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SOUTHERN FORCES SMASH U.S. PACIFICATION PLAN

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[Text] Determined to smash the pacification plan and Vietnamization of the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys, in recent months the southern armed forces and people have had outstanding success in annihilating enemy pacification forces. Large portions of the U.S.-puppets' oppressive forces have been smashed. Hundreds of civil guard and militia units and pacification teams have been punished along with tens of thousands of cruel, diehard spies, local administrators, scouts, secret agents, and policemen. In many areas, local civil-defense organizations have been dissolved. Thousands of strategic hamlets and concentration centers have been completely or partially destroyed and enemy occupants of many military posts have been forced either to withdraw or to surrender. Today QUAN DOI NHAN DAN carries a commentary entitled: "Positively annihilate the U.S.-puppets' oppressive forces in the countryside."

After pointing out the great victories scored by the southern armed forces and people in annihilating the U.S. aggressors' and their lackeys' pacification forces, the commentary said: "Realities on the southern battlefield have increasingly shown that on the anti-pacification front, the struggle has been very hard, fierce, complicated, and protracted. Being driven into a very perilous combat situation, with their forces suffering increasingly heavier losses and the areas under their control being increasingly narrowed the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys, just like a cornered wild beast, will writhe more frenziedly in their desperate resistance against the southern armed forces' and people's violent waves, waves of offensive and uprisings in the hope of recapturing the areas they have lost. The stubborn cruel, diehard civil guard troops, militiamen, pacification agents, and policemen will resort to any dirty maneuver and any cruel act to intensify their oppression of and control over the people with a view to delaying the day of their doom. In view of this situation, our combatants and compatriots must heighten their stalwart combat spirit, thoroughly and deeply grasp the ideology on revolutionary violence, bring into full play their spirit of positively taking the initiative in attacking the enemy, relentlessly attack, and valiantly rush forward to overwhelm the enemy, annihilating cruel, diehard oppressive forces and frustrating all his schemes to carry out his pacification plan.

"In order to win victory on this fierce struggle front, our armed forces and people must achieve close coordination between military offensive and popular uprisings, between military struggle with political and proselyting struggle, and between annihilating tyrants and eliminating dishonest persons and regaining mastership rights. The more closely we combine the three offensive spearheads, the more we shall be able to fully develop the combined power inherent in the people's war, to achieve and firmly maintain a combat position insuring mutual support between military and political forces, between armed forces and people within each area, and between one area with another, to create additional favorable conditions to besiege and isolate the enemy, to satisfactorily preserve their forces, to annihilate increasingly greater parts of enemy forces, to consolidate and enlarge their springboards, to develop new forces, to insure the defeat of every fierce enemy counter-attack, and to win increasingly greater victories.

"Experiences drawn from many battlefields and areas that have scored outstanding achievements on the anti-pacification front, such as central Trung Bo and the Mekong Delta, and especially the provinces of Quang Nam, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Gia Lai, Darlac, My Tho, Ben Tre, An Giang, Can Tho, Rach Gia and elsewhere, show that under any circumstances, we must closely coordinate maintaining and developing our forces with accelerating our offensive to annihilate the enemy.

The core revolutionary organizations must constantly and firmly cling to the land and the people. Revolutionary military forces must be seasoned and strong. Revolutionary political forces must be constantly strengthened and developed. In addition to strong organizations and numerous, powerful forces, it is necessary to adopt suitable fighting methods and suitable forms of struggle.

In coordination with the liberation main-force units' concentrated combat, the regional and guerrilla forces have stepped up guerrilla warfare everywhere, annihilating or mauling enemy forces, supporting the compatriots' uprisings, encircling and attacking military posts, punishing the civil guardsmen, militiamen, pacification agents, and diehard puppet agents and spies, disbanding the civil self-defense organizations in the villages and hamlets, violently attacking the lairs of the ringleaders of the puppet administration and leading pacification agents in the district and provincial capitals, military subsectors, and cities, attacking and annihilating the pacification forces in the localities, and resolutely intercepting enemy forces conducting operations in support of the pacification agents.

The southern armed forces and people have upset the enemy's command coordination plan, disrupting his vertical and horizontal communications. Both the pacification agents and pacification-supporting forces have sustained staggering blows. Their morale has been sagging.

In opposing enemy pacification operations, many localities and the armed forces and people on many battlefields have attached importance to mobilizing and organizing broad masses to arise and join with the liberation armed forces in annihilating the tyrants, eliminating dishonest elements, isolating the stubborn reactionaries, educating and persuading those who have been misled to leave enemy ranks, to turn their guns on the enemy, to score achievements, and to return to the people in order to fight the Americans for national salvation, searching for and suppressing the reactionaries, secret agents, and informers operating clandestinely in the villages and hamlets, completely disintegrating all reactionary organizations, and completely paralyzing all activities of the faithful U.S.-puppet henchmen.

Scoring outstanding achievements in annihilating enemy pacification and control forces, the southern armed forces and people have driven the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys into an even more serious predicament. The U.S.-puppets themselves had to bitterly admit that the weekly casualty toll sustained by the puppet administrative and pacification agents in the recent past was one of the highest weekly casualty tolls since October 1966, according to AFP on 19 May. From their strong, offensive position, the southern armed forces and people have taken advantage of their victories to surge forward with a determination to frustrate every new, insidious, and cruel U.S.-puppet scheme and to win even greater victories on the pacification-opposing front. No matter how frenziedly they may squirm, the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys can in no way avoid total defeat.

Stepping up the annihilation of enemy pacification and control forces, continuously disrupting the basic-echelon puppet administrative apparatus, consolidating the liberated areas, extending the people's control, accelerating the guerrilla warfare movement, and increasing the comprehensive strength of each area, the southern armed forces and people have created many favorable conditions for vigorously and steadfastly advancing the offensive and uprising movement and for positively contributing toward completely frustrating the U.S. aggressors' pacification plan and Vietnamization scheme.

✓ MEMORANDUM OF NGUYEN THANH LE 25 JUNE PRESS CONFERENCE

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(Memorandum of Comrade Nguyen Thanh Le's press conference after the 72d session of the Paris conference on Vietnam on 25 June 1970)

[Text] Opening his press conference, Comrade Nguyen Thanh Le said that in his impromptu address today, Comrade Nguyen Minh Vy once more pointed out that the U.S. and Saigon delegates have again advanced old arguments at today's meeting. Their words never match their deeds. Comrade Nguyen Minh Vy added that the Americans must courageously give up their illusion about a military victory. Should the Americans continue to entertain this illusion, then they will have bad dreams.

Comrade Nguyen Thanh Le then answered newsmen's questions:

T. Fenton (Baltimore SUN): You and your delegation have been here for over 25 months. Do you think that your participation in this conference is worthwhile?

Answer: Indeed, we have been here for over 2 years. In fact, the Paris talks should help the concerned parties settle the war, particularly ever since the NPLSV and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam advanced their overall 10-point solution. However, the Paris conference on Vietnam is still marking time and is more deadlocked. It is because the Americans persist in entertaining the illusion on a military victory [words indistinct].

Giniger (New York TIMES): VNA in its (?statement) today dealt in part with "those Vietnamese who desire to live in North Vietnam." Please tell me if these Vietnamese are from South Vietnam or if they had lived in North Vietnam before?

Answer: At my previous press conference, I has clearly discussed this question. I presume that you were absent. To please you, I am willing to repeat what I had said: Since the Americans have waged aggression, all Vietnamese have the right and the sacred duty to oppose aggression wherever this aggression takes place on the Vietnamese territory. With respect to those who were illegally arrested and imprisoned by the Americans and the Saigon puppets, they must be set free. Should they express the desire to stay in South Vietnam, their captors must set them free there. Should they desire to go to North Vietnam, then the Americans and Saigon puppets must accede to their request and release them at the temporary military frontier or on the open sea in the vicinity of this area as the communique has clearly stipulated.