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A. "UREAN 'PEACE' MOVEMENTS MEET IN SAIGON
TO INCREASE 'STRUGGLE' (LPA HEAD)

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A broad meeting to discuss the South Viet-Nam situation and call on the urban people to step up the struggle for peace and national independence was held in Saigon on November 1st in commemoration of the fall of Ngo Dinh Diem's regime.

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It was attended by leaders of the "Popular Front for Peace", the "Movement of Women's Action for the Right to Live", the "Committee of People's Action for the Right to Live", the Saigon Students' "General Association", the "Coordinating Committee of Students and Pupils" and other mass organizations, different professional associations and representatives of various strata of the population.

In his speech, the chairman of the "Popular Front for Peace" pointed out that the U.S. imperialists' prolongation of their aggressive war has caused countless sufferings and mournings to the South Vietnamese people.

It is the root cause of the urban people's uprising for peace and national independence. He rejected the Thieu clique's odious slanders against the leaders of various movements for peace and the right to live in the urban centers as a pretext to crack down on these movements.

The Chairman of the "Committee of Women's Action for the Right to Live" sternly condemned the Thieu-Ky-Khiem junta for trampling upon the people's legitimate aspirations. She declared that her organization together with the "Popular Front for Peace" and other mass organizations are determined to strike for peace and national independence.

In their speeches, other delegates unanimously demanded the complete withdrawal of U.S. and satellite troops from South Viet-Nam, considering this as a precondition for restoring peace, and the only way to ensure peace, independence and self-determination for the Vietnamese people. In the evening of the same day, the "Popular Front for Peace" held a meeting at Ngoc Phuong Pagoda, attended by over 500 leaders of mass organizations, professional associations, various religions, and well-known intellectuals in Saigon. The Chairman of the Front let it be known that only one month after its founding, it was warmly welcomed by various strata of the population which supported its struggle for peace.

When answering the press at An Quang Pagoda on Nguyen Van Thieu's slanders and threat of crackdown on the leaders of the movements for peace and the right to live in urban centres, the Chairman of the "Movement of Women's Action for the Right to Live" stressed that the wave of struggle is vigorously rising among different sections of the urban population, so the Thieu clique are no longer free to terrorize and suppress the people as previously. She referred to the fall of Ngo Dinh Diem's regime to serve notice to the Saigon stogges and said that it is a priceless lesson for those who oppose the people's legitimate demands.

B. REPORTS OF SAIGON NOVEMBER 11 MEETING

[Liberation Radio, clandestine, in Vietnamese to South Viet-Nam, 0500 GMT, 13 November 1970]

According to sources in Saigon, on the occasion of the commemoration of the overthrow of Ngo Dinh Diem, 11 November, a friendly meeting was held by Mr. Dang Van Kien, Chairman of the Presidium of the Committee of the People's Front Struggling for Peace and representatives of various organizations, urban compatriots, students, women, and intellectuals to exchange views on the situation in the South. Present at the meeting were Lawyers Nguyen Long, leader of the Movement for the People's Right to Self-Determination, Vu Van Huyen and Ha Thuy Chan, Mrs. Ngo Ba Thanh, leader of the Women's Movement for the Right to Live, Mr. Nguyen Phuoc Thanh Tong, Magistrate Tran Thuc Linh, Professors Nguyen Van Trung and Nguyen Van Vang, students Nguyen Duy Thanh, Chairman of the Committee Demanding the Right to Live for the Compatriots, Huynh Tan Mam, President of the Saigon University Students' Union, Ha Dinh Nguyen, Chairman of the Committee for the Coordination of Students' Action, Vo Van Ba, Nguyen Hoang Truc, and other students, Mr. Truong Le, Nguyen Ba Nha, Writer: Thieu Son, and many other representatives.

In his opening speech at the intimate party, Mr. Dang Van Kien, Chairman of the Committee of the People's Front Struggling for Peace, congratulated those attending for their presence at the meeting and reiterated that contrary to Thieu, Ky, and Khiem's slanderous arguments, he and other members of the Front served as instruments for no one but instead, served only the people. He said that the protracted war has caused misery and unhappiness to the southerners and has forced him and other patriotic people to contribute to the struggle for peace and national independence. He called on compatriots and youths in all walks of life to stand ready for the struggle for peace and national independence, said that the first move has been initiated by the People's Front Struggling for Peace and that now is the time for everyone to contribute to building peace and national independence.

Mrs. Ngo Ba Thanh then condemned a number of leaders, meaning Thieu, Ky, and Khiem, for their selfishness and inattention to the people's aspirations and expressed her firm belief that only those who respect the people's views and fight for the just cause can be assured of victory and that only the just cause can be crowned with victory. She said that the People's Front Struggling for Peace, as well as other people's movements for the right to live, including the Women's Movement for the Right to Live, always fight for the just cause, peace, and national independence.