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VIETNAMESE PATRIOTS RECEIVE GROWING SUPPORT

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[Summary] Nineteen years ago today the open American interference in the Vietnamese struggle against colonial rule began, but the heroic Vietnamese have never bowed to the Americans. Hundreds of thousands of patriots attended a demonstration to protest against the U.S. intervention. The demonstration was led by Dr Nguyen, who now leads the NFLSV. It started the fight of the small but proud Vietnamese people against the imperialist superpower which had assumed the disgraceful role of world policemen. To commemorate this event, 19 March is marked in Vietnam as the national day of the struggle against American aggression. All the people are demonstrating their unbreakable resolve to defend their just cause. All progressive humanity joins the heroic Vietnamese in marking this event.

In a Vietnam solidarity campaign, timed to coincide with the date, people of goodwill express their support for the just struggle of Vietnamese. This is the response of the peace forces to the appeal of the world democratic organizations, which urged all nations to make 1969 a year of international mobilization of all peace-loving forces in support of Vietnam.

The USSR is giving all-round help to fighting Vietnam. Mass meetings are being held and public organizations are conducting an active campaign to collect money for the Vietnam relief fund. Messages of greetings and resolutions are pouring into the DRV Embassy and the NFLSV permanent representation mission in Moscow.

"The Soviet people feel strongly about the hypocritical maneuvers of the American delegates and their Saigon henchmen at the Paris talks. The American and Saigon delegations are stubbornly evading the discussion of constructive proposals tabled by the representatives of North Vietnam and the South Vietnam National Liberation Front. The Vietnamese demand a complete withdrawal of all United States troops and those of its accomplices in aggression from South Vietnam. The Vietnamese want to be masters of their own country. The Soviet people fully support these just demands. Soviet public organizations held a meeting in Moscow on Tuesday which passed a statement expressing the resolve of the entire Soviet people to continue giving all the necessary aid and support for the friendly Vietnamese.

"The Vietnamese are fighting back. They display unprecedented heroism. The Vietnamese have the all-round and effective aid of the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries and broad moral and political support of all the forces of peace and progress.

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[Summary] The South Vietnamese patriots blows have made Washington and Saigon nervous and have given the U.S. press a pretext for calling for a renewal of the bombing of the DRV. "When, on 2 March, the Mao Tse-tung clique unleashed an armed provocation against the USSR at Ussuri, those from across the ocean who demand the renewal of the bombing of the DRV (?acquired more trumps).

"It is clear that the consolidation of the positions of Washington's hawks was also (?strengthened) by the U.S. President's speech during his 14 March press conference. And on 15 March, the very day after the second criminal Maoist attack against Damanskiy Island on the Ussuri River, four U.S. bombers violated DRV airspace to bomb several places in Quang Binh Province, as is confirmed in the protest note to the United States by the spokesman of the DRV Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"On the same day, American troops, with the support of assault armored cars, penetrated the southern part of the Demilitarized Zone and American artillery opened fire on the village of (Dinh Quang) in the Vinh Linh region, causing numerous victims among the civilian population.

"Therefore, the armed provocations of the Maoists against the USSR were a concrete aid to U.S. imperialism in its aggression against the Vietnamese people and a real aid to the U.S. expeditionary force in South Vietnam at the same time that the South Vietnamese patriots were developing their offensive."