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[NHAN DAN 12 March commentary: "The Criminals Must Be Punished"]

[Text] In recent days, the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen in Saigon have resorted to very sordid slanders against the DRV Government and the PRGRSV. They are distorting the truth about the situation in the south in an attempt to put the blame on the DRV Government and the PRGRSV, fool U.S. and world public opinion and get the U.S. Congress to promptly approve Ford's proposal for \$300 million in additional military aid to the Thieu clique.

The progressive, peace-loving people around the world were not surprised when the U.S. State Department spokesman, on 10 March, fabricated the story that "North Vietnam has started its dry season offensive" and "Hanoi has brazenly violated the Paris agreement by escalating the war." On the same day, the Thieu clique's Foreign Ministry repeated its masters' worn-out arguments by saying that "the North Vietnamese

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communists have sabotaged the agreement in its entirety and are plotting to take over the south by force." However, no deceitful maneuvers used by the Americans and Thieu can cover up the truth.

Why has the situation in the south become more and more serious? It is because the United States is continuing its military involvement and intervention. The Ford administration is pursuing the evil scheme of using the Saigon army as an instrument to impose U.S. neocolonialism on the south and perpetuate the partition of our country. For more than 2 years now, the United States has consistently used dollars and weapons to support the puppet clique so it could oppose our people. Disregarding its commitments, the United States has committed very serious acts of sabotage against the Paris agreement. On U.S. orders, the Thieu clique has perpetrated countless crimes against our southern compatriots. The Saigon army has conducted scores of thousands of nibbling and mopping-up operations in which tens of thousands of our compatriots have been killed or wounded. Wherever they go, Thieu's troops kill people, rape women, burn houses, destroy crops and commit acts of plunder. In many provinces, hundreds of villages and hamlets have been levelled.

Over the past 2 years, troops of Saigon's 23d Division have conducted 2,125 nibbling and nearly 5,000 mopping-up operations in which they arrested 2,329 people; fired more than 468,000 artillery shells; dropped nearly 32,000 bombs; killed 215 people and wounded 340 others; beat 6,065 people, completely burned 40 villages and 2,910 houses; destroyed 1,080 ricefields; and seized (?200) tons of rice, 532 buffaloes and oxen and tens of thousands of hogs and chickens. They have forced more than 50,000 people into concentration camps.

In the areas under their control, Thieu and his administration are suppressing the people's democratic liberties. They have ordered the closing of many papers and arrested many journalists for opposing them. They have applied fascist measures to rake in rice and money in an attempt to impoverish various strata of our compatriots. They have repeatedly staged raids or have applied tight control measures to force youths to serve as cannonfodder for the United States. Anyone who opposes their harsh policies is termed a lackey of the communists and is arrested and imprisoned.

The Americans and Thieu have perpetrated countless crimes against our southern people. Our compatriots and combatants have but one path to follow--struggle in all ways to check their blood-stained hands, to protect the Paris agreement and to force them to live up to their commitments. From the urban areas to the countryside and from the mountainous regions to the lowlands, our people are promoting unity and are staging repeated uprisings to regain the right of mastership, to recapture the liberated areas and to punish the nibblers. Our PLAF has supported our compatriots' uprisings very effectively. In many areas, the Saigon army has been appropriately punished. Over the past 2 years and more, tens of thousands of Saigon troops have been put out of action and hundreds of posts have been destroyed.

Being stubborn and bellicose by nature, the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen have not yet resigned themselves to defeat. On the contrary, they are trying by all means to reverse the situation. Their familiar trick is to seriously sabotage the Paris agreement and intensify the war while falsely accusing others of doing this.

FORD, KISSINGER PLEAS FOR SUPPORT FOR SAIGON SCORED

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[Station commentary: [Not an Ally, Only a Dog's Tail"]]

[Text] In recent days, both the White House and the Pentagon have vigorously stepped up the campaign to seek still more aid for the Thieu clique while continuing to pour aid into Saigon, introducing more weapons, munitions and U.S. military personnel into South Vietnam and conducting reconnaissance flights over North Vietnam. The U.S. leaders have taken turns in giving press conferences and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee even went on TV in a bid to convince the U.S. Congress and public opinion of the need to continue military aid to the Thieu clique.

How has the Ford-Kissinger clique tried to convince U.S. public opinion on this matter? As the U.S. and Saigon public see it, both Ford and Kissinger have only harped on the shopworn, cynical, fallacious and deceitful arguments which, when used in the past by Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon, doomed the United States to disastrous failure. Resorting to this line again, Ford and Kissinger have blatantly distorted the Paris agreement and nonsensically argued that to continue and increase U.S. military aid to the Thieu clique is not a violation of the agreement but merely a necessary action which the United States must take to honor its commitments, defend an ally, protect U.S. prestige, and so forth. At his 26 February press conference in Hollywood, Florida, Ford brazenly termed the U.S. commitment to Thieu as a duty agreed to in the Paris agreement. This ludicrous statement has unquestionably put him on a par with Nixon, whose notorious frauds earned him the nickname "Tricky Dick" from the press.

Everyone knows that the Paris agreement contains nothing about a U.S. pledge to give military aid to the Thieu clique. On the contrary, Articles 1, 4 and 9 of this agreement clearly stipulate that the United States pledges to respect the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Vietnam, as recognized by the 1954 Geneva agreements on Vietnam; that the United States will not continue its military involvement or intervene in the internal affairs of South Vietnam; and that it undertakes to respect the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination.

In the past 2 years, it has been due to Washington's failure to honor its pledges clearly recorded in the Paris agreement and its actions which run counter to the U.S. people's legitimate aspirations that peace has not yet been restored in South Vietnam and the United States is still suffering the serious consequences arising from an unjust and costly war of aggression. To justify its criminal schemes, the Ford-Kissinger clique has brazenly termed its continued military involvement an effort to help an ally fight communism.

It is noteworthy that Ford and Kissinger still have no qualms about calling the Thieu clique an ally, for everyone recalls that Senator Mansfield, calling a spade a spade, has long referred to the lackey Nguyen Van Thieu gang as the tail of a dog.

It must be pointed out that the U.S. efforts to maintain Thieu under the pretext of defending an ally are a blatant violation of the Paris agreement on Vietnam. It is well known that, according to the agreement, the Saigon administration is only one of the two administrations in South Vietnam and one of the three political forces there. Moreover, this administration is dominated by the Nguyen Van Thieu clique and is being condemned and roused by all strata of South Vietnamese society, including the opposition factions which demand that it be overthrown to make way for an administration willing to implement the Paris agreement and achieve peace and national reconciliation and concord.