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Red Broadcast Cites No Viet Victories in 1970

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SAIGON—The Peoples Liberation Army's annual Christmas, New Year and Tet cease-fire order Tuesday omitted mention of a single Communist victory in the past year.

Broadcast over Liberation Radio on a clandestine transmitter and monitored here, it provides for a three-day cease-fire over Christmas, a three-day cease-fire over New Year, and a four-day cease-fire over the lunar New Year's Day, Jan. 27.

The order was almost word for word the same as last year's, but an accompanying commentary differed in that it made no mention of any victories.

Instead, it spoke of the "difficult but very glorious struggle" waged by the Communists.

Last year in a similar commentary, the Communist radio told its listeners that "the U.S.-puppets are being routed in Duc Lap, Bu Prang, Bu Dop, Rach Gia and My Tho, on Route 9, in Phan Rang and elsewhere."

Duc Lap, Bu Prang, Bu Dop and Rach Gia are the sites of American and Vietnamese Special Forces camps along the Cambodian border. The difference this holiday season is that the southern Communists are no longer able to operate from sanctuaries in Cambodia and, in fact, have a hot war going on in their rear.

My Tho is in the Mekong delta, where the Peoples Liberation Army's position has deteriorated noticeably over the past year. Phan Rang is on the coast and Route 9 is near Laos.

A South Vietnamese government spokesman said it was the practice of the government to announce truce periods over the holidays on short notice for security reasons. A spokesman for the American Embassy said that this year as usual the embassy would follow the Saigon government's decision.