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U.S., THIEU INTENSIFYING MILITARY ACTIVITIES

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[Station Commentary: "The Americans and Thieu Are Intensifying Their Military Activities"]

[Text] The Ford Administration has exposed more and more clearly its warlike policy toward South Vietnam through its attempts to intensify military involvement while openly stating its intentions of prolonging its intervention by pursuing the Vietnamized war.

Everyone knows the U.S. Government also admitted that it has sent one group of U.S. airmen after another to South Vietnam to assist Thieu's air force. U.S. generals and field-grade officers and politicians have made one trip after another to Saigon. Following the trips of U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff David Jones, Assistant Secretary for Far East Affairs Macib, and Assistant Secretary of Defense (McBurns) in charge of overseeing military aid to Thieu, and Commander of U.S. Forces in the Pacific Gayler hurriedly visited Saigon and Phnom Penh on 14 January.

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Recent U.S. intimidating military activities include the participation of the carriers Midway and Coral Sea in military exercises in the South China Sea and northern Philippines from 12 to 14 February. The warships and aircraft of the aggressive SEATO bloc will also conduct a military exercise in the East China Sea from 27 February to 13 March.

Moreover, while resorting to slanderous, deceitful propaganda activities aimed at pressuring the U.S. Congress to appropriate \$300 million more in military aid for the current fiscal year and \$1.3 billion in military aid for the 1975-1976 fiscal year, the Ford administration openly stated its intention to continue to support Thieu for an unlimited period. President Ford has stated that it is necessary to support Thieu for 3 more years. U.S. Army Chief of Staff Weyand has stated that it is necessary to support Thieu for 5 to 10 more years. U.S. Secretary of Defense Schlesinger did not rule out the possibility of supporting Thieu for 10 to 15 more years.

The above facts are further proof that the Ford administration has paid no attention to U.S. commitments in the Paris agreement and has openly violated this agreement. It can also be said that, judging from its words and deeds, the Ford administration is blindly committing the same mistakes as the preceding U.S. administrations: continuing U.S. military involvement and intervention in South Vietnam's internal affairs and pursuing the war, thus plunging the United States into a quagmire of woeful defeats.

The Ford administration has resorted to very strange arguments in an effort to justify its wrongdoings, saying that the dispatch of weapons, war materiel and even U.S. military personnel to South Vietnam is not in contravention of the Paris agreement. However, the top leaders in Washington exposed their true colors when they said the objective of military aid to Thieu is self-defense. However, public opinion is well aware of what this so-called U.S. aid for self-defense is really for.

It is worth noting that the more the United States supports Thieu the more bellicose and fascist he becomes, as proven by the fact that in recent days, Thieu has intensified pressganging and clamored for war, while sending troops to conduct pacification and nibbling operations and commit countless additional crimes against the people.

On the average, Thieu has conducted nearly 100 police and pacification operations and ordered the arrest and detention of hundreds of people daily. The Thieu army has mobilized almost all its strength to intensify nibbling operations and operations to hoard rice throughout the south with the support of tanks, armored personnel carriers, aircraft and artillery fire, as is proven by those presently being conducted in Thua Thien, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, the areas north of Saigon and the provinces in the Mekong Delta. Thieu's air force is continuing to bomb and strafe the liberated zone to kill civilians.

In the urban areas, Thieu is resorting to more fascist repression and terrorism. For example, he closed down five dailies and arrested and detained nearly 20 newsmen a few days before Tet. He has intensified repression of the people and prohibited the activities of the opposition factions.

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The Americans and Thieu are stubbornly trying to cope with the situation. However, they can in no way reverse it or prevent the development of history. The southern armed forces and people are resolutely punishing the Americans and Thieu for their acts of war in order to protect the liberated areas and the Paris agreement. The more stubbornly the Americans and Thieu try to cope with the situation, the more appropriately the southern armed forces and people will punish them. They cannot avoid failure.

QUAN DOI NHAN DAN CONDEMNS THIEU REPRESSION OF PRESS

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[18 February QUAN DOI NHAN DAN commentary: "Repressing the Press: A Policy of the Fascist Thieu Clique"]

[Text] In early February, the Thieu administration sent its police to arrest nearly 20 newsmen at their homes and to confiscate the paper and printing materials of nine Saigon daily newspapers, while ordering the closure of five of them. These actions have aroused seething indignation throughout South Vietnam and the world. One can say that Nguyen Van Thieu, a dictatorial and fascist lackey of the United States, is a horrible enemy of all Saigon newspapers, except his gutter papers.

With Decree-Laws 007 and 019 and other fascist decree-laws, over the past several years, the Thieu clique has trampled on all freedoms, mercilessly repressed the press, and cursed the freedom of speech of the southern urban compatriots. From January 1970 to September 1974--during which Thieu arbitrarily issued decree-laws to curb the press--this fascist clique confiscated newspapers on 3,048 occasions, including 2,752 times in which the newspapers were seized and sued in court. Fines and imprisonment were imposed in 1,835 of these cases. Since the issuance of Decree-Law 007, Thieu has closed down more than 30 newspapers. He has striven to enforce censorship of the press, confiscated papers and ransacked the printing houses and offices of the newspapers that have not reflected his viewpoint. He has terrorized, arrested, detained and tortured many journalists and writers and forced 200 newsmen to abandon their profession through pressganging measures.

The repression of the press on 2 and 3 February 1975 was the most brutal and most serious in the past 10 years of the Thieu regime. Among the U.S. lackeys in the world today, Thieu is a fascist lackey who has most brazenly and arbitrarily repressed the press.