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[Text] As previously reported, at 0500 on 4 April the Tuyen Duc PLAF took complete control of the command headquarters of the enemy's military bases and administrative organs in Dalat city. Our compatriots in the city rose up and, coordinating their activities with those of the PLAF, smashed the enemy's control apparatus and regained mastership. Many puppet troops and officers and personnel of the puppet administration have returned to the revolution with weapons and documents. The Tuyen Duc armed forces and people have completely liberated Tuyen Duc Province.

Today's NHAN DAN and QUAN DOI NHAN DAN carry editorials, commentaries, news reports, pictures and articles acclaiming these great victories of the Tuyen Duc armed forces and people.

NHAN DAN's editorial says: Tuyen Duc Province and Dalat city have been completely liberated. After the liberation of Quang Duc and Lam Dong provinces, Tuyen Duc is the third province in southern Trung Bo to come under the complete control of our people in the past week and the 16th province liberated in a month. This is a glorious victory of the stalwart and revolutionary ethnic minority combatants and compatriots and a result of harmonious coordination of offensives, uprisings, and enemy troop proselytizing activities. This is an appropriate punitive blow to the Thieu clique, which is seriously sabotaging the Paris agreement and prolonging the war.

For scores of years, in their successive resistance against the French and the Americans, Tuyen Duc and Dalat have constantly upheld their spirit of self-reliance and self-strengthening and resolutely launched offensives. Although living under extremely harsh enemy control, the people of Tuyen Duc and Dalat have constantly directed their thoughts to the revolution. During the anti-French resistance, an armed propaganda group from Dalat shot and killed the Indochinese security inspector in this city of roses, thus beginning a fierce struggle against the enemy.

During the anti-U.S. resistance, the Tuyen-Duc armed forces and people, closely coordinating military and political struggles, won many-victories. Many demonstrations to oppose the U.S.-puppets, involving tens of thousands of people, took place on the streets of Dalat. Many outstanding victories scored in the attacks on Cam Ly airfield and in Lac Duong, Don Duong and Duc Trong districts elated the people and frightened the enemy. Over the past 2 years and more, the armed forces and people of Tuyen Duc and Dalat resolutely opposed the enemy's criminal pacification plan and appropriately punished the puppet army and administration.

The editorial concludes: The victory of the armed forces and people of Tuyen Duc and Dalat has strengthened to a very great extent the position and strength of the revolution in southern Trung Bo. In a very short period of time, three provinces in an area under the tight control of the enemy have been liberated. Southern Trung Bo, which the enemy considered as an absolutely safe area, is now becoming a site of fierce fighting. Together with the liberation of Binh Long and Phuoc Long provinces in the Central Highlands and the central Trung Bo lowlands, the liberation of Tuyen Duc, Lam Dong and Quang Duc has changed the military situation in the south very quickly. The revolutionary forces have markedly become more powerful, whereas the enemy has declined in strength very quickly.

The great new victories of the southern armed forces and people in the present offensive and uprisings are exerting very great pressure on the areas still under enemy control. Following the liberation of Quang Duc, our southern compatriots and combatants are taking advantage of past victories to lead the revolutionary struggle forward and score new victories.

QUAN DOI NHAN DAN's commentary clearly points out: At a time when the entire south was seething with the movement to stage an offensive and uprisings, the armed forces and people of Tuyen Duc Province and Dalat city vigorously rose up, wrecking the enemy's coercive machinery, overthrowing the ruling clique and restoring power to the people. The armed forces and people of Tuyen Duc have displayed an unyielding spirit and determination to make sacrifices and overcome difficulties. Taking advantage of a very favorable situation, they unanimously rose up, attacking and exterminating the enemy and regaining the right to be master.

The Ngoan Muc Pass, the Da Nhim Lake, the Cam Ly Falls and the Bong Lai tourist area belong to our people forever. The protracted, hard struggle of the people of Tuyen Duc is a shining example of ardent patriotism, deep hatred of the enemy and revolutionary offensive will.

For a long time now, the people of Tuyen Duc and Dalat has been accelerating a persistent struggle movement. They had taken to the streets more than once to protest the U.S.-Thieu clique's repressive and terrorist measures and had exterminated the enemy right in his dens in Dalat city. They quickly developed the revolutionary forces in 1968, 1969 and 1970 and frightened the enemy.

The liberation of Tuyen Duc Province and Dalat is of great importance in many aspects. With Tuyen Duc and Dalat placed under our people's control, the liberated area of Trung Bo has been closely linked to the liberated area of eastern Nam Bo, thus creating a very steadfast position for the revolutionary forces to provide mutual support and make their strength more and more powerful. The U.S.-Thieu clique has been deprived of an important area of activity in the mountainous region and a vital source of power and food supply. As a result, this clique has been driven into a more precarious situation.

The revolutionary storm is repeatedly falling upon the Thieu clique. Meanwhile, the Ford administration is trying by all means to assist this clique. The United States is urgently airlifting weapons to Thieu, dispatching ships to carry out a forcible evacuation and moving our children to the United States for very malicious purposes. The Nguyen Van Thieu clique is frantically pressganging our people and coercing and terrorizing our compatriots in areas under its control.

Obviously, the U.S. imperialists are continuing to sabotage the Paris agreement and intensify their military involvement in an effort to continue the war in Vietnam. However, the more stubborn and bellicose the Americans and Thieu are, the more deeply they will be driven into the abyss of woeful failure.

Responding to the appeal of the NPLSV Central Committee and the PRGRSV, our compatriots and combatants in Tuyen Duc and Dalat are making efforts to consolidate the liberated area, build and develop the revolutionary administration and improve their strength in every respect. Taking advantage of the present very favorable new situation and together with our compatriots and combatants throughout the south, they are advancing to score even greater victories.

Radio Commentary

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[Station commentary: "Welcome the Complete Liberation of Tuyen Duc and Dalat"]

[Text] Joyous news has again come from the south. Only an hour after the Khanh Hoa armed forces and people had planted their flag of victory in Nha Trang city, the armed forces and people of Tuyen Duc and Dalat city at 0500 on the morning of 4 April completely liberated their native land. Another province and another important city in southernmost Trung Bo have returned to the people, and the liberated zone of our southern armed forces and people has been further enlarged into a vast, uninterrupted zone stretching from the Ben Hai River to the high plateaus. It is worth noting that Dalat city is basically a training center for enemy officers and a famous resort. With its fertile land and healthy climate, Tuyen Duc Province is an area of economic and cultural importance.

With the complete liberation of Tuyen Duc Province and Dalat city, our armed forces and people have smashed another of the enemy's important strongholds and laid claim to control of an area of great value. Highly elated and proud, we warmly hail the armed forces and people of Tuyen Duc and Dalat city for firmly seizing the opportunity, closely uniting and rising up in the offensive, gaining mastership over their lives and quickly normalizing life. Hail to the compatriots of Tuyen Duc Province and Dalat city who, fully aware of the enemy's cruel schemes, have resolutely struggled against forcible evacuation, held fast to their native land and set about building a new life! Hail to the brother soldiers, officers, civil servants and policemen of the puppet army and administration in Dalat city and Tuyen Duc Province who have clearly seen the way to life, quickly returned to the people and their posts and contributed to stabilizing the new life in the liberated zone!

Armed exploits call for armed exploits. Victories are followed by victories. Our armed forces and people throughout the south are advancing in the flush of victory to conduct vigorous attacks and uprisings and are recording new, ever greater victories.