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VIII. CENTRAL TRUNG BO NLF CALLS FOR MORE MILITARY AND POLITICAL MILITANCY

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On 14 February 1971, the Central Trung Bo National Liberation Front Committee issued the following appeal to the entire armed forces and people in the region:

Dear compatriots, cadres, and combatants:

The U.S. imperialists and the Thieu-Ky-Khiem puppet government are openly sending troops to invade Lower Laos. Like the previous operation in Cambodia, this new military adventure is proof that the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen are not strong but have been driven into an impasse. They are squirming in the hope of making a comeback from the setbacks of their plan to Vietnamize the war in South Viet-Nam. The more defeated and weakened they are, the more cruel and reckless they become; the more cruel and reckless they are, the more serious their failure becomes. This is very obvious. The Laotian armed forces and people, clear-sightedly led by the Laotian Patriotic Front, are severely punishing them. During the first few days of the invasion, the enemy lost many of his troops and much of his war means. Two strategic mobile battalions were completely annihilated. Hundreds of aircraft and armored cars were destroyed,

Enthusiastically following the outstanding armed exploits of the valiant and unyielding Laotian armed forces and people and of the skillful and resourceful combatants in Tri Thien and in battlefields throughout the three Indochinese countries the Central Trung Bo armed forces and people are vigorously attacking the enemy in coordination with the Lower Laotian armed forces and people. On the night of 31 January 1971, while the U.S. aggressors and Saigon puppet troops began to move to invade Lower Laos, they, the Trung Bo armed forces and people, concertedly attacked enemy bases in Da Nang, Nha Trang, Cam Ranh, Tuy Hoa, and Pleiku and cut many communications lines.

During the first 10 days of February alone, they put out of action more than 3,000 U.S., puppet, and satellite troops, including many wicked puppet local administrative agents from village to provincial echelons and many other oppressive forces of the enemy, destroyed or seriously damaged a series of fortifications, district seats, airfields, and rear bases, and disintegrated a series of strategic hamlets and concentration camps, thus further defeating the enemy's special pacification

program. In the cities, mass struggle movements have been constantly seething, thus disturbing the enemy's rear areas. In Qui Nhon on 12 and 13 February, all strata of people indignantly took to the streets en masse to condemn the criminal U.S. aggressors, thus panicking the Americans and their puppets.

We are in a wave of great successes. Being defeated the enemy is everywhere embarrassed and confused. On the battlefield, enemy troops are being thinned out more seriously than ever before with their morale seriously shattered in view of our offensive strength. Obviously, this has created a new favorable situation for us to gain greater success.

The Central Trung Bo National Liberation Front Committee appealed as follows:

Let the Regional PLAF rush forward in the wave of successes to attack the enemy continuously, to win every battle, to annihilate each enemy unit, to annihilate many of the vital forces and war means of the enemy, to destroy posts, to disintegrate strategic hamlets and concentration camps, to foil every scheme and trick that the enemy is implementing in order to make a comeback from his setbacks, and to assist the masses in arising to attack pacification agents and win more victories.

Let the people in the localities arise continuously and vigorously to punish wicked administrative agents and spies, to seriously break the enemy's bondage machinery in strategic hamlets, in concentration camps, and in areas temporarily under enemy control to regain mastery and to actively serve the frontline in launching vigorous attacks and gaining great victories.

Let both rural and urban compatriots hurriedly launch strong and wide struggle movements in order to stay the aggressors' bloody hands, to not permit them to continue to pressgang and push our youths to uselessly die in Cambodia and Laos, to condemn the aggressive acts of the U.S. aggressors and their puppets in Laos, and to demand the restoration of peace, a rapid withdrawal of all U.S. troops, and the toppling of the Thieu-Ky puppet government, and to oppose repressive and terrorist acts of the Americans and the Thieu-Ky regime.

Let soldiers of the puppet army struggle so they do not become cannon fodder for the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen.

Make anti-war moves on the spot, organize mutinies, and join the revolutionary ranks. The people and PLAF combatants are ready to welcome you. Let the soldiers' families quickly struggle to demand the return of their husbands and sons and appeal to them to serve the just cause. Do not die tragically and shamefully for the sake of the brutal U.S. imperialists and henchmen.

In order to uphold militant solidarity with the fraternal Cambodian and Laotian peoples and to closely coordinate with compatriots and combatants throughout the country, let the Central Trung Bo armed forces and people enthusiastically rush forward. Greater and more brilliant successes are waiting for us.