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Recently, U.S. imperialism, the paper tiger that is being battered all over by the Vietnamese people and the people of Indo-China, again bared its fangs. Nixon, the chieftain of U.S. imperialism, and Laird, his Secretary of Defense, took turns stepping forward to give undisguised war threats against the Vietnamese people. Their wanton arrogance and extreme barbarity are comparable to that of Hitler of fascist Germany.

However, a paper tiger is a paper tiger and even if it indulges in  
sabre-rattling, it is still a paper tiger. *never reasoning*

Nixon's posture as a sword master and his threats of take action to strengthen and expand the aggressive war only show that his aggressive policy has come across new failures and give a blow to what he himself has dished out as the so-called "peaceful initiative" and the "Nixon Doctrine."

Since the emergence of the "Nixon Doctrine" last July, U.S. imperialism has, on the one hand, stepped up the implementation of its plot to induce peace talks, hoping to fish out advantages at the conference table that it cannot get on the battle field, and, on the other hand, accelerated the arming of its vassal countries to carry out the plan of having "Asians fight Asians," hoping to use more troops in the service of U.S. imperialism.

However, Nixon's plan has not worked out. Whether on the battle-field or at the conference table, U.S. imperialism continues to suffer greater defeats. Encircled by the heroic Vietnamese people and the people of Indo-China, U.S. imperialism is like a caged beast; no matter where it runs it cannot escape from the difficult situation. Therefore, filled with anxiety and anger, it cares not for the so-called "peaceful initiative" and "Nixon Doctrine," but simply cries for fighting on the front itself and launches new military adventures.

In order to launch new military adventures and strengthen and expand the war of aggression in Viet-Nam and the whole of Indo-China, Nixon and Laird have wracked their brains and come up with several absurd counter-revolutionary theories to prove that "aggression is justified."

First, there is the theory that U.S. imperialism has the "right" to send pirate aircraft to conduct reconnaissance over the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam, but the soldiers and civilians in Northern Viet-Nam

have no right to shoot the U.S. piratic aircraft, not even to use radar to track them or the United States will carry out "protective counter air attacks."

Second, the army men and civilians of South Viet-Nam are "prohibited" from shelling the places where the U.S. aggressor troops are stationed (being an expert on rhetoric, Nixon described the places where the U.S. troops are stationed as "Densely populated areas"). In other words, the U.S. aggressor troops have the "right" to encroach upon Viet-Nam, but the Vietnamese people, who are the victims of aggression, have "no right" to fight against the aggression.

Third, the army men and civilians of North Viet-Nam are not allowed to support their kith and kin in the South; otherwise, the United States would also "take action" to "resume complete bombing."

Fourth, "to protect the life and security of the Americans," that is, because the lives of U.S. aggressors are endangered by the Vietnamese people who are persistently waging a war against aggression, the United States has the "right" to bomb Viet-Nam.

Look at the similarity between Nixon's theory that "aggression is justified" and the so-called "lebensraum" advocated by Hitler when he started the war of aggression. According to this out-and-out gangster logic, not only should the 34 million Vietnamese people allow several hundred thousand U.S. aggressor troops to perpetually occupy their own territory in the South by force, but even the territorial air space in the North can also be introduced upon unscrupulously by the U.S. pirate planes. This is the height of insolence and sully: How can one imagine a nation and its people, who are fighting against aggression and who have achieved one great victory after another, allowing the enemies, who are putting up a last-ditch struggle, to run amuck across their land and territorial air without punishing them? How can they allow the enemies to "safely" carry out aggression? The aggressive concept of "lebensraum" advocated by Hitler in the 1930's was smashed to pieces long ago; the "aggression is justified" and "aggression for security" theories put forward by Nixon in the 1970's are also doomed to be buried.

The so-called "protection of American Lives" is a trick Nixon learned from the old colonialists. It aims at creating a new excuse for another aggressive act and alleviating the people's opposition at home. The history of U.S. imperialist aggression in Indo-China indicates that more Americans will die whenever the pretext of "Protecting American Lives" is used by U.S. imperialism. In late April this year, Nixon sent troops to invade Cambodia under the pretext of protecting the "lives" of the U.S. aggressor troops in Viet-Nam, but they were badly battered by the patriotic Cambodian army men and civilians, suffering tremendous casualties.

In the two years since the Nixon administration came to power, especially since early this year, it has, beset with difficulties at home and abroad and confronted with countless contradictions, behaved like a headless fly running around aimlessly. It first dished out what it called a "New Peace Initiative" and then immediately went all out to carry out war blackmail and "Escalation." The different performance from a smiling-face tiger to a snarling wolf by the Nixon administration has fully reflected its weakness--wishing to stop but unable to do so; wishing to go on but without the strength.

Nixon's war clamors cannot intimidate the Vietnamese people. They can only serve as another big exposure of the paper-tiger nature of U.S. imperialism. They show that the aggressive nature of U.S. imperialism will never change, and also show that U.S. imperialism, which is outwardly strong but internally weak, is afraid of the people. Nixon's so-called "Peace Initiative" and the "Nixon Doctrine" are all plots and intrigues of U.S. imperialism to expand the aggression. The long-tempered Vietnamese people can neither be deceived nor be awed by pressure; they are especially not afraid of a sabre-rattling paper tiger.

The history of U.S. imperialist aggression against Viet-Nam eloquently proves that the "escalation" of the aggressive war against Viet-Nam will only bring about a more miserable defeat to U.S. imperialism at a faster rate. As far as the heroic people are concerned, "OUR DEFENSE WAR STRONG AS A WALL ALREADY, NOW DID OUR WILL UNITE LIKE A FORTRESS?" ((line from a Mao poem)) The Chinese people and the people of various countries in Asia stand on the side of the Vietnamese people. If U.S. imperialism, in defiance of universal condemnation, further expands the war of aggression, it will certainly be badly battered by the Vietnamese and Indochinese people. The U.S. players with fire will inevitably come to this end.