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VIII. LIBERATION RADIO ATTACKS THIEU SPEECH

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During the past week, the entire world seethingly condemned the Nixon clique for frenziedly escalating and spreading the war of aggression to Laos. The American people and many U.S. senators and representatives have openly criticized this new , extremely serious war act of Nixon.

Panic stricken in the face of the strong protest of the world's peoples and frightened by his increasing isolation, Nixon has played the "conspire behind someone's back" trick by having Vietnamese traitor Nguyen Van Thieu officially order on Saigon Radio on 8 February the Saigon puppet troops to invade Laos. Nixon tries to make public opinion believe that the aggressive operations against Laos has been launched by the Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique and not by the Americans. But what a pity for Nixon ! His "conspire behind someone's back" trick is so clumsy that it cannot be concealed from anyone. Nor can it conceal the criminal aggressive hands of the Americans.

Everyone knows the truth, and even the U.S. press has admitted it. It is the Americans who have mobilized tens of thousands of Saigon paratroops, marines, and rangers together with the U.S. infantry and armored units, the rightist Vientiane forces--mainly the Vang Pao Special Forces--and the Thai mercenary troops to carry out the large-scale plan of aggression against Laos. This is a new, very serious step in the U.S. escalation of the war in Laos, a step that is aimed at recouping the U.S. defeats in South Viet-Nam, Laos , and Cambodia. It is a very brazen violation of the 1962 Geneva Agreement on Laos. It grossly tramples on the Kingdom of Laos' independence, sovereignty, and neutrality.

Nixon and the lackey clique have been trying to make round-about and deceitful allegations on the nature, purpose, and time of the military operations and on the level of U.S. participation, but public opinion has clearly shown that the U.S. -puppet new war escalation in Laos is included in their long- concocted, dark scheme of expanding the war of aggression throughout Indochina and of implementing the Nixon Doctrine of using Indochinese to fight Indochinese and Asians to fight Asians.

The truth about the crime of stepping up the war of aggression against Laos is as clear as daylight. All the world and even U.S. public opinion, including such U.S. Senators as Fulbright, Mansfield, and McGovern, have voiced their opposition and have clearly shown that Nixon himself is

the culprit who is held completely responsible for U.S. military adventures in Laos. Yet, Nixon is now resorting to the trick of hurling a stone and hiding his hand and wants to use Thieu as a mouthpiece in order to defend his crimes. This is really ridiculous and extremely clumsy because obviously Thieu is only a U.S. lackey whose acts are commanded and decided by the Americans. The Saigon newspapers "Tieng Chuong" and "Duoc Viet" on 6 February wrote about the U.S. role in South Viet-Nam as follows: "As masters of our country the Americans do what they want,"

"From the South President down to his subordinates, all must obey U.S. orders." Obviously, it was on Nixon's orders that Thieu openly ordered Saigon puppet troops to invade Laos. In other words, Nixon is the principal criminal while the Thieu clique is but Nixon's tool to implement its master Nixon's orders. Nixon can in no way dodge his crime of aggression. The vile act of obeying U.S. orders to send tens of thousands of puppet troops to invade Laos exposes even more clearly the extremely dirty puppet nature of the inhumane country-selling traitor clique. It has perpetrated countless crimes against our people and now, on U.S. orders, is pushing its troops to commit crimes and become U.S. cannon fodder in Cambodia and Laos. Its crimes are unpardonable. It will become more isolated before the strong wave of opposition of our people and of the U.S. and world's peoples.

In recent days, throughout the southern cities, all strata of people, including workers, laborers, high school and college students, intellectuals, journalists, women, and even families of puppet troops, have voiced their opposition to the U.S. - Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique's criminal new war act. Thieu's 8 February brazenly bellicose and slavish statement will create a stronger wave of opposition in the world and throughout cities. Families of puppet troops will not passively allow the U.S. - Thieu-Ky-Khiem clique to push their sons and brothers to their deaths.

The Saigon puppet soldiers who have been driven into Laos cannot resign themselves to suffering ignominious death. The deaths of tens of thousands of Saigon puppet troops in Cambodia a bitter pill for the puppets. The puppets' fate is indeed very dark. They have been driven into Laos at a time when they and the Americans have sustained heavy setbacks. Facts have proven that the more Nixon and his lackey clique stubbornly intensify and expand the war, the more tragic defeat they will suffer in the face of the strength of militant solidarity of the three Indochinese peoples. Our South Vietnamese people are highly indignant because of these new criminal aggressive acts of the Nixon clique and its lackeys against Laos.

Together with the Cambodian people, our South Vietnamese people are determined to closely unite with the brother Laotian people in defeating the war escalation of the U.S. imperialists and their lackey clique.

Our armed forces and people are determined to implement the iron-like 5 February 1971 statement of the PRG, to be faithful to the Joint Statement of the three Indochinese People's Summit Conference, to develop their strength and victorious position, to strengthen solidarity, to perseveringly and vigorously step up the fight, and to smash all new schemes and military adventures of the U.S. imperialists and the lackey clique in order to advance the anti-U.S. national salvation struggle of the three Indochinese people toward complete victory.