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NFLSV SUPPORTS DRV DEMAND FOR BOMBING HALT

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[Text] Hanoi--LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY, official organ of the NFLSV, has released an article by its Commentator entitled "The imperative and just demands of the South Vietnamese people." The article reads in full as follows:

The world public, more than ever before, is strongly demanding that the U.S. imperialists put an end to their war of aggression against Vietnam and, as an immediate step, cease completely, definitively, and unconditionally the bombing and all other acts of war against the DRV, and that the United States recognize and talk with the NFLSV so as to reach a settlement of the South Vietnam issue.

Even in the United States, many among political circles and the broad public are urging Johnson to comply with these demands.

All this proves that the just stand of the Vietnamese people, as expounded in the four-point stand of the DRV Government and the NFLSV political program, is winning more sympathy and stronger support from progressive people in the whole world, including the United States.

For some time now, under public pressure, Johnson has had to speak about a cessation of the bombing on the whole territory of North Vietnam. But, with their inborn obduracy and bellicosity, the U.S. imperialists persist in their demands for reciprocity and a premium from our people for the deescalation of their aggressive war, while negating the patriotic struggle waged by the South Vietnamese people under the glorious banner of the NFLSV.

Together with their compatriots in the whole country and the peace- and justice-loving people all over the world, the South Vietnamese people unequivocally refute the obdurate aggressive stand and all the insolent, perfidious claims of the United States.

The South Vietnamese people, standing on the forefront of the struggle against U.S. imperialism, fully support the justice-radiating stand of the DRV Government and strongly demand that United States stop completely, definitively, and unconditionally the bombing and all other acts of war against the DRV. There can be no justification for the continued intensification of the U.S. bombing and shelling of an important part of the territory of the DRV--an independent and sovereign state. The United States has without provocation bombed North Vietnam, grossly violating the 1954 Geneva agreements on Vietnam and trampling on all norms of international law. It must therefore put an end to the bombing, without demanding any reciprocity.

Dozens of American senators and, at the United Nations rostrum, delegates of countries of different social systems, have of late unanimously raised their voice for an unconditional end to the U.S. bombing in North Vietnam. In the week of international solidarity with the South Vietnamese people, which has been enthusiastically observed in the five continents since 15 October, hundreds of millions of people have strongly demanded an unconditional end to the U.S. bombing of the DRV.

Such is the imperative demand of all the peace- and justice-loving people in the world. Only when the United States complies with that demand can the Paris talks make headway.

With regard to South Vietnam, despite their obvious failure, the U.S. imperialists have not given up their aggressive design.

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They continue to launch repeated sweeps, air raids, and artillery bombardments, using even B-52 strategic bombers to dump thousands of tons of bombs on heavily populated areas, while stepping up chemical spraying to destroy crops, and looting raids against the people. The United States has also ordered the Thieu-Ky-Huong puppet administration to herd people into concentration camps, intensify pressganging, and suppress whatever aspiration there may be for independence, democracy, freedom, peace, neutrality, and a better life for the people of various strata in areas still under their control.

In such a situation, in response to the sacred appeal of president Ho Chi Minh, and acting on the orders of the NFLSV Central Committee, the South Vietnamese people are forging ahead with their holy war of resistance against U.S. aggression for national salvation, attacking continually, and rising up vigorously everywhere, winning very brilliant victories. Their aim is to defeat the U.S. war of aggression, win independence, democracy, peace, neutrality, and prosperity, and proceed toward the peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

The only way for the United States to avoid yet heavier defeats in South Vietnam and obtain an honorable peace, as it has often claimed, is to give up its aggressive war.

The South Vietnamese people<sup>1</sup> resolutely demand that the United States put an end to its war of aggression, withdraw all U.S. troops and troops of its satellites from South Vietnam, and let the South Vietnamese people settle their internal affairs, without foreign interference, in conformity with the political program of the NFLSV.

The NFLSV embodies the great unity bloc of the 14 million South Vietnamese people in their sacred struggle against U.S. aggression, for national salvation. The NFLSV is the organizer, mobilizer, and stimulator of the South Vietnamese people in all their victories. Under the glorious banner of the front, four-fifths of the territory of South Vietnam have been liberated, and over 10 million people are enthusiastically advancing toward the establishment of revolutionary power. They are of one mind in their determination to give everything for the defeat of the U.S. aggressors.

The NFLSV is the genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people, both de facto and de jure. It is not only loved and obeyed by the South Vietnamese people, but also recognized and supported by many governments and progressive people in the world. The glorious banner of the NFLSV has been fluttering in dozens of capitals in the world, in thousands of demonstrations in the United States and other parts of the world in protest against U.S. aggression, and in support of Vietnam. Meanwhile, the Thieu-Ky-Huong puppet administration is but a clique of traitors and an instrument for aggression and enslavement by the U.S. imperialists. This administration does not represent anybody. It is cursed and condemned by the people of Vietnam and of the world. The United States persists in its obduracy and the more it steps up its war, the more its aggressiveness is exposed and the heavier its setbacks will be.

More difficulties and hardships are awaiting the South Vietnamese people as their fight against U.S. aggression and for national salvation is nearing victory.