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72.408 - THIEU SPEECH : WHO IS THE MASTER?  
( V.N.A. COMMENTARY)

HANOI VNA OCTOBER 25 - NGUYEN VAN THIEU'S KICKING AND SCREAMING OVER THESE LAST FEW DAYS CAN BY NO MEANS CONCEAL THE LOOMING HANDS OF U.S. IMPERIALISM IN TRYING TO BLOCK ANY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE VIET NAM CONFLICT.

ONCE AGAIN, LAST NIGHT, THE SAIGON PUPPET MADE A TELEVISED SPEECH IN WHICH HE CAME OUT RADIDLY AGAINST THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND AGAINST NATIONAL CONCORD.

HIS VITUPERATIONS SHOW FIRST OF ALL THAT HE IS SCARED BY WORLDWIDE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE RECENT NEGOTIATIONS IN PARIS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE D.R.V.N. AND THE AMERICAN SIDE, WHICH POINT TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S GOOD WILL AND SERIOUSNESS.

IRONICALLY ENOUGH, THIEU BOASTED THAT "I HAVE PEACE AT HEART" AND "I AM PREPARED TO SACRIFICE MYSELF FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE" AND SO ON ...

BUT WHILE TRUMPETING HIS "LOVE FOR PEACE", THIEU MADE NO BONES ABOUT IT SAYING THAT HE IS "FIRMLY AGAINST A CEASEFIRE" AGAINST ANY "THREE-SIDED GOVERNMENT OR ANY SUCH ORGANIZATION".

HE EVEN DARED BRAND NORTH VIET NAM AS "INVADER", AND THE N.F.L. AS "STOOGES", AND REPEATED THE OLD ANTI-COMMUNIST THEM WHICH HAS LONG BEEN JARRING THE WORLD PEACE'S EARS.

HE WENT SO FAR AS TO THREATEN THAT "NO COMMUNISTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE (OF SOUTH VIET NAM) SHALL BE TOLERATED". HE SAID THAT ALL MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN TO CRACK DOWN ON ANYBODY WHO OPPOSES HIM.

THIEU'S TRUCULENCE AND SABRE-RATTLING STATEMENTS ONLY SHOW THAT HE IS SCARED OUT OF HIS WITS AND HAS BECOME MORE REACTIONARY THAN EVER AT THE END OF HIS TETHER.

THIEU (TWO LAST)... TETHER

IN FACT, AS MANY VIETNAMESE AND FOREIGN OBSERVERS HAVE NOTED, HOW CAN THE TAIL WAG THE DOG (QUERY) THIEU'S POWDER-SMELLING STATEMENTS AT A TIME WHEN BOTH NIXON AND KISSINGER REMAINED MUTE AFTER SIX (SIX) MEETINGS BETWEEN THE U.S. PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL ENVOY AND THIEU AND TWO BRIEFINGS BY THE TOP ADVISER TO NIXON, CAN ONLY REVEAL THE REAL INTENTION OF THIEU'S BOSS.

THAT IS, HIDING BEHIND, THE BOSS IS TRYING TO PUT THE BLAME ALL ON HIS SERVANT.

THIS TRICK, HOWEVER CRAFTY, CAN DECEIVE NOBODY. DIDN'T SENATOR MCGOVERN REMARK THAT THE U.S. JUST NEEDED TO SHOW ITS UNWILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THIEU OR THREATEN TO CUT AID TO HIM, AND HE WOULD HAVE TO STEP DOWN IMMEDIATELY?

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT (NOT) LACK WAYS AND MEANS TO MAKE THIEU OBEY. THE ARROGANT ATTITUDE PUT UP BY THIEU IN THE LAST FEW DAYS CAN ONLY MEAN THAT MR. NIXON HAS NOT (NOT) ACTUALLY MADE UP HIS MIND TO ABANDON THIEU, INSTEAD IS STILL TRYING TO USE HIM IN HIS POLITICAL GAME NOW THAT THE ELECTION IS DRAWING NEAR.

THE U.S. HAS TO SHOULDER HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE WORLD'S PEOPLE FOR PROLONGING AND ESCALATING THE WAR AND REFUSING TO END IT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AT A MOMENT WHEN ALL THE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN CREATED FOR A REASONABLE, FAIR AND HONOURABLE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

IT IS PRECISELY FOR THESE REASONS THAT HOURS ONLY AFTER THIEU'S SPEECH, A SENATOR LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION BUDDHIST COMMUNITY IN SAIGON OPENLY URGED HIM TO RESIGN SO AS TO PAVE THE WAY FOR A "NATIONAL UNION GOVERNMENT" REPRESENTING ALL PARTIES AND FACTIONS.

"ONLY WITH SUCH A GOVERNMENT CAN WE IMPROVE THE PRESENT SITUATION AND BUILD A GENUINE AND LASTING PEACE", THE SENATOR SAID.

ANY ATTEMPT, HOWEVER CRAFTY, AT USING THE THIEU GROUP AS A TOOL FOR THE U.S. CRIMINAL WAR OF AGGRESSION IN VIET NAM WILL HAVE NO (NO) FUTURE.

IT CAN ONLY BARE THE ODIOS AGGRESSIVE SCHEME OF THE U.S. AND THE TRUTH THAT THIEU IS BEING USED BY THE U.S. AS A BIG STUMBLING BLOCK TO PEACE./.

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