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GIAI PHONG EDITORIAL: SOUTHERNERS WILL BE VICTORIOUS

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[Editorial carried in the paper GIAI PHONG [LIBERATION]: "The southern combatants and people are determined to bring the 'ever victorious' banner of President Ho to the last target"]

[Text] Beloved and venerated Uncle Ho passed away more than 1 year ago, but his image remains extraordinary intimate and has become ever more lofty, pure, and lovely in the depth of our hearts. It crystallizes principles of human life and the real truths of our era. Our people have become prouder and prouder of having such a great leader as President Ho. The prouder we are of him, the prouder we become of our people and nation and of learning from his struggle, which we are continuing. With our increased revolutionary enthusiasm and with absolute confidence in him, we are determined to rush forward to fulfill, at any cost, his ideals and aspirations, which are solidly reflected in his historical testament to our people. His testament points out for all our people the course we should pursue to satisfactorily continue and gloriously achieve his noble undertaking.

The testament concentrates President Ho's thoughts and moral conceptions in the most complete manner and is full of his affectionate sentiments for our present and future generations. The latest reflexions and feelings of his great mind and heart were full of concern for our fighting southern people. In his testament, President Ho charged us with the primary and most enthusiastic task: "It is necessary to fight the U.S. aggressors until total victory. This is a sacred national duty as well as noble international duty." Having thoroughly understood the enemy, President Ho, when he was alive, planned every step for our people. He instructed us very carefully: "The anti-U.S. national salvation resistance may be protracted; our people may have to sacrifice more wealth and men." However, from the beginning of his testament, he asserted confidence in its certain success. Total success is a certainty. Before closing his eyes, his final aspiration was also his life-long aspiration: "That our entire people unite to fight and build a peaceful, unified, independent, democratic, rich, and powerful Vietnam, a Vietnam which will make worthy contributions to revolutionary undertakings worldwide."

President Ho's sacred testament has deeply moved every Vietnamese. Therefore, just as in the rest of our beloved country, our south is wholeheartedly implementing his testament. A seething, strong, and widespread mass movement has erupted in the south, turning suffering into action and persistently stepping up the sacred anti-U.S. national salvation resistance. The entire line, policy, and stand of the NFLSV and PRG have been thoroughly imbued with President Ho's instructions and reflect resolute determination to lead the entire armed forces and people in successfully fulfilling his ideals and aspirations.

For more than one year, led by the NFLSV and PRG and implementing President Ho's sacred testament, our armed forces and people have gained glorious successes and are continuing to develop their active position by continuously waging attacks and uprisings throughout the three areas and by dealing very serious blows at the U.S. plan to Vietnamize the war.

In spite of unprecedentedly fierce bombings and shellings, our PLAF have unremittingly developed their strength, have constantly raised their victorious banner, have inflicted very serious losses on both the men and materiel of the enemy, have created favorable conditions for the masses to rise up to annihilate tyrants, break bondage machinery, and gain controls and have thinned out the enemy on every battlefield, thus driving him ever more deeply into a confused position of strategic defense.

COMMENTARY HAILS DOWNING OF U.S. RECONNAISSANCE PLANE

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(Commentary: "The Vietnamese Peoples Cannot Be Cowed")

[Text] South Viet Nam November 17 GPA--The U.S. aggressors on November 13 sent a group of jet planes to encroach upon the airspace of Ha Tinh Province, Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. With the determination to duly punish the U.S. pirates, the people and the armed forces in Ha Tinh Province shot down on the spot one intruding aircraft. The ASSOCIATED PRESS on the same day admitted that one RF-4 plane was brought down and its two-man crew was "probably killed".

We heartily hail the heroic people and armed forces in Ha Tinh Province for that punishing blow at the American air pirates. To counter-attack the aggressors who encroach upon the sovereignty of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam is a sacred unalienable right to self-defence of the Vietnamese people. Yet, the U.S. aggressors again resorted to threats against the Vietnamese people. Within a few hours after the plane was downed, U.S. Defence Secretary Melvin Laird declared that the U.S. would "remain ready to take appropriate action in response" and bomb North Vietnamese A-A positions to "protect the lives of U.S. servicemen"... (AP November 13).

Obviously, this is an extremely arrogant tone. To encroach upon the sovereignty of Viet Nam on the one hand and to deny the Vietnamese people's right [on] the other is decidedly not the best way for the U.S. to show its "desire for peace". Moreover, to plead for their piratic actions, the U.S. imperialists even fabricated the "tacit agreement" which they said, permits the U.S. spying sorties over the D.R.V.N. territory.

As is known to everybody, the cessation of the U.S. bombardments on the whole territory of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam is unconditional, and there is no "tacit agreement" between the D.R.V.N. and the United States. Nevertheless, each time after U.S. intruding planes are punished, the U.S. imperialists again speak of "tacit agreement" coupled with some threat. Yet, the U.S. statements can frighten nobody. On the contrary, they have exposed further the U.S. obduracy and bellicosity.

The Foreign Ministry of the D.R.V.N. on November 14 issued a statement pointing out: "The Vietnamese people are resolved to oppose and duly punish all encroachments by the U.S. imperialists upon the sovereignty and territory of the D.R.V.N. This is the sacred right to self-defence of the Vietnamese people as well as other nations in the world."

So long as the U.S. imperialists continue their aggression, the Vietnamese people will go on fighting to defend their country. The people and armed forces of South Viet Nam sternly condemn the afore-said provocative activities of the U.S. imperialists and pledge to stand shoulder to shoulder with the North Vietnamese people and armed forces to defeat every (?such threat) of war expansion by the Nixon administration.

It is necessary to remind the U.S. imperialists that for every blow they deal to North Viet Nam, they will receive five or 10 punishing blows in return from the South Vietnamese people.

Although the enemy has dropped and poured millions of tons of bombs and poison chemicals on them and although he has resorted to the cruelest and most savage and perfidious maneuvers to herd them, our compatriots in rural and mountain areas have valiantly arisen with vigorous mettle to wage three-prong attacks, to disintegrate and destroy the enemy's strategic hamlets and concentration centers, to oppose pressganging and the organization of the enemy's civil-defense corps, and to demand to return to their own villages to earn their living, thus further defeating an important part of the Americans' criminal special pacification program and encroachments, along with striving to gain ownership, to build revolutionary administration, to resolutely consolidate the rear in order to serve the front and improve livelihood, to actively build combat villages and hamlets and develop guerrilla warfare in order to oppose the enemy's reoccupation of liberated areas, to maintain security and order, and to step up production and every aspect of cultural and social activities for the people's welfare.

In spite of the bondage machinery of a dictatorial, fascist, and violent regime which represses and terrorizes in a very reactionary manner, valiant and stalwart urban compatriots have continuously arisen to oppose maneuvers to increase troop strength, pressganging, and oppression in line with the Vietnamization of the war plan and to resolutely fight for their right to live. From workers, laborers, and high school and college students, to intellectuals, all strata of our compatriots have been filled with hatred. They can no longer stand the oppressive, dictatorial, and corrupt regime which was established by the Americans. All strata of our compatriots have continuously waged unprecedentedly seething struggles on a larger and larger scale, directly attacking the U.S. imperialist aggressors and the Thieu-Ky-Khiem puppet clique and demanding their urgent rights, the restoration of peace, an end to the war, U.S. troop withdrawals, and the overthrow of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique.

The enemy has openly repressed and has resorted to every perfidious trick to appease and separate. However, the all-powerful struggle wave has continued to rise vigorously and a broad front for coordinated actions is being created, assembling numerous strata of people, including a number of persons with national spirit in the puppet army and government, and, thus causing the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique to be isolated more than ever.

Being loyal to President Ho's sacred testament, our southern armed forces and people have held aloft the banner of the great national solidarity bloc: nothing is more valuable than independence and freedom. They have highly developed revolutionary heroism, have overcome every hardship and difficulty, have continuously attacked and arisen, have gained new successes, and have resolutely advanced to satisfactorily implement his testament.

In order to save the Vietnamization-of-the-war plan from failure in South Vietnam, the U.S. imperialists have adventurously extended the war to Cambodia and Laos, but have had to pay very expensive prices for their adventurous and frenzied acts. They have been further driven into a position of failure and have been vehemently condemned by the U.S. and world's peoples. A common, unprecedentedly large frontline of the South Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian peoples has been set up and is a new factor of success.

Being loyal to President Ho's testament and holding aloft their noble international spirit, our southern people pledge to unite with the fraternal nationalities in the Indochinese Peninsula to constantly develop their powerful militant solidarity strength and to resolutely fight the U.S. aggressors until total success.

Obviously, our armed forces and people are in a steadfastly victorious position, an offensive position, while the U.S. imperialists are continuing to be bogged down in the quagmire of failure, an irretrievable impasse and confused strategic defensive position.

Serious failure on the battlefield has brought serious political, economic, and other internal difficulties to the United States. This has forced the Americans to continue withdrawing troops although their plan to Vietnamize the war has been dealt heavy blows and is proving unsuccessful. However, being very bellicose and crafty, the U.S. imperialists remain unwilling to accept their defeats or to relinquish their dark design to invade our country and neighboring Cambodia and Laos. Through the most violent and [words indistinct] crimes and through the perfidious tricks of those who are in an impasse, regardless of anything, they are adventurously trying to step up the special pacification program and to prolong the war in the hope of gaining military victories on the battlefields in order to create a position of strength at the conference table in order to force our people to accept the conditions that serve their aggressive design.

Before reaching final success, our combatants' and people's anti-U.S. national salvation resistance will have to overcome many hardships and difficulties. President Ho's testament is guiding our path. As long as the U.S. imperialists stubbornly prolong the war of aggression against South Vietnam in this or that form, trample upon our country, and massacre our people, we will continue to wipe out all the Americans and their puppets, to liberate the south, and to defend the north, advancing toward peacefully reunifying the fatherland.

Because the U.S. imperialists have made mistake after mistake they have sustained continuous failures. However, they are stubbornly continuing to prolong the unjust war and to trample upon our people's eager aspirations for independence and freedom and upon aspirations of the U.S. people and the peace-loving people worldwide. As long as they harbor their foiled ambitions, they will advance further in the impasse and, certainly, will meet with more shameful failures. This is a certainty. The situation is more and more favorable for our combatants and people to advance to deal decisive blows at the U.S. imperialists' Vietnamization-of-the-war scheme.

Being loyal to President Ho's sacred testament and to the oath of honor taken by both the southern and northern peoples when he left us forever, our entire combatants and people are determined to bring forth his "ever victorious" banner to final victory.