in order to broadly disseminate the content [of the proposal] among the masses, especially in towns and cities and in the neighborhood of forts and posts, to create a seething movement among the puppet troops, officers, civil servants, to provide them with good arguments to carry out their struggle in various forms in combination with the slogans they are using in their struggle to defend the rights and benefits of their everyday life.

- There must be a combined plan of struggle for attacking pacification [teams], destroying [enemy] forces, breaking oppression and eliminating the tyrants, leading the people to go back to their hamlets and fields to produce...[sic] (in accordance with the plan for the rainy season); attention should be paid to leading the people in seething discussion, especially people among the puppet troops' dependents, guiding the latter to use the proposal for the purpose of inducing their sons and brothers to desert and go home to earn a living; efforts should be made to step up the movement in towns and cities, drawing the attention of the intermediate class to slogans about peace, independence, neutralism, slogans demanding the withdrawal of the American troops, the establishment of the Saigon government without Thieu-Ky-Khiem, etc...these slogans should be used in combination with the struggle slogans demanding the rights to democracy and better living conditions; slogans which reflect the reality of each class of people; efforts should also be made to use the open press to conduct a broad and seething campaign on the above subjects.

From the struggle standpoint, strive to the utmost to build our real revolutionary force, especially [in the form of] legal organizations which do not reveal our identity, (to pay special attention to areas in the neighborhood of towns and cities), organizations of fifth columnists, and secret guerrillas.

The sub-region Propaganda Training Committee must have plans and guiding materials to be used in making propaganda to the masses.

District Party Committee must have plans to implement [this instruction] in close combination with the carrying out of their responsibilities during the rainy season in order to push the movement ahead in all aspects and win new victories.

Results of implementation should be reported to A.15.

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