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"THE U.S. - PUPPET SPECIAL PACIFICATION SCHEME
AND ON WHAT OUR COMPATRICTS CAN DO TO DEFEAT IT"

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Part I -- Why Have the Americans Resorted to Special Pacification?
How Does the Enemy Maneuver in the Special Pacification Program?

Being seriously defeated since 1968, the U.S. imperialists and their puppets were forced to de-escalate the war. However, the U.S. imperialists stubbornly want to occupy our country and turn it into a colony. Therefore, they concocted a plan to Vietnamize the war, that is, to prolong the war of aggression with Vietnamese blood and money instead of U.S. blood and money. In order to Vietnamize the war, they have devoted all their effort to terrorizing and oppressing the people and to destroying revolutionary bases through the accelerated pacification program and have shifted the entire burden of the war to our people.

The accelerated pacification program aims to devote almost all U.S. and puppet main-force troops, civil guards, militiamen, and pacification, "Phoenix," and "Swan" agents to destroying the revolutionary bases, to occupying rural areas, and to driving our main forces away from the cities, from their bases, and from important communications lines; aims to use aircraft, vehicles, and poisons to massacre our people most savagely; aims to herd the people and destroy ricefields and gardens throughout the country; aims to encourage puppet local personnel and intelligence agents to work actively; aims to organize the civil-defense corps; aims to pressgang and increase troop strength; and aims to establish posts everywhere in order to occupy land and herd and oppress our people.

Each concentration camp is a hell that poisons the mind and quells the confidence and national pride and spirit of our people. The camps are set up to stop the people's anti-aggression struggle and to make them surrender to the enemy, to become the enemy's soldiers or prostitutes, and to admire and fear the Americans.

Aggressors such as the French and U.S. imperialists must resort to pacification. The Americans will be shamed if they cannot pacify. Therefore, the Americans, Thieu, and Ky have been crueller and craftier and more stubborn than the French were previously. They planned to finish their accelerated pacification program by June 1970. Because this program seriously failed, they plan to carry out the special pacification program from June to December 1970. Because this program is still unsuccessful they will carry it until February 1971.

The special pacification program is aimed at reoccupying lost areas, at consolidating areas still under their temporary control, at establishing new posts, at fiercely shelling areas under pacification, at devoting troops to destroying all revolutionary organs, at pressganging and increasing troop strength, at enabling local administrative personnel, civil defense corpsmen, and militiamen to oppress the people and harass revolutionary organs in hamlets and villages, and at using the tricks of land reform, economic development, mass information, and "open-arms" operations in the hope of bribing, deceiving, and hypnotizing the people, separating the people and the revolution, and causing our people to forget their duty toward the nation.

However, implementing the special pacification program while he is in a new, defeated situation, the enemy exposes even more shortcomings. On the other hand, we have made important progress that enables us to continue to defeat the special pacification program.

Part 2 -- What Are the Failures of the U.S. - Puppet Special Pacification Program? And What Are Our Successes?

The enemy's schemes and tricks are very crafty, perfidious, and cruel. However, because he tries to pacify while he is being defeated and weakened, he reveals many shortcomings;

1. Both U.S. and puppet troops have been thinned throughout the battlefield. Their main forces on the front and in Cambodia have been seriously annihilated, puppet troops have been unable to replace U.S. troops, and pacification forces are in need of assistance. Oppressor forces in hamlets and villages are numerous. But faced with the serious failures of the Americans and their puppets, most of them, being embarrassed, have been unwilling to serve the aggressors, have hated the war, and have longed for peace. Except for a very small number of wicked agents who are stubbornly serving the aggressors, the majority have hated the Americans because their patriotism has been awakened.

2. The U.S. imperialists are bringing their troops home and are shifting the burden of the war to the puppets. Therefore, the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique has intensified dictatorship, fascism, and activities to herd and plunder the people and to pressgang almost all our youths, thus bringing more sufferings and mourning to our people. As a result, our people's patriotism has been increasingly aroused and their hatred for the country-grabbing and country-selling clique has been increasingly deepened.

3. The longer the war, the more serious the squabble inside the U.S. - puppet clique. Faced with our people's increasingly vigorous political and armed struggle, the machinery of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique, the Americans' prop, has been paralyzed in many localities and has become ineffective. The puppet economic and financial situation has become increasingly dangerous, inflation has become increasingly serious, and the social situation, especially in cities, has become increasingly ~~complex and~~ disorderly. Meanwhile, the internal squabble has become more and more serious because of individual interests. Thus, the special pacification, which is tigerish in appearance, is internally weak in an irretrievable manner.

For national salvation, in the past year, implementing Uncle Ho's testament, our armed forces and people have defeated an important part of the enemy's pacification scheme with matchless gallantry and spirit of sacrifice. Following are our successes and the failures of the enemy:

(1) Military: The enemy has been unable to destroy our bases and to organize local administrative personnel, reconnaissance agents, civil defense corpsmen, militiamen, and civil guards in order to oppress our people according to his plan. Puppet main forces have been not strong enough to replace U.S. troops. On the contrary, being increasingly annihilated by our people, puppet main forces, civil guards, militiamen, civil defense corpsmen, wicked local administrative personnel, and reconnaissance agents have become very perplexed, have shriveled in their posts, and have stopped being arrogant and cruel toward our people as before. Our bases in hamlets and villages have increasingly developed. Our forces have continuously attacked the enemy throughout the three zones, including important provincial capitals, townships, and communications lines.

(2) Politically: The Americans and puppets have been unable to deceive or bribe our people and to strengthen basic administrative personnel and reconnaissance agents. Puppet troops and administration have rapidly disintegrated wherever the masses rose up. Our people have been united more and more closely. Their confidence in the revolution has been increasingly strengthened. Their experience in attacking pacification has been increased. The masses have participated more and more numerous into revolutionary organs, thus increasing our strength. The struggle movement against depraved culture and for the right to live and for freedom, for the withdrawal of U.S. troops, for an end to the war, and for the overthrow of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique has been continuous and more and more seething, especially in Saigon and other cities, thus isolating and perplexing the Americans and puppets more and more seriously.

(3) Economically: The South Vietnamese economic situation, which the Americans and puppets have striven to improve in order to prolong the war, has been increasingly dangerous. Inflation has become serious. The puppet piaster has been badly devaluated. The cost of living has increased manifold. Our people everywhere have closely united to struggle to demand that the enemy satisfy the needs of their livelihood and to defend their lives. Tens of thousands of persons in concentration areas have returned to their own villages to earn their living and fight the enemy.

The enemy has been defeated in his pacification. But he is not totally defeated. He is relying on bombs, ammunition, artillery, aircraft, and numerous troops and posts. However, his dream of pacification will be broken because he reveals many irretrievable shortcomings. We have defeated an important part but not the whole of his pacification scheme. Our armed forces and people are single-mindedly determined to persist in the national salvation struggle in order to pay Uncle Ho's deeds. Our revolutionary organs are everywhere and are inseparable from the people. Our three categories of troops are very heroic and skilled in opposing pacification. Therefore, while the enemy is still numerous, we will certainly win if we know how to use sniping action and to accurately hit the enemy's weakpoints with dangerous blows.

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Part 3 -- What Can Our People Do to Defeat the U.S. -Puppet Pacification Program?

President Ho said: "Nothing is more valuable than independence and freedom." Through special pacification, the Americans are perpetrating countless crimes. Therefore, in order to gain independence and freedom, it is necessary to defeat the special pacification. The (? outcome) of the special pacification plan will determine the results of the U.S. war of aggression. The enemy is very crafty and cruel. Victory over his pacification plan will pave our way for total victory. Therefore, imbued with President Ho's testament, we must heighten determination and develop initiatives in order to fight and defeat the enemy in a proper manner.

The enemy is striving to pacify us while we are determined to foil his pacification plan. This is at present the most important front between us and the enemy. The enemy has many aircraft and bombs, much ammunition, and many perfidious tricks. Therefore, in foiling special pacification, our armed forces and people must be persistent, must fear no hardship nor sacrifice, must attack the enemy repeatedly until he is completely defeated, ^{not} allow him to take a rest to recover his strength and counterattack us, and must be determined to gain independence and freedom at any cost for ourselves and for our descendants.

It is necessary to closely unite with each other and to love, assist, protect, and be confident in each other. Because he is being defeated, the enemy is resorting to many perfidious and deceitful tricks in the hope of sowing suspicion among our compatriots, of separating them, and of destroying confidence in the revolution and cadres in order to carry out his sniping actions.

The enemy is crafty but we are more so. We are imbued with Uncle Ho's testament: "Our people's anti-U.S. national salvation resistance will have to overcome many more hardships and sacrifices, but it will certainly be successful. This is a certainty." President Ho instructed: "Solidarity, solidarity, great solidarity! Success, success, great success!" Each one of our compatriots, including puppet soldiers and their families, are eager for peace and are fighting the enemy, but it is necessary to know how to attack the enemy, how to deal him heavy and dangerous blows, how to completely break his bondage machinery, how to gain control, and how to liberate villages and hamlets.

The Americans and their puppets are numerous but they have many weakpoints. Therefore, it is necessary to know how to deal heavy and dangerous blows at their weakpoints so that they are paralyzed and smashed. It is necessary to proceed step by step and to steadfastly consolidate what we have gained.

Each one of our compatriots hates the U.S. puppets and is ready to annihilate them. Therefore, by forcing our people to be civil defense corpsmen, militiamen, and civil guards, our enemy is asking for trouble because in the past revolutionary puppet soldiers have helped us annihilate the enemy by attacking him from within. This is beyond the enemy's control. His strong fortifications cannot help but be destroyed. Only a small number of local administrative personnel, reconnaissance agents, militiamen, civil guards (words indistinct) if we hit accurately, all of the enemy's bondage machinery will be broken.

(words indistinct) It is necessary to implement Uncle Ho's instruction: "As long as there still is an aggressor in our country, we must continue to wipe him out." (words indistinct)

It is necessary to exterminate all cruel elements among local administrative personnel, reconnaissance agents, members of the civil defense organization, militiamen, and hamlet chiefs and to attack wicked civil guards and militiamen who support pacification. To "exterminate" these wicked elements means to kill as many of them as possible (words indistinct). These elements, though small in number, are extremely dangerous. If the wicked elements are hit, the (words indistinct) will be paralyzed and collapse. Revolutionary education must be given to all servicemen.

Let political struggle and armed struggle be the weapons to oppose the civil defense organization and to disintegrate villages, hamlets, and family groups. (words indistinct) puppet flags, family registration booklets, house numbers and passes and oppose forced participation in meetings. The resistance must be perseveringly carried out until the enemy blows in defeat. Struggles must be staged to oppose rent collection, robbery, rape, detention, terrorism, artillery shelling, spraying of poisonous chemicals, and mopup operations and to demand the right to move about and transact business..

Let us turn a deaf ear to the enemy's words. Let us tighten our ranks if the enemy tries to sow disunion. Let us denounce his deceitful nature if he distorts the truth. Let us boycott all his pretended aid. Let us plead for the revolutionary cause if he tries to defame it. If something occurs that we cannot understand, let us ask our cadres. Let us remember Uncle Ho's will and act in accordance with his teachings. Let us oppose pressganging and use enemy weapons to kill enemy troops.

(Words indistinct) to provide internal support for an outside attack in order to destroy enemy posts and liberate our villages and hamlets. Let us set up combat villages to protect our compatriots. (Words indistinct) although the enemy's outposts are strong, the heart of his troops are not with him. Therefore, it is necessary to make

his troops aware of the just cause in order to (words indistinct) through the guerrilla force, booby traps, and combat villages, encircling them while persuading them to side with us. Let the puppet troops' dependents contribute in order to save their own relatives and friends--any hesitation is detrimental.

Let our compatriots leave the strategic hamlets and return to their native villages and help each other rebuild their houses, engage in production, contribute manpower and materials in the revolution, exterminate spies, destroy enemy outposts, and prevent the enemy from broadening his control. Let us set up combat villages to oppose the enemy and actively participate in revolutionary organizations. The enemy is striving to frustrate our revolutionary organization and build up his counterrevolutionary forces with a view to dominating our people. We must exterminate his forces and build up ours in order to liberate our people. The more our people fight, the stronger they become and the greater the victories they win; the more the enemy fights, the weaker he becomes and the heavier the defeats he suffers.

All of us must have confidence in our organizations, groups, and associations, help each other, and stand united in the struggle. Let all members and cells be part of the revolutionary fortress that all patriotic citizens must strengthen for his own interests and for the interests of the fatherland. Let us join the militia, make weapons, set up combat villages, (words indistinct) strategic hamlets, participate in self-defense organizations, and attack the enemy right in his own lair. Let us boost production, (? conserve goods), oppose waste and luxury, and pay attention to the education of children and adults. Let us not be tempted by tricky arguments but pattern ourselves after the good traditions of our people and always keep in mind what Uncle Ho said: "We are enduring the hardships of a mountain climber who is nearing the peak of victory and honor. If we stand united and persevere in our struggle, final victory will come very soon."