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[Station commentary: "The Tail of Involvement Is Still Being Shown"]

[Text] At his 3 April press conference in San Diego, California, President Ford, though compelled to admit that the recent big defeats of the lackey Nguyen Van Thieu clique, said that he will do his best to prevent the so-called communist takeover of South Vietnam. He also harped on the shopworn slanderous allegation that North Vietnam has violated the peace agreement, and blamed Congress for refusing to respond to his call for additional military aid to the lackey cliques in Saigon and Phnom Penh. In the next breath, Ford disclosed that he would continue to press Congress for \$300 million in additional military aid, and perhaps more, as immediate emergency military aid for the lackey Saigon clique. In particular, Ford loudly boasted that plans have been worked out for the defense and evacuation of American nationals in South Vietnam and Cambodia and that these plans include the use of U.S. troops when necessary. Once again Ford asserted that the United States will not quit Southeast Asia, and he stressed the so-called U.S. commitments to the lackey cliques.

It can be pointed out immediately that Ford's contentions at his San Diego press conference are nothing new. They are old distortions of the truth, thief-crying-stop-thief tricks aimed at justifying the continued U.S. military involvement in South Vietnam. U.S. public opinion has, on many occasions, denounced the U.S. ruling circles for defying the provisions of the Paris agreement on Vietnam, using the label of "commitment" to give billions of dollars worth of weapons and munitions in aid and tens of thousands of military advisers to the Thieu clique in order to continue the war with a view toward imposing neocolonialism on South Vietnam. Even U.S. congressmen have become fed up with this criminal U.S. involvement and have shown their indignation at the unending dumping of the U.S. people's money into the bottomless pit of South Vietnam at a time when inflation, recession and unemployment are becoming worse in the United States.

This is a crystal clear truth, and Ford can never hide it from public opinion. Ford probably knew this; nonetheless, he chose to keep his eyes closed and made reckless statements. Why? Is it because, up to now, the Ford-Kissinger clique has continued to pursue the erroneous policy that has driven and is driving the United States and its lackey cliques into an unimaginable tragedy, as Ford put it at the press conference?

In recent days, countless undeniable evidence has exposed to public view the U.S. military involvement in South Vietnam. One most notable proof is the urgent visit to Saigon by U.S. Army Chief of Staff Weyand to advise the Thieu clique on ways to parry the punitive blows dealt by the southern people. Back in the United States, Weyand promised more U.S. aid and continued U.S. support for Thieu.

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The United States has also used warships and aircraft to help Thieu carry out forcible evacuation of the population, and the United States set up an airlift with the largest U.S. military cargo planes urgently bringing in heavy weapons for the Saigon army. At the same time, the United States is helping Thieu sell Vietnamese children to capitalist countries--2,000 of them have been sold to the United States. Furthermore, it has placed U.S. Marine units in Okinawa on alert and, more blatantly still, has sent warships and Marines to Vietnam's waters in an attempt to intimidate our people. This is the true nature of the so-called plan to protect and evacuate U.S. nationals in South Vietnam. In addition, the United States has brought pressure to bear on some governments and has urged them to participate in the U.S. scheme of forcible evacuation.

By carrying out the aforementioned cynical acts, the Ford administration wants to prop up the morale of the collapsing puppet army and puppet administration and help the Nguyen Van Thieu junta grossly trample upon the South Vietnamese people's democratic liberties and right to self-determination, drag on the war and pile up more crimes against the South Vietnamese people.

But can these acts by the United States reverse the current situation in South Vietnam? Can they prevent the ship of the Thieu regime from its imminent sinking? This is a basic and pressing problem over which the Ford administration should ponder if it does not want to bog down once again in the Vietnam quagmire. In the past few days, many influential figures in U.S. political circles have bluntly said that it is now too late for the United States to reverse the situation in South Vietnam, that the situation is irreversible, and so forth.

As the 3 April statement by the DRV Foreign Ministry clearly pointed out, the situation in South Vietnam shows that the collapse of the Nguyen Van Thieu junta is unavoidable. Therefore, all tricks of the Ford administration to prolong its agony are futile. The stubborn pursuance of an outdated warlike policy will only lead the Ford administration to ever more serious consequences in all fields.