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FEB. 7 : THE LIBERATION ARMED FORCES IN CAN THO PROVINCE ATTACKED FOR THE SECOND TIME SINCE JAN. 12 THE BINH THUY AIRFIELD NORTHWEST OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL, AND SLAMMED MORTAR ON A NEARLY ENEMY POSITION. MANY AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED.

- 30 MORTAR ROUNDS FELL ON THE BASE CAMP OF A UUSS MARINE BATTALION ABOUT 22 KM NORTHWEST OF HUE CITY, THUE THIEN PROVINCE. MANY GGI'S WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED.

- THE LLAFF IN BINH DINH PROVINCE ATTACKED A BATTALION OF THE UUSS 1ST AIR MOBILE CAVALRY DIVISION AND REGIMENT 40 OF THE PUPPET ARMY IN BONG SO, SOME 75 KM NORTH OF QUY NHON. THE BONG SON AIRFIELD RECEIVED SOME 50 MORTAR ROUNDS. MANY AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED. MANY UUSS AND PUPPET TROOPS KILLED OR WOUNDED.

FEB. 6 : THE LLAFF IN TAY NINH PROVINCE INFLICTED HEAVY CASUALTIES ON TWO UUSS COMPANIES. THEY ALSO FIRED MORTAR AT A BARRACK OF PUPPET TROOPS, KILLING OR WOUNDING MANY OF THEM.

- A PUPPET COMPANY -SIZED GARRISON TOOK HEAVY CASUALTIES 10 KM NORTHWEST OF DUC HOA DISTRICT CAPITAL, CHOLON PROVINCE. THE LLAFF ALSO ATTACKED A PUPPET POLICE POST IN THE CA MAU PROVINCIAL CAPITAL.

- A COMPANY OF THE UUSS INFANTRY BRIGADE 199 CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE 9 KM EAST OF SAIGON.

FEB. 5 AND 6 : THE LLAFF IN TAY NINH COMPLETELY WIPED OUT THREE COMPANIES OF UUSS TROOPS, AND DESTROYED 21 ARMoured CARS./.

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ACCORDING TO INITIAL STATISTICS, OVER 10,000 (TEN THOUSAND) ENEMY TROOPS INCLUDING 1,800 (ONEEIGHTZEROZERO) GGLIS WERE PUT OUT OF ACTION. ENEMY TROOPS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL CAPTURED ALONE NUMBERED NEARLY 2,000 (TWO THOUSAND) AMONG THEM A WHOLE UUSS PLATOON AND A UUSS COLONEL, DOZENS OF FIELD AND COMPANY OFFICERS OF THE PUPPET ARMY, AND MANY OFFICIALS OF THE PUPPET ADMINISTRATION AT PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT SERVICES. MEANWHILE MANY PUPPET ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL, POLICEMEN, AND MEN OF OFFICERS OF THE PUPPET ARMY REPORTED TO THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE AND HANDED IN THEIR ARMS. OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE QUICKLY WIPED OUT THE 7TH ARMoured REGIMENT, 2 (TWO) COMBAT POLICE BATTALIONS, 1 (ONE) MOTORIZED TRANSPORT BATTALION, 1 (ONE) SAPPER BATTALION AND 2 (TWO) INFANTRY BATTALIONS OF THE PUPPET ARMY TOGETHER WITH 17 (ONESEVEN) COMPANIES OF UUSS OR PUPPET TROOPS. THE 1ST PUPPET DIVISION TOOK HEAVY BEATINGS, ITS FIGHTING POWER WAS CRIPPLED AS ITS 1ST AND 3RD BRIGADES LOST THREE QUARTERS RPT THREE QUARTERS OF THEIR EFFECTIVES. A PUPPET PARATROOP

RIGADE WAS PUT OUT OF ACTION.

169 (ONESIXNINE) PUPPET MILITIA PLAYOONS AND 18 (ONE-EIGHT) "PACIFICATION" TEAMS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE AND HUE CITY WERE WIPED OUT OR COMPLETELY DISBANDED.

OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE IN THE REGION SHOT DOWN OR DESTROYED ON THE GROUND 118 (ONEONEEIGHT) AIRCRAFT OF VARIOUS TYPES, DESTROYED 250 (TWO FIVE ZERO) MILITARY VEHICLES INCLUDING MORE THAN 60 (SIX ZERO) TANKS, 20 (TWO-ZERO) CANNONS OF THE 175MM, 155MM AND 105MM CALIBRES AND SANK 10 (TEN) WAR VESSELS AND 3 (THREE) COMBAT LAUNCHES. THEY SEIZED 8 (EIGHT) TANKS AND SELF-PROPELLING CANNONS, 10 (TEN) ARMS AND FOOD STORES, OVER 2,000 (TWO THOUSAND) FIREARMS OF VARIOUS KINDS (INCLUDING HUNDREDS OF HEAVY MACHINEGUNS) AND HUNDREDS OF TRUCKS.

BESIDES, 12 (ONETWO) BRIDGES WERE BLOWN UP. ALL THE MAJOR BRIDGES ON THE MAIN HIGHWAYS FROM HUE TO QUANG TRI AND DA NANG WERE WRECKED, SUCH AS THE TRANG TIEN, GIA VIEN, AN HOA AND AN CUU BRIDGES, CUTTING OFF THE MAIN COMMUNICATION LINES OF THE ENEMY.

BEING DEALT A CRIPPLING BLOW, THE ENEMY HURRIEDLY SCRAPED UP A NUMBER OF AMERICAN AND PUPPET UNITS TO LAUNCH COUNTER-ATTACKS IN AN ATTEMPT TO RETRIEVE CONTROL OF HUE CITY. BUT OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE, FOLLOWING UP THEIR VICTORIES, WIPED OUT MANY MORE UUSS AND PUPPET UNITS, SMASHING ALL ATTACKS BY ENEMY REACTION FORCES AND FIRMLY CONTINUED TO HOLD THE CITY UNDER CONTROL.

IN COORDINATION WITH THE HUE BATTLEFRONT, THE ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE IN OTHER PARTS OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE SMASHED THE WHOLE STRUCTURE OF THE PUPPET ADMINISTRATION IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, LIBERATING NEARLY ALL THE RURAL AREAS, THUS LINKING HUE CITY WITH THE VAST REAR.

2.- SYNCHRONIZING WITH THE ATTACKS OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED FORCES, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, LIKE TIDAL WAVES, POURED OUT INTO THE STREETS TO WIPE OUT THE CRUEL AGENTS OF THE ENEMY, SET UP THE REVOLUTIONARY POWER, BESIEGED ENEMY POSTS AND CALLED ON SOLDIERS OF THE PUPPET ARMY TO SURRENDER THEIR GUNS AND RETURN TO THE PEOPLE'S SIDE.

AFTER HAVING JOINED THE PPLLAFF IN WIPING OUT THE ENEMY, THE TOWNSFOLK IN MANY QUARTERS SET UP REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEES. WOMEN IN HUE CITY HAVE JOINED MEN IN THE FIGHT TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE CITY, HAVING RECEIVED GUNS FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES. THE YOUTHS, WORKERS, STUDENTS IN THE CITY HAVE GROUPED THEMSELVES INTO HOME-GUARD TEAMS AND EAGERLY TAKEN PART IN MILITARY TRAINING. MANY BUDDHIST MONKS AND NUNS HAVE ALSO JOINED THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES. MANY DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER MEDICAL WORKERS IN THE CITY HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE TREATMENT OF WOUNDED FIGHTERS. THE LABOURING PEOPLE INCLUDING PEDICAB DRIVERS HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO TRANSPORT THE WOUNDED AND CARRY SUPPLIES TO THE CITY GUARDS. HUNDREDS OF OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE PUPPET ARMY AWAKENED BY THE PEOPLE'S GENERAL OFFENSIVE CROSSED OVER TO THE REVOLUTIONARY SIDE.

MEANWHILE, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF RURAL PEOPLE

IN THE DISTRICTS OF HUONG TRA, HUONG THUY, PHU YANG, PHU LOC, QUANG DIEN AND PHONG DIEN ROSE UP TO WIPE OUT THE CRUEL AGENTS OF THE ENEMY, SHATTERED THE PUPPET ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINE, ROUNDED UP THE ENEMY "MILITIA" AND FORCED THEM TO ABANDON THEIR POSTS OR HAND IN THEIR ARMS.

PEOPLE'S POWER HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED EVERYWHERE. GUERRILLA GROUPS HAVE BEEN QUICKLY ORGANISED AND ARMED TO DEFEND THE REVOLUTIONARY POWER AND THEIR NATIVE LAND. THOUSANDS OF YOUTHS HAVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY JOINED THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY. IN THEIR VERY FIRST BATTLES, MANY OF THEM HAVE WON THE TITLES OF "DESTROYERS OF YANKS" (A TITLE GIVEN TO ANYONE WHO KILLS AT LEAST 3 RUSS TROOPS) OR "DETERMINED TO WIN FIGHTERS".

3.- THE INITIAL BUT GREAT AND ALL-SIDED VICTORIES WON BY THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE AND HUE CITY DURING THESE TEN DAYS ARE DUE TO THE CLEARSIGHTED LEADERSHIP OF THE NPPFL CENTRAL COMMITTEE, TO THE ENORMOUS STRENGTH OF THE MASSES WHO HAVE SIMULTANEOUSLY RISEN UP IN BOTH RURAL AND URBAN AREAS TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE RUSS AGGRESSORS AND THE THIEU-KY TRAITOROUS CLIQUE, TO THE STRENGTH OF UNITY IN STRUGGLE OF THE PATRIOTIC ORGANISATIONS AND FORCES IN THE "FRONT OF NATIONAL, DEMOCRATIC AND PEACE ALLIANCE" IN HUE, TO THE MATCHLESS VALIANCE OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN IN THE LIBERATION ARMY, HOME-GUARD TEAMS, SPECIAL COMBAT GROUPS IN THE CITY, THE REGIONAL ARMED FORCES AND GUERRILLAS WHICH ATTACKED THE ENEMY RELENTLESSLY AND DISPUTED WITH THEM EACH STREET AND EACH HOUSE FIRMLY MAINTAINING CONTROL OF HUE CITY.

THESE VICTORIES ARE ALSO DUE TO THE MANY-SIDED CONTRIBUTION OF THE RURAL POPULATION IN THE LIBERATED ZONE, OF PUBLIC ORGANS, AND VARIOUS SERVICES SUCH AS INFORMATION AND TRANSPORT WHICH, BRAVING DIFFICULTIES AND SACRIFICES, WORKED DEVOTEDLY DAY AND NIGHT TO SERVE THE BATTLEFIELD AND HELP THE FIGHTERS FIGHT VICTORIOUSLY.

THE GREAT EXPLOITS RECORDED DURING THE PAST TEN DAYS HAVE BROUGHT INTO RELIEF THE QUICK MATURITY OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMED FORCES IN THEIR COMMAND AND COMBAT STANDARDS, AND AT THE SAME TIME VIVIDLY DEMONSTRATED THE GLOBAL AND ALL-SIDED STRENGTH OF THE PEOPLE'S WAR, OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

THE ENEMY REMAIN OBDURATE AND VERY BARBAROUS. THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS ARE SEEKING ALL WAYS AND MEANS TO BREATHE LIFE INTO WHAT REMAINS OF THE PUPPET ARMY IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO REOCCUPY THE CITY. BUT THEY HAVE SUSTAINED VERY HEAVY DEFEATS. THEIR FIGHTING SPIRIT IS SINKING AND THEIR FIGHTING POWER IS WEARING OUT SERIOUSLY. THE PUPPET ARMY AND ADMINISTRATION ARE BEING SHAKEN TO THEIR FOUNDATIONS. IN SUCH A SITUATION, NO (NOT) MATTER HOW DESPERATELY THE UUSS IMPERIALISTS AND THE THIEU-KY CLIQUE MAY STRUGGLE, THEY CANNOT (NOT) AVOID COMPLETE FAILURE.

IT IS NOW OR NEVER THE OCCASION TO DEFEAT COMPLETELY THE UUSS AGGRESSORS.

WE HAVE WON AND ARE WINNING. LET OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE AND HUE CITY DASH FORWARD WITH THE IMPETUS OF THE VICTORIES ALREADY RECORDED, AND RESOLUTELY SMASH THE PUPPET ARMY, OVERTHROW THE PUPPET

ADMINISTRATION, SMASH THE AGGRESSIVE DESIGN OF THE UUSS AGGRESSORS AND TOGETHER WITH OUR ARMED FORCES AND PEOPLE THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIET NAM, WIN TOTAL VICTORY./.

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#### -- DISSIDENT ARMYMEN ASSOCIATION ISSUES APPEAL

HANOI VNA FEBRUARY 12 - THE ASSOCIATION OF OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE FIRST DIVISION WHO HAVE BROKEN AWAY FROM THE PUPPET ARMY TO OPPOSE THE UUSS AGGRESSORS AND THE THIEU-KY CLIQUE HAS ISSUED AN APPEAL TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE PUPPET ARMY STATIONED IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES AND HUE CITY, ACCORDING TO GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY.

AFTER DENOUNCING THE UUSS AGGRESSORS AND THE THIEU-KY CLIQUE FOR THEIR ATROCIOUS CRIMES AGAINST THE POPULATION IN THESE NORTHERNMOST PROVINCES OF SOUTH VIET NAM AND PUSHING THE ARMYMEN IN THE FIRST DIVISION INTO THE CRIMINAL PATH, THE APPEAL SAID :

"THE SITUATION OF THE UUSS AND PUPPET CLIQUE HAS BECOME HOPELESS. ALL THE CITIES AND TOWNS AND THEIR BASES HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES. HUE CITY HAS FALLEN UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE INSURGENT FORCES. THE ONLY ROAD TO SUPPLY THE FIRST DIVISION FROM DA NANG TO HUE HAS BEEN CUT OFF. THE TOWNS AND MILITARY POSITIONS CONTROLLED BY THE ENEMY HAVE BEEN ISOLATED. THE ENEMY'S STOCKS OF FOOD, MEDICINES AND GAZOLINE HAVE RUN OUT. THE RULE OF THE UUSS AND PUPPET CLIQUE IS SHAKING AND IS ON THE VERGE OF TUMBLING. THE LIVES OF THE PUPPET ARMYMEN ARE IN SERIOUS DANGER".

THE APPEAL THEN CALLED ON THE REMAINING OFFICERS AND MEN IN THE FIRST PUPPET DIVISION :

- TO RISE UP AND FOLLOW THE RIGHT PATH SO AS TO SAVE THEMSELVES, SAVE THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COUNTRY EXCLAM.
- TO QUICKLY QUIT THE MERCENARY ARMY AND HAND IN THEIR ARMS AND POSTS TO THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, AND RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES.
- TO RESIST ORDERS TO GO TO THE FRONTLINE OR TO BE SENT AS REINFORCEMENTS, TO RESIST ORDERS TO REPRESS THE PEOPLE,
- TO RISE UP AND TURN THEIR GUNS ON THE UUSS AGGRESSORS AND THE OBDURATE PUPPET COMMANDERS, AND TOGETHER CROSS OVER TO THE PEOPLE'S SIDE.
- TO CONTACT AND CO-ORDINATE ACTIONS WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES AND TOGETHER WITH THEM STRIKE AT THE UUSS AGGRESSORS AND WIPE OUT THE PUPPETS TO LIBERATE THE NATIVE LAND./.

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- RELIGIOUS ORGANISATION CALLS ON MEMBERS TO JOIN PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE.

HANOI VNA FEBRUARY 13- THE COMMITTEE OF ACTION FOR THE SALVATION OF THE FATHERLAND AND RELIGION AND FOR INDEPENDENCE, PEACE AND NEUTRALITY, AN ORGANISATION OF THE CAI DAI RELIGIOUS SECT IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, RECENTLY CALLED ON ITS DIGNITARIES

ND MEMBERS TO JOIN THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES IN THE PRESENT PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE AGAINST THE UUSS AGGRESSORS AND THIED-KY CLIQUE, ACCORDING TO GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY.

AFTER DENOUNCING THE CRIMES PERPETRATED BY THE UUSS-PUPPET CLIQUE AGAINST THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IN GENEAL AND THE CAO DAI SECT IN PARTICULAR, THE STATEMENT POINTED OUT THE FOLLOWING GOALS OF ACTION OF THE COMMITTEE:

1.- UNITE ALL PATRIOTIC FORCES AND REVOLUTIONARY MASS ORGANISATIONS STRUGGLING TO OVERTHROW THE UUSS THIEU KY CLIQUE, WIPE OUT THE REACTIONARY POWER AND SET UP A POWER RUN BY THE PEOPLE.

2- APPROVE AND SUPPORT THE POLITICAL PROGRAM OF THE SOUTH VIET NAM NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION, ACHIEVE AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN SOUTH VIET NAM, BUILD A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY LIFE, BRING ABOUT FREEDOM TO OUR BELIEVERS, AND RENOVATE AND DEVELOP OUR HOLY SEE AREA.

3- RESOLUTELY STRUGGLE TO DRIVE THE UUSS AGGRESSORS AND THE TRAITOR CLIQUE OUT OF THE HOLY SEE AREA.

THE STATEMENT CALLED ON ALL ITS DIGNITARIES AND MEMBERS TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS, IN THE INTERESTS OF THE NATION:

1- STRUGGLE TO OVERTHROW THE REACTIONARY ADMINISTRATION, PUT AN END TO ALL INJUSTICES, BRUTAL FREATMENT BY THE ENEMY, SET UP REVOLUTIONARY POWER, ENSURE A FREE AND HAPPY LIFE TO ALL OUR COMPATRIOTS.

2- ALL DIGNITARIES AND BELIEVERS WHO HAVE MISTAKENLY COLLABORATED WITH THE UUSS AGGRESSORS OR HAVE BEEN FORCED TO WORK FOR THEM IN WHATEVER FORM SHOULD NOW LEAVE THEM. THOSE WHOSE BROTHERS AND SONS HAVE WORKED AS HENCHMEN FOR THE ENEMY SHOULD CALL ON THEM TO IMMEDIATELY LEAVE THE ENEMY'S RANKS. THOSE WHO HAVE CONDITIONS SHOULD TURN THEIR GUNS AGAINST THE CRUEL AGENTS OF THE ENEMY AND RETURN WITHOUT DELAY TO THE RIGHT PATH.

- ALL MEMBERS OF THE SECT SHOULD UNITE WITHIN THEIR ORGANIZATIONS, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE OF ACTION, IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO ACT, TOGETHER WITH THE ARMED FORCES IN WRECKING THE PUPPET REACTIONARY ORGANS, ASSIST THE UPRISING FORCES IN ROUNDING UP AND WIPING OUT THE AGENTS OF THE ENEMY THAT HAVE BLOOD DEBTS WITH THE PEOPLE, CARRY SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT WORK FOR THE FRONT.

-BE READY TO CHOOSE PATRIOTIC, VIRTUOUS AND MERITORIOUS PERSONS TO TAKE PART IN THE REVOLUTIONARY ADMINISTRATION, BUILD UP REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES AND ORGANIZATIONS, DEFEND THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE OF THE NATION AND DEFEND RELIGION."./..

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- MORE CONGRATULATIONS FROM WORLD PEOPLE ON SOUTH VIET NAM PEOPLE'S BIG VICTORIES.

HANOI VNA FEBRUARY 13 - CONGRATULATION ON THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S EARLY SPRING VICTORIES CONTINUE TO POUR MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO GIAI PHONG PRESS AGENCY.