

✓ ARMY, PEOPLE URGED TO INCREASE EFFORT TO DEFEAT U.S.

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[5 August QUAN DOI NHAN DAN editorial: "Heighten the spirit of determination to fight and win and completely defeat the U.S. aggressors"]

[Text] On 5 August 1964, by scoring outstanding feats of arms in Quang Ninh, Thanh Hoa, Nghe An and Quang Binh and by blowing to pieces eight U.S. aircraft and capturing aggressor pilots, the northern armed forces and people gloriously began their courageous struggle against the U.S. aggressors' war of destruction. Through the more than 4 years during which they had a stringent test of strength with the U.S. aggressors, the northern armed forces and people, in coordination with the great victories of the heroic south, downed more than 3,200 U.S. aircraft, fired at and sank or set ablaze hundreds of U.S. warships, thwarted all of the U.S. aggressors' criminal war escalation steps, and, subsequently, compelled them to unconditionally stop their bombing and strafing of the DRV.

Our armed forces' and people's victory in defeating the U.S. imperialists' war of destruction was very significant strategically. Our armed forces and people defeated part of the Americans' war of aggression in our country, thwarted a new form of warfare adopted by the Americans in their war of aggression, and thereby directed a serious blow to their aggressive determination. This great victory further strengthened our resistance forces, strengthened our armed forces' and people's confidence, and heightened their determination to fight until final victory.

Our armed forces' and people's victory in defeating the U.S. aggressors' war of destruction represents a victory for our party's correct political and military lines. Under the glorious banner of our party and President Ho, our combatants and compatriots, demonstrating revolutionary heroism, have overcome all fierce challenges of the war and have fully devoted their strength to the anti-U.S. national salvation undertaking with a determination to protect the north, to liberate the south, and to proceed toward peaceful reunification of the country.

Our armed forces' and people's revolutionary heroism has been demonstrated most lucidly by their spirit of directing their fire at the enemy, disregarding his fierce bombings and shellings, fighting in an extremely courageous and skillful fashion, and scoring resounding feats of arms in firing at U.S. aircraft and warships. Our armed forces' and people's revolutionary heroism has also been demonstrated by their determination to overcome all hardships and difficulties, by their brilliant achievements scored on the production, communication, and transportation fronts and in serving the frontline, and by their wholehearted efforts to the best of their ability to fulfill the north's sacred duty to the kith-and-kin southern compatriots.

With this spirit and this determination, our armed forces and people defeated the war of destruction that was waged by the U.S. aggressors with their modern air force and navy, thus recording another brilliant feat of arms in the history of our heroic Vietnamese people's extremely glorious resistance against foreign aggression.

Today, despite their serious defeats in both parts of our country as well as in Laos and Cambodia, the U.S. aggressors, who are warlike and stubborn by nature, are squirming frenziedly and seeking all means to save themselves from defeat.

They have feverishly administered their Vietnamization-of-the-war scheme and stepped up their extremely cruel pacification activities in the south, have intensified their special war in Laos, have continued their aggression in Cambodia, and have prolonged the war and extended it throughout Indochina.

The U.S. aggressors have continuously intruded into the airspace and territorial waters of the northern part of our country, have committed many new crimes against our northern people, and have continuously sent aircraft to carry out reconnaissance activities over the north and to repeatedly bomb and strafe a number of densely populated areas in the former fourth military zone. This situation requires that our armed forces and people throughout the country further heighten their vigilance and their determination to fight and win, further strengthen their militant solidarity with the fraternal Cambodian and Laotian peoples, and persist in and advance their anti-U.S. national salvation resistance toward total victory.

Together with the southern compatriots and liberation combatants--who have taken advantage of their victories to surge forward, have tried to overcome all new difficulties and hardships, have continuously launched attacks and staged uprisings, and have fought well in order to win new victories--our northern armed forces and people are determined to develop their revolutionary offensive plan, to comprehensively and vigorously improve their ideology and their action, and to initiate an intensive, enthusiastic, and continuous emulation drive to score achievements with the spirit of devoting everything to defeating the U.S. aggressors and to successfully building socialism.

Facing toward the kith-and-kin south, our entire troops and people are determined to emulate in insuring that each person works as much as two in order to restore and develop our economy and culture, to strengthen and consolidate our national defense, to increasingly and comprehensively strengthen the north, to prove themselves worthy of the great rear and firm base area of the entire country, and to be ready to meet the great frontline's requirements most fully and promptly.

On battlefronts and in working areas, and with their greatest efforts and creative spirit, our troops and people are determined to strenuously implement President Ho's sacred will in order to increase social wealth and further strengthen their combat forces. Intensely loving our country and socialism, and nurturing deep hatred at the U.S. aggressors, let our workers, peasants, socialist intellectuals, cadres, and combatants step up their emulation movement to score achievements, to enthusiastically accelerate production and combat, and to make the greatest contributions to our anti-U.S. national salvation resistance and socialist construction.

Being the assault forces of our people on the battlefield, our people's armed forces have held the very heavy but glorious responsibility to defend the socialist north and liberate the south. With their main duty of fighting, our people's armed forces are determined to implement President Ho's orders. As long as a single U.S. aggressor remains in our land, we must go on fighting to wipe him out. To protect the north and liberate the south, let our cadres and combatants heighten their spirit of determination to fight and win, constantly and comprehensively improve their combativity, and always fight well and achieve high combat efficiency.

Let our infantrymen resolutely accelerate their valiant and intelligent fight, and insure close coordination between various categories of troops and armed branches to quickly annihilate every enemy section, to capture enemy troops and weapons, and to gain control of the battlefield. Let our air-defense combatants resolutely develop their tradition of directly firing at the enemy, heighten their spirit of actively initiating attacks and annihilating the enemy under all circumstances, and promptly frustrate all the U.S. aggressors' criminal flights in order to steadily defend our beloved country's airspace. Let our naval and artillery combatants strive to apply their precious experiences in destroying U.S. aircraft and warships over the past years, further improve their combativity, and resolutely fight well and accurately fire at the enemy in order to outstandingly fulfill their tasks.

Let our engineering and signal combatants resolutely and highly promote their tradition of surmounting all difficulties, develop their valiant and creative spirit, and insure harmonious coordination with and actively serve their friendly armed branches and services in order to score resounding feats of arms. Let our communication, transportation, and logistic combatants resolutely heighten their revolutionary heroism to defeat the U.S. aggressors [words indistinct], bravely fight, diligently work, forget themselves in performing their duty, firmly maintain and broaden the nationwide communication system, promptly and perfectly complete their building tasks, and stand fast to fight and fight triumphantly.

Let our self-defense militiamen heighten their brave and stalwart fighting spirit, and strive to train and improve their combativity to prove themselves worthy of being the core force in the people's movement to fight the enemy throughout villages and hamlets, to fulfill their assault tasks in labor productivity, and to eagerly participate in building the rear, and consolidating our national defense.

Our people in the anti-U.S. national salvation resistance are now seizing very favorable opportunities. However, we must experience more difficulties and hardship before scoring total victory. With the spirit of "nothing is more precious than independence and freedom," our armed forces, together with the entire people, vow to persist in and accelerate the fight in order to completely defeat the U.S. aggressors, protect the north, liberate the south, and proceed toward peaceful re-unification of the country. In devoting everything to defeating the U.S. aggressors and successfully building socialism, let our people and armed forces boldly advance.

Our country has won a prominent position in the world arena. Our revolutionary struggle over one-fourth of a century has not only shown that our party headed by the venerated and beloved President Ho has had a genius for leadership, but it has also underlined our people's heroism, stalwartness, and unusual creativeness and our invincible strength.

Looking back with enthusiasm over the past glorious 25 years and responding to the instruction of the party Central Committee on the two anniversaries, 19 August and 2 September, our entire party and all our people are determined to constantly develop the traditions of the August Revolution and further heighten the emulation movement to successfully carry out the 1970 state plan and contribute most positively to the anti-U.S. national salvation struggle and socialist construction.

The 1970 state plan is of very great importance. Its fulfillment will further strengthen North Vietnam's economic and national defense potential and capacity to carry out the duty of the great rear to the great frontline and to accelerate socialist construction. During the first 6 months of the year, we made progress in some aspects of our economy. The 5th-month crop production was unprecedentedly high and the spring paddy crop shows us that we are in a position to satisfactorily settle the food problem. The production of some consumer's goods achieved plan norms for the first 6 months of the year; the machinery and electricity branches made progress and the building of some major projects also was accelerated more quickly than before. The policy on the stabilization of the food supply and other price and purchase policies have initially stimulated agricultural production.

However, the progress made by our people during the first 6 months of the year was still limited. Generally speaking, the labor productivity movement developed slowly. The demands of the anti-U.S. national Salvation struggle and socialist construction require that our North Vietnam advance more strongly.

With our steadfast determination, with our great efforts, and with concrete measures for achieving plan norms for the coming months and successfully implementing the 1970 state plan, we must thoroughly understand the situation and tasks, foresee all difficulties as well as new factors and capabilities, and devote ourselves to working, working, and working more assiduously in order to make marked changes in our thoughts and acts from now to the end of the year.