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COMMENTARY URGES SAIGON PERSONNEL TO JOIN REVOLUTION

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[Station commentary: "Fully Grasp the Situation and Act Promptly To Save Yourself"]

[Text] The southern revolution is developing vigorously. With the momentum of the current fierce offensives and uprisings, the southern armed forces and people are winning ever greater victories and will surely achieve total victory. The warlike Thieu clique, which is using our compatriots' flesh and blood to maintain its existence, has been driven into a dead-end tunnel of inglorious defeats and will finally be toppled by the southern revolution.

The situation is indeed crystal clear. But at this moment, what should the brother officers, soldiers and policemen still attached to the Thieu army do?

On 25 March the PRGRSV pointed out the way in its seven-point policy, providing more confidence and creating more favorable conditions for Saigon soldiers, officers and policemen to act promptly to leave Thieu's ranks for the people's side and the revolution. The southern revolutionary government again welcome all those who truly cherish peace, democracy, independence and national concord, and who wish to implement the Paris agreement, regardless of past activities, political tendencies and social positions.

With regard to the officers, soldiers and policemen still attached to the Thieu army, the revolutionary government's policy specifies:

Those individuals, posts and units that rise up, hand over posts, turn in their guns to the revolution and join the revolution with weapons and documents, or join the people in uprisings to annihilate tyrants and destroy posts, bases and depots, thus contributing to liberating the native land, and those individuals and units which mutiny on the battlefield and join liberation troops to punish the saboteurs of the agreement, will be recognized as uprising units and individuals and will be appropriately commended or awarded according to their merits.

The revolutionary administration also confirms that officers who rise up will be allowed to keep their rank, and those officers and generals who lead their units in rising up or engaging in antiwar activities to cross over to the revolution will be given important jobs and commended or rewarded. Those who have achieved special merits will be promoted.

With regard to members of the puppet Thieu army and administration who are now in areas controlled by the revolutionary administration, the revolutionary side's policy points out: Those who do not harm the revolution and who scrupulously implement the revolutionary administration's law will be assisted in returning home to earn a living. Any person who wishes to return to his native place will be helped according to his wishes. Any person who voluntarily participates in carrying out local tasks will be encouraged and given a job according to his abilities.

The people and the revolutionary administration will accord humane treatment to prisoners of war and good treatment to soldiers who surrender. Those who wish to rejoin their families and earn an honest living, or who wish to participate in revolutionary tasks will be helped to do so. Those who have committed crimes but now sincerely repent will be treated with clemency. Those who perform meritorious deeds to make up for their crimes will be commended and rewarded commensurate with their merits.

With regard to families whose loved ones are serving in the military and administrative apparatus of the Thieu clique, the revolution's policy is as follows:

Those families that have not harmed the revolution will have the same rights and obligations as those of other citizens. Families that have rendered meritorious service to the revolution, or whose loved ones have engaged in revolutionary activities will be considered as revolutionary families. Families that have not yet had the opportunity to contribute to the national cause but that now positively persuade their loved ones to struggle for strict implementation of the Paris agreement will be welcomed and cited by the revolution. Those who motivate their loved ones to render meritorious service to the revolution will be considered for commendation or reward. If they stage uprisings, their families will be recognized as families that have rendered meritorious service to the revolution.

National reconciliation and concord constitute the consistent policy of the southern revolutionary government. In the new current situation, the position and strength of the southern revolution is firmer and greater than ever before. The banner of national reconciliation and concord is flying high. This indicates that the revolution always considers uniting all the people as a basic task. The revolution always clearly manifests its kindness and love toward the children of the fatherland who have mistakenly followed the enemy or have, for one reason or another, been forced to serve the enemy but who have now repented. Therefore, in its policy, the revolutionary government has many times declared a ban on all acts of terrorism, reprisal and discrimination against those who have cooperated with one side or the other.

This seven-point policy has been promulgated at a time when the U.S.-lackey Thieu clique is being ignominiously defeated and will surely meet with total defeat. No matter how stubborn it may be, the U.S.-Thieu clique cannot reverse the situation.

The revolutionary government has shown the just cause to those who serve in the Thieu clique, instilling in them confidence in the revolution's all-people unity policy so they will be able to find ways to save themselves.

The revolution always kindles and cherishes the inherent love for country and nation of those who have followed the wrong path in serving the enemy to help them return to the people's side and contribute to the struggle against the U.S.-Thieu clique in the present extremely favorable opportunity.

Those who have performed meritorious deeds will be commended or rewarded. Those with talents who wish to serve the people will be given important jobs. Those who wish to participate in revolutionary tasks will be provided with the conditions to do so. Those who wish to perform meritorious deeds to make up for their crimes will be welcomed. The revolution always seeks to make everyone happy, proud and honored to contribute to the common great armed exploits of the nation at this historic stage.

Aware of the revolution's noble, humane policy, over past days countless soldiers and units of the Thieu army have promptly mutinied to score achievements for the people and the revolution; for example: In Danang, a detachment of the 11th Armored Battalion in Vinh Dien turned over all its vehicles and weapons to the revolution and then, with liberation troops, used this armor to attack Thieu forces in My Khe and Son Tra. Two thousand troops at the Hoa Cam training center staged antiwar activities and returned to the people along with all their weapons. In Hue, many battalion of Thieu's 1st Infantry Division successfully staged antiwar activities. Personnel of a battalion under the command of Capt Tran Ba Huoc drove their trucks against the stream of fleeing puppet troops to return to the revolution with their weapons. In the Central Highlands, four companies of Montagnard civil guards opened fire to punish puppet troops fleeing from Cheo Reo.

The revolutionary administration in the newly liberated areas notes that the brother soldiers, officers and policemen who deserted the Thieu clique have contributed to the common armed exploits of the local armed forces and people, and many of them have been appropriately commended or rewarded.

At present, the southern armed forces and people are winning great victories. Let all the brother soldiers, policemen and civil servants still attached to the Thieu clique fully recognize this unprecedentedly favorable opportunity to leave Thieu's ranks promptly and score achievements to save themselves and contribute to the common armed exploits of the nation.