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Tet has been for ages the most sacred holiday of the Vietnamese people, which no one has the right to disrupt. But since the U.S.-puppets occupied the southern half of our country, they have always sought ways to trample upon the sacred feelings of our people, turning the Tet holidays into the days of hatred and resentment. They have even killed our loved ones on the most beautiful days of spring and even raped our wives on lunar New Year's Eve. It is recalled that they assaulted and killed sister Dao Thi Tam on Christmas Eve, that is, more than 1 month ago. It was also on Christmas Eve that hundreds of high school and college students and religious people were barbarously manhandled by the U.S.-puppets, simply because they expressed their legitimate aspiration for peace.

Why should we allow the U.S.-puppets to continuously trample upon our just aspirations? All of us must move forward vigorously and, unanimously united, compel the U.S.-puppets to stop killing people, causing further bloodshed, and forcing U.S.-puppet troops to commit crimes during the Tet holidays of the Vietnamese people.

To enjoy a peaceful Tet, we must primarily and singlemindedly compel the U.S.-puppets to strictly implement the NFLSV's order on the cessation of military attacks for 7 days at Tet and move toward overthrowing Thieu, Ky, and Huong, establishing a peace-restoring cabinet which will seriously talk with the NFLSV, and demanding that the Americans go home.

Uniting with one another and struggling, we will surely compel the U.S.-puppets to abide by the NFLSV's cease-fire order and will resolutely fight to drive out the Americans and overthrow the puppets in order to achieve an eternal spring.

TRAN BUU KIEM COMMENTS ON NIXON, KY REMARKS

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[Text] South Vietnam January 29 GPA--The spokesman of the delegation of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation to the four-party conference of Vietnam in Paris on January 28 commented on the recent statements by U.S. President Nixon and puppet Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky.

He said: "At the first plenary session of the Paris conference on Vietnam, Tran Buu Kiem, head of the South Vietnam N.F.L. delegation, in his brief comment on the way the U.S. delegation had posed problems, said that it was completely incorrect and aimed at covering up the U.S. design of aggression against South Vietnam. At his press conference on January 27, Nixon posed the problems as Cabot Lodge had done at the January 25 session. That is why, at this time we have nothing to add to Mr. Tran Buu Kiem's statement at the session."

On Nguyen Cao Ky's statement, the spokesman of the N.F.L. said: "On the present administration in Saigon, the delegation of the South Vietnam N.F.L. to the Paris conference on Vietnam has already expressed its views and will make more comments in the future when it deems necessary. It is public knowledge that this administration is in the pay of the U.S. It (?is) against all aspiration of the South Vietnamese people for peace, independence, neutrality and better living conditions. That is why it is opposed by the South Vietnamese people who are struggling to overthrow it and establish a peace-restoring cabinet. The South Vietnam N.F.L. fully supports these legitimate demands of the people of all strata in South Vietnam. At present the four-party conference on Vietnam is taking place in Paris. If a party has any proposal to make, it may submit it to the conference."

Since early times, Tet days have been the most sacred days of our people. On the occasion of Tet, everyone wishes to go home and visit his loved ones, relatives, and friends, visit his native land, remember the dead, visit the ancestors' graves, and worship the ancestors. Everyone wishes to take a rest during the first spring days and celebrate the Tet in accordance with the age-old rites and customs which have been respected and preserved so far, thus showing the abundant feelings and national spirit of his nation and country.

Under war conditions caused by the U.S.-puppets, our people wish all the more for conditions in which to celebrate the traditional Tet. Forced by the U.S.-puppets to go to the battlefield throughout the year, puppet authorities, officers and soldiers in particular, are eager to return home on the occasion of Tet to meet their families during the days when everyone wishes to enjoy the warm family atmosphere and, especially, to meditate upon the military situation after suffering, throughout the year, from the misfortunes and difficulties created by the U.S.-puppets.

Our southern troops and people are displaying initiative on the battlefield [words indistinct] continually launching attacks, and taking advantage of victories to surge forward. But our troops and people are very respectful of national customs, are greatly concerned with the compatriots' feelings, and take into special consideration the eager aspirations of puppet, U.S., and satellite troops who wish to take a rest during Tet days. That is why the NFLSV Central Committee and PLAF Command have issued the order to halt all military attacks for 7 days. This order is warmly welcomed by all our people and has filled the U.S., puppet, and satellite troops with joy.

Going counter to the NFLSV's humanitarian policy, the stubborn and warlike U.S.-puppets have paid no attention to legitimate aspirations and feelings of our people, or of officers, soldiers, and functionaries of the puppet administration. Even during the most sacred days, they continue to sabotage the traditional customs of our people. They brazenly sabotaged the Front's order to halt military attacks for 3 days on the occasion of recent Christmas. They even sabotaged their own 1-day cease-fire order on the occasion of Christmas. They brazenly refused to stop shooting on the occasion of New Year's Day, although the front had allowed the compatriots and enemy troops to freely move about for 3 days.

The U.S.-puppets' stubbornness and crimes have inflamed the fire of hatred among our compatriots as well as among enemy troops. It is recalled that during the Christmas and New Year holidays, during which the NFLSV's cease-fire order was in effect, U.S.-puppet troops stationed in various localities disregarded the U.S.-puppet ringleaders' restriction order, refused to go on mopup operations, and took the initiative in participating in the festive activities of the local compatriots.

Many U.S. servicemen, unable to withhold their emotion, expressed their gratitude toward the NFLSV for its humanitarian spirit, cursed U.S. leaders as cruel and inhuman, and pledged to vigorously struggle to compel U.S. leaders to put an end to their inhumane, piratical war and to demand that U.S. troops be withdrawn. The antiwar actions of U.S.-puppet troops have been motivated by their weariness of the U.S.-puppets' unjust war and inhumane acts. To compel the U.S.-puppets to correctly and strictly implement the NFLSV's order on the cessation of military attacks, let our people living in areas under temporary enemy control, who are fully aware of the stubborn, warlike nature of the U.S.-puppets, and let U.S.-puppet officers and men struggle vigorously to force them to withhold their orders in the conduct of mopup operations during the Tet holidays and to allow everyone to move about freely or to return to his native place to visit his relatives and neighbors and his ancestors' tombs.