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PEOPLE URGED TO CONTINUE FIGHT AS U.S. STALLS ON PEACE

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[QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 October editorial: "Continue To Fight To Wipe Him Out"]

[Text] We want peace in independence and freedom, while the enemy prolongs the war in order to maintain his neocolonialist system. We have won great victories. The enemy has suffered serious losses, but he wants to secure a position of strength. We are serious, and the enemy is crafty.

Our government recently issued a statement on the status of the present negotiations. Our armed forces and people throughout the country are absolutely of one mind. Our government's statement enjoys the warm sympathy and support of the fraternal socialist countries and progressive people all over the world. We do not misunderstand the adversary, but have clearly seen his true intention.

President Nixon once solemnly stated: All the proposals we have presented in Paris are the common proposals of the South Vietnamese Government and the U.S. Government. Nixon also asserted: I can now say that any proposals I will advance later will be the common proposals of the Saigon government and the U.S. Government. This statement was made at a press conference at the White House on 10 February 1972, USIS reported.

This firm statement still resounds, but the United States now maintains that there are difficulties in Saigon. This is only a fabrication aimed at preventing peace. Nguyen Van Thieu is a U.S. lackey. Thieu must act on his U.S. masters' orders, whatever he wants to do. Thieu cannot have the right to veto U.S. policy. Nixon has belittled the U.S. people and has tied the honor of the United States to a rotten puppet.

The ending of the war in Vietnam and the restoration of peace to Vietnam are important matters of important people. All has been decided, but the United States now demands that it be re-discussed. We have let the United States thrice postpone the signing of the agreement. Our good will is adequate. The demarcation between a serious attitude and a cheating attitude is crystal-clear. The United States must fulfill its pledges and must sign the agreement, whose content must not be changed by either side, and on the set day for signing, 31 October 1972. If the United States does not do this, it is deceitful and delaying.

Adopting a vague and cheating attitude, the Nixon clique has deceived public opinion by stating that the White House is sincerely seeking peace and that the war will end soon. But progressive Americans and world peoples cannot be deceived by Nixon.

The truth is that the U.S. imperialists do not want to end the war nor restore peace to Vietnam. On the contrary, the U.S. imperialists are intensively intensifying the war, prolonging it, and sabotaging peace.

Because the aggressors remain very stubborn, we must still fight. For the independence and freedom of the fatherland and for our glorious obligation to the era, we have fought for more than a quarter of a century, and we are (now ready) to fight for several more years [words indistinct].

We have for a long time prepared to fight protractedly. This guideline has truly provided our people with strength. Continuing our fight, we have a great many favorable conditions. Our position is victorious. Our position is strong. Our position is ascending. The enemy is in a defeated, weakened, and declining position. In continuing our fight, we have one difficulty, but the enemy has two or three difficulties.

Our difficulty is that of a valiant combatant who is advancing enthusiastically for a great cause. Difficulty further tempers our willpower. Difficulty further improves our stratagems. We are facing difficulties in our ascending position.

As for the enemy, he is defeated, bogged down, faces more and more difficulties, and faces difficulties in Vietnam, Indochina, and even in the United States. Formerly, when deploying troops to save the country, Le Loi [ancient Vietnamese king], facing an endangered situation, did not have a (?brigade) on hand, and for months he ate vegetables instead of rice. But he remained firm and believed he was being tested by God before he assigned great duties to him. He thus made greater efforts to overcome this difficult situation. Shortly after this he fought a battle in which he annihilated the enemy.

We are now in a much stronger position than the enemy. We have continuously attacked the enemy on all three fronts. We have on hand hundreds of thousands of seasoned troops and many strategic positions. Our system is good. Our entire people are fighting the aggressors. Our potential is limitless. All our friends support us to the end.

It is common knowledge that after we have gone through many fierce challenges, our heroes and valiant combatants are innumerable, have good stratagems, and enjoy their ancestors' glorious tradition. Time is in our favor. The more we fight the stronger we become, and the more we fight the greater our victories. For decades our determination to avenge the country has made our young and old people of both sexes firm and brave and inspired them to fight resolutely to wipe out the aggressors.

Now, when enemy warships are still moving to and fro on our sea, enemy aircraft are still roaring in our skies, and our villages and hamlets are still being (?attacked) by enemy tanks, we will fight on vigorously and fight until total victory. The north has destroyed more than 4,000 U.S. aircraft and is overcoming enemy bombs and shells and the blockade by using many methods to cross the sea and rivers, going through mountains, and moving en masse on roads to aid the forefront. The heroic south continues to develop its strategic offensive after a dry season of great achievements.

Our determination now is to fight until total victory. The Americans must quit, and the puppets must be toppled. Our great army has smashed three defense lines and is standing firmly in vital areas. The Mekong Delta is like the eastern sea, concentrating its waves of offensive and uprising. The Trung Bo coastal areas are creating one whirlwind after another to sweep away chunk after chunk of the enemy's coercive system. The central highlands are developing their victories. Tri-Thien is surrounding the enemy and dealing him painful, vicious blows.

Our combat position is gaining the absolute initiative. No matter how talented the aggressors may be, they cannot reverse the situation. The Saigon puppet army can never recover its strength.

The more fascist the Nguyen Van Thieu puppet administration is, the more isolated it becomes. It had to use aggressive arguments to conceal its panic. Thieu has resigned himself to serving as a U.S. lackey for his whole life and has opposed our people's legitimate aspirations for peace and all their sacred sentiments. He is being cursed, hated, and fiercely opposed by our entire people.

The U.S.-puppets' hope of relying on their aircraft and warships is truly precarious. We have ways to punish aircraft and warships. Nevertheless, although enemy aircraft and warships have great destructive capability, the decisive fight has unswervingly and constantly taken place on the ground, and absolutely not in the skies or on the seas.

We are eager for peace. No people is more eager for peace than our people, who have lived for more than a quarter of a century amid the flames of war. But we cannot live as slaves. Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom. We would rather sacrifice everything than be subdued.

Because the Americans prolong the war, our people must continue to answer the aggressors with weapons and munitions. We must fight so that the country will become completely independent. We must fight to be worthy of the meritorious services of our ancestors, who built and defended the country for 4,000 years. We must fight to realize at all cost great Uncle Ho's sacred testament. The sacred function of our people's army is to fight the aggressors to defend the country. Under our party's leadership, our army has through protracted fighting been forged, become like steel, and become a revolutionary army that can fulfill any duty and defeat any enemy.

Never before have our people had such a strong army as now. In recent years our people's armed forces have, together with our entire people, gloriously defeated U.S. ground, air, and naval forces; have scored marvelous achievements in (?splitting) the Truong Son mountain range and in moving tens of thousands of tons of steel across thousands of kilometers; have launched coordinated service offensives; have fought large-scale annihilating battles; and have fought the Saigon puppet army to the point where it panicked.

The revolutionary path still faces many challenges, but our army is determined to overcome all challenges and, together with our entire people, to defeat the enemy and smash the aggressors' spirit. The present opportunity is very favorable. The aggressors are wavering. Our revolutionary war is in an ascending position. Uncle Ho's advice has penetrated our blood and hearts. Even though we still must endure many more hardships and sacrifices, we are determined to fight and completely defeat the U.S. aggressors. Our people will certainly win total victory.

Our government's 26 October 1972 statement shines with the heroic bearing of Vietnam in the Ho Chi Minh era. The statement communicates new greater combat strength to our compatriots and combatants. Our armed forces and people are determined to surge forward with the strength of offensive from 4,000 years of history and invincible Marxism-Leninism, and with the strength of the most glorious era of Vietnam.

Military exploits call forth other military exploits, the victorious path is opened wide. Disregarding difficulties, our entire country is advancing toward overcoming all difficulties and hardships, smashing all the U.S. aggressors' aggressive schemes, and continuing the fight to wipe out the aggressors. The fatherland is calling us. Let us advance! Total victory certainly shall be ours.

VNA REPORTS USSR, PRC, OTHER SUPPORT FOR DRV STATEMENT

Chou En-lai Supports Statement

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[Text] Hanoi VNA October 27--Chou En-lai, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, yesterday received Nguyen Tien, charge d'affaires a.i. of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, and Nguyen Van Quang, ambassador of the Republic of South Vietnam.

In the reception which was permeated with militant solidarity and brotherhood, the DRV charge d'affaires handed to premier Chou En-lai, who was accompanied by Vice Foreign Minister Han Nien-lung, a copy of the statement of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam on the present state of the negotiations relating to the Vietnam problem. The DRV charge d'affaires explained the stand of the DRV Government with regard to the present negotiations on the Vietnam problem, and expressed the determination of the Vietnamese people to continue to win still greater victories on the military, political and diplomatic fronts.

Premier Chou En-lai on behalf of the Chinese Government and people, expressed support for the solemn and just stand shown in the statement, and said that "the Chinese Government and people will, as always, firmly support the just struggle of the people of Vietnam and the rest of Indochina."

Kosygin Voices Support

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[Text] Hanoi VNA October 27--A. N. Kosygin, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, on October 26 [Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese at 1430 GMT on 27 October gives this date as October 27] received Vu Toan, charge d'affaires ad interim of the DRV, and Cao Van Hung, charge d'affaires ad interim of the RSV, according to our correspondent in Moscow.

The DRV charge d'affaires handed to Chairman Kosygin a copy of the October 26, 1972 statement of the DRV Government on the present state of the negotiations relating to the Vietnam problem. Vu Toan pointed out that the Nixon administration still showed no serious attitude and goodwill in negotiations, instead was dragging on the talks to deceive public opinion and cover up its scheme of maintaining the Saigon puppet administration in order to continue the war of aggression in Vietnam and Indochina. The Nixon administration must bear full responsibility before the American and world people for the delay in the signing of the agreement, and the prolongation of the war in Vietnam.

The DRV and RSV diplomats stressed that in face of this situation the entire Vietnamese people are determined to persist in and step up the struggle on the three fronts, military, political and diplomatic, till their noble goal is achieved, namely to liberate South Vietnam, defend and build socialist North Vietnam and advance toward the peaceful reunification of the country.

Chairman A. N. Kosygin declared full support for the October 26, 1972 statement of the DRV Government, the assessments and conclusions in this statements, and affirmed that the Communist Party, government and people of the Soviet Union will continue to vigorously support and assist the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression, for national salvation, till final victory.

Other Socialist Support

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[Socialist Camp Throws Weight Behind DRV Government's Stand"--VNA heading]

[Text] Hanoi VNA October 30--"Loyal to their international duty, the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the entire Bulgarian people will continue to

give the fraternal Vietnamese people all-round assistance, until their just struggle is crowned with victory," declared Todor Zhivkov, first secretary of the Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party and president of the State Council of the PRR, last weekend.

To the DRV ambassador, who came to inform him of the Oct. 26 statement of the DRV Government, Todor Zhivkov also said that the State Council, the Government of the People's Republic of Bulgaria and the entire Bulgarian people fully supported this statement, which he described as a document of "extraordinary importance in international life."

"The full responsibility for any further continuation of the war in Vietnam in the future will rest solely with the Government of the U.S. [word indistinct] he stated.

Dr L. Strougal, chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, declared to the DRV ambassador on Oct. 27 that the Czechoslovak Government fully supported the efforts made by the DRV Government and the PRGRSV to settle the Vietnam question by peaceful means. He reaffirmed the Czechoslovak people's resolute support and strong solidarity to the Vietnamese people's struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

While receiving the DRV ambassador to the DPRK on Oct. 27, Kim Il, first vice-premier of the cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, said: The Government of the DPRK and the Korean people would as ever resolutely support and encourage the fraternal Vietnamese people till they win final victory in the sacred struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation."

Raul Roa, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and foreign minister, the same day assured the DRV ambassador of the complete approval of the Communist Party, the government and the people of Cuba for the DRV Government's stand. He said that more than ever, before, the socialist countries and all other countries and public opinion have to contribute more vigorously to the struggle against the obduracy and bad faith of the U.S. For its part, Cuba will do its utmost to support Vietnam, he added.

Polish Foreign Minister S. Olszowski the same day renewed to the DRV ambassador the unchanging support of the Polish Government and people for the stand of the DRV Government on the ending of the Vietnam war.

VIETNAM FATHERLAND FRONT SESSION SUPPORTS DRV STATEMENT

Statement Issued

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[Text] The VFF Central Committee Presidium recently held a conference in Hanoi to welcome the government's 26 October statement on the current Vietnam talks. Attending were comrade and gentlemen members of the Presidium.

Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh reported to the conferees on the status of the current anti-U.S. national salvation diplomatic struggle. He reviewed the process of the talks and the main issues regarding the agreed-on agreement.

Following discussions the conference unanimously issued the following statement:

The VFF Central Committee Presidium has met and heard Vice Premier Nguyen Duy Trinh, on behalf of the Council of Ministers, report on the status of the current anti-U.S. national salvation struggle on the diplomatic front.

The VFF Central Committee Presidium warmly welcomes and fully supports our government's very correct diplomatic struggle line, which has met the legitimate aspirations of all our people and achieved great successes.

As everyone knows, since he came to power U.S. President Nixon has broken his promise to U.S. voters to bring an early end to the Vietnam war. Since then the Nixon administration, while talking about peace negotiations, has in fact prolonged, intensified, and expanded the war of aggression in Vietnam, and has stubbornly pursued the policy of negotiating from a position of strength, thus stalling the Vietnam peace negotiations.

Recently, our government took an important initiative in leading the Paris talks out of their deadlock. Through many private meetings between our representatives and the U.S. representatives, the U.S. side agreed with us on the full text of the agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam and agreed to officially sign the agreement on 31 October. However, later the U.S. side, contrary to its official commitment, cited difficulties and obstacles as reasons for its failure to comply with the U.S.-proposed schedule.

Obviously the Nixon administration has deliberately prolonged the talks to deceive public opinion and conceal its scheme to maintain the Saigon puppet administration in hopes of continuing the war of aggression in Vietnam and in the other Indochina countries.

Faced with this situation, the DRV Government on 26 October issued a timely statement on the status of the current Vietnam talks. This statement has drawn special public attention in the United States and elsewhere in the world. Progressives throughout the five continents and the American people have expressed their warm sympathy for and support of our government's sensible and reasonable stand and attitude of good will and, at the same time, have vehemently condemned the Nixon administration's crafty tricks and treacherous attitude.

The VFF Central Committee Presidium warmly welcomes our government's 26 October statement and resolutely demands that the Nixon administration act on its commitments and sign the agreement in accordance with the schedule agreed on by both sides, so as to end the war, restore peace in Vietnam, help consolidate peace in Asia and elsewhere in the world, and meet the legitimate demands and aspirations of the Vietnamese and American peoples and other peoples throughout the world.

Compatriots and combatants throughout the country: We want peace, but it must be peace in independence and freedom. We always have good will and are serious in the negotiations to end the war and restore peace in Vietnam on the basis of safeguarding the Vietnamese people's fundamental national rights and the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination. If the Nixon administration acts seriously on the points it agreed upon, the war will stop, peace will be restored and the United States will get out of the war honorably.

If the Nixon administration persists in stubbornly continuing its aggression in our country and deceiving the public in the United States and elsewhere in the world, our people are resolved to continue their anti-U.S. national salvation resistance until total victory definitely.

We would rather sacrifice everything than give in. Nothing is more valuable than independence and freedom.

For the fatherland's independence and freedom, for our people's future and happiness, for peace and justice and for the revolutionary cause of the world's peoples, our compatriots and combatants throughout the country are resolved to strengthen their solidarity, heighten their vigilance, overcome all hardships and sacrifices, strenuously implement respected and beloved President Ho's sacred testament and persevere in and step up their military, political, and diplomatic struggle until they achieve their noble objectives of liberating the south, protecting and building the socialist north and proceeding toward the peaceful reunification of the country.

Our people are determined to fight shoulder to shoulder with the fraternal peoples of Laos and Cambodia to completely defeat the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys.

In concert with the heroic southern compatriots' and combatants' offensive and uprising, the northern compatriots and combatants are determined to emulate strenuously in producing well, to stand ready to fight and fight well and to meet fully and expeditiously all frontline requirements. In the immediate future we must strenuously step up industrial and agricultural production, stabilize the people's livelihood, insure communications and transportation under all circumstances, constantly strengthen our national defense forces and firmly maintain public order and security.

Our people's just struggle has achieved very great victories and faces very fine prospects. We are in a victorious, active, and ascending position, whereas the enemy is in a defeated, passive and declining position.

With correct political, military and diplomatic lines, with the stalwart and indomitable traditions developed in our 4,000-year history of resistance against foreign aggression, with the strength inherent in the great unity of all the people and with the great support and assistance of the fraternal socialist countries and all progressive mankind, our people will certainly win. The fatherland is calling on us.

Let our compatriots and combatants throughout the country courageously advance!

NHAN DAN Discusses Statement

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[NHAN DAN 30 October editorial: "The Entire People Will Single-Mindedly Persist in Their Struggle for Independence and Freedom"]

[Text] The Vietnam Fatherland Front [VFF] Central Committee Presidium held a special meeting to hear the vice premier and foreign minister report on the situation of the negotiations in Paris and to determine the VFF's attitude toward them. The Presidium enthusiastically supported our government's 26 October statement severely criticizing the U.S. side's lack of seriousness and calling on our armed forces and people to persist in their struggle.

Acting on our people's will and aspirations, the VFF expressed its determination to demand that the U.S. side carry out what it has agreed on and sign the agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam. If the U.S. side stubbornly refuses to forgo its evil aggressive design, our people will resolutely continue their anti-U.S. resistance until total victory.

We would rather sacrifice everything than give in. Nothing is more valuable than independence and freedom.

The VFF's determination, which is also our armed forces' and people's determination, is translated into action everywhere. Frustrated by the U.S. side's lack of good will, millions of people are arising with a vigorous impetus, ready to overcome every difficulty and hardship to step up production and combat and to make every effort to aid and support the frontline.

The power of our people's solidarity is invincible. Under the VWP's leadership and united within the VFF, our people have achieved very glorious victories in their anti-U.S. national salvation resistance. Every U.S. plan in the war of aggression has been foiled by our people in both parts of the country. Not only have the U.S. imperialists failed to subdue us by waging two air and naval wars of destruction against the northern part of our country, but they have suffered very heavy setbacks in the process.

Now the Americans must choose one of these two alternatives: 1) End the atrocious war of aggression, withdraw all U.S. troops and military personnel from the southern part of our country, respect our country's independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity and respect the South Vietnamese people's right of self determination; or 2) Continue an unjust, expensive and deadlocked war.

The agreement reached by both sides represents a good path for the Americans to take to terminate all their military involvement in our country. This is a very good opportunity for the U.S. side. If they deliberately pass up this opportunity they will have to bear full responsibility for all consequences. If they still plot to seek a military victory and hence a negotiating position of strength so as to impose their neocolonialism in the southern part of our country, our people have no other choice than to continue to fight until total victory.

The rulers in Washington have repeatedly said that the recent period of time represented the best opportunity for negotiations. So why should they still refuse to sign an agreement that they have agreed to and that is considered by broad public opinion in the world as the last solution to be found?

What scheme have they hatched? Why do they delay signing the agreement? They said they have encountered difficulties in Saigon. Everyone knows that their puppet lackeys in Saigon can by no means disobey their bosses. How can the tail wag the body? Or did they plan to use the negotiations to serve their political objectives at home?

Our Vietnamese people have constantly shown their good will to end the war on the basis of the agreement advanced by our government's delegate and agreed to by the U.S. side. If the U.S. side again challenges our determination by continuing the war of aggression, our people will be ready to persist in their fight. The Americans have repeatedly challenged us and we have accepted their challenges.

The VFF's determination is also the determination of all our people and armed forces. Responding to appeal of the National Assembly Standing Committee, the government and the VFF Central Committee Presidium, all our people and armed forces are determined to persist in their struggle for independence and freedom. Our people can live only in independence and freedom. As long as our country is not completely independent our people will continue to fight.