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IV. HANOI PAPER SEES "THREAT TO SECURITY OF OUR COUNTRY", BUT DECLARES "OUR POWER IS INVINCIBLE"

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Recently, the military situation in South Viet-Nam, Laos, and Cambodia has become very critical. To retrieve their ever more bitter defeats on various battlefields, the Nixon clique, due to its extremely warlike nature, has engaged, with their eyes closed, in new and extremely serious military adventures. Along with the expansion of the cruel special pacification campaign in South Viet-Nam, and the launching of large-scale military operations against the northeastern liberated area of Cambodia, the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen are brazenly rushing aggressive forces to launch a large-scale attack against Southern Laos. Scores of thousands of U.S., Saigon puppet, and Thai mercenary troops, under the Americans direct command, and with U.S. air supplies, and the support of the reactionary Laotian rightist clique, are vigorously attacking the southern Laotian liberated area. This is a serious act against the independence and national sovereignty of Laos, a violation of international law, a challenge to world public opinion, and a threat to the security of the northern part of our country.

Along with this military adventure, the U.S. imperialists are continuing to sabotage the northern part of our country in every way. They have constantly bombed and shelled Vinh Linh and Quang Binh. These bombardments have at times involved warships, artillery and B-52s. At present the U.S.-puppet clique is concentrating troops near the temporary demarcation line. They have sent more aircraft carriers to the Gulf of Tonkin which faces our territory. They have sent more aircraft to Thailand to intensify the airstrikes in Indochina. They have actively trained U.S.-puppet paratroops, marines, commandos, and scouts for their new military actions.

It is obvious that through their words and deeds, the Nixon clique is stubbornly pursuing its policy of prolonging and expanding the aggressive war in Indochina, is continuing to perpetrate new barbarous crimes against our people and against the Laotian and Cambodian people, and is actively preparing for new military adventures against the northern part of our country.

Faced with this very serious situation, the various regions in the North must step up their military tasks. We are resolved to bring assistance to the great frontline, and to outstandingly fulfill our sacred obligations toward the kith-and-kin South, and to wholeheartedly support the brotherly Laotian and Cambodian people to fight and defeat the U.S. aggressors. We should do our utmost to strengthen our defensive force, firmly fight to defend and build the North into a great socialist rear base, and strengthen the North under all circumstances.

To fulfill this glorious mission, the various regions are competing in carrying out the Appeal of the Party Central Committee and Government to step up their practical and revolutionary accomplishments in all fields. Along with their efforts to step up production, the various regions should heighten their determination to fight and win and their readiness to fight and fight well. It is also necessary to help everyone clearly realize the reckless machinations of the enemy, constantly sharpen their vigilance, and strengthen their fighting spirit and readiness to fight the enemy. The various units should thoroughly devise and carry out combat plans. The various regions should be ready for combat and properly carry out the people's  $\forall$  air defense tasks.

In particular in the provinces of the 4th Military Zone and in strategic areas in cities, in industrial centers, on communications lines, in ports, in coastal areas, and in border areas it is necessary to actively make necessary preparations in order to defeat any enemy, no matter where he comes from, when he comes, and with what means he comes. It is necessary to cut to the minimum the damages he may cause.

Concerning his aircraft and commando ships, we are determined to organize our fire power network and destroy them at the first salvo. With regard to the clandestinely-infiltrated spy and commando groups, we are determined to root them out in time, to encircle them, and to annihilate them before they carry out their evil actions.

If the Americans and their lackeys carry out their insane scheme of invading the North, our people will resolutely develop the invincible power of the people's war in order to immediately deal them deadly blows and annihilate them. We are ready to fight and annihilate all enemy troops. We are also accelerating the task of maintaining security and order with a determination to prevent reactionary elements from engaging in disrupting activities. Under all circumstances, we are determined to develop production, consolidate our rear, maintain uninterrupted communications and transport, and send timely and full aid to the battlefield.

Along with achieving the combat readiness of all our people, an important task is to intensify the training of the regional force and self-defense militia force and heighten their fighting power and combat readiness level in order to strengthen the core force of the people's war. The local military organs have the serious duty to help Party committees guide and supervise the task of achieving combat readiness, accelerate the task of studying and improving combat plans and consolidating alert unit, and focussing efforts on carefully fulfilling the main tasks.

Faced with the new situation and objectives, our northern armed forces and compatriots--continually heightening their sense of vigilance and their readiness to fight and fight well--are determined to crush all new military adventures of the enemy and stand side-by-side with the great frontline in order to completely defeat the U.S. aggressors. Our power is invincible. We must fully develop this power in order to achieve victory.