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PRGRSV DELEGATIONS PROTEST U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN RVN

Paris Delegation

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[Text] According to a Paris-based LPA correspondent, the spokesman for the PRGRSV delegation to the La Celle-Saint-Cloud conference on 26 March issued a statement vehemently condemning the Ford administration for intensifying its military involvement and committing crimes in South Vietnam.

The statement says: The United States is sending many war vessels, including helicopter carriers and aircraft carriers, off the coast of South Vietnam and is having its aircraft participate intensively in Thieu's war activities.

The United States has committed another crime by supporting Thieu's forceful evacuation of hundreds of thousands of people to concentration camps--the U.S.-Thieu clique's hell on earth. This extremely cruel action has caused the death of tens of thousands and forced hundreds of thousands of others to lead a miserable life without shelter. Obviously, this is another towering crime of the U.S. imperialists in the course of their aggression in South Vietnam.

Public opinion angrily condemns the U.S. imperialists for this crime.

In the face of Thieu's predicament, the Ford-Kissinger administration has sent General Weyand to Saigon for an inspection and to urge and encourage the Nguyen Van Thieu clique to continue the war. Weyand also carries a letter from Ford to Thieu reassuring him that Ford is seeking by every means to get more aid for him to continue the war.

The statement confirms that no threat or war scheme can shake the iron-like determination of the South Vietnamese people and the PLAF to frustrate the warlike policy of the Ford administration and the Nguyen Van Thieu clique in order to implement the Paris agreement and achieve peace, independence, democracy, a decent life and national concord in South Vietnam.

JMC Delegation

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[Excerpt] Hanoi VNA March 27--The Provisional Revolutionary Government delegation to the bipartite Joint Military Commission (JMC) yesterday raised a strong protest against the sending of U.S. Army Chief of Staff F.C. Weyand to Saigon, the dispatch of the U.S. aircraft carrier Hancock to waters off Indochina and various other war moves the U.S. is hatching.

In a statement quoted by GIAI PHONG [LIBERATION] PRESS AGENCY (LPA), the PRG delegation said facts have proved that the Ford administration is unwilling to end the U.S. military involvement and interference in the internal affairs of South Vietnam. The Ford administration is applying a policy of threats and is paving the way for increased military involvement in order to save the Saigon clique, the PRG delegation pointed out.

It stressed that the moves taken by the U.S. seriously violate Article 1, 4, 7 and 14 of the Paris agreement, and held the U.S. fully responsible for all consequences.

In Paris, a similar protest was voiced yesterday by the PRG delegation to the La Celle-Saint-Cloud bipartite consultative conference. A spokesman for the PRG delegation there was quoted by LPA as saying that the Ford administration is actually beginning a serious war escalation in South Vietnam.

DRV TROOPS OVERRUN LE DUC BASE, BINH DINH PROVINCE

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[Text] Saigon, March 28 (AFP)--North Vietnamese troops today overran the South Vietnamese base of Le Duc, opening up access, from the north, to the coastal plains town of Hoai Nhon.

This new communist success followed a 14-hour battle for the strategic base, a high command spokesman said.

The North Vietnamese, members of the "Gold Star" 3d division, used tanks to take the base at dawn today.

Radio contact was lost with the 600 regional force soldiers defending Le Duc, and their fate was not known, the spokesman said.

The fall of Le Duc followed close on the heels of a South Vietnamese withdrawal late yesterday from the town of Tam Quan, 15 kms (10 miles) north of Hoai Nhon, on Highway One.

The surrender of Tam Quan means that in this sector the communists are now down to the sea and have control of the strategic highway.

With the exception of the immediate Danang region of Quang Nam Province, 200 kms (120 miles) to the north, Binh Dinh Province, in which Hoai Nhon and Tam Quan stand, is the northernmost province not fully controlled by the communists.

Government planes have flown repeated bombing raids against communist positions in the province in the last 24 hours, the spokesman said.

Fighting was also reported to the west and south-east of Hoai Nhon, while communist gunners also bombarded Phu My and Binh Khe, two other district towns in the vital province.

The spokesman reported no military action around the former imperial capital of Hue, which the government is still declining to admit is in communist hands.

On the Saigon front, communist forces last night launched a fierce heavy artillery and ground attack on Chon Thanh, the sole government enclave in Binh Long Province, 70 kms (45 miles) north of here. About 400 shells were poured on to government positions before troops, backed by tanks, stormed the government lines, the spokesman said. He reported that the communists were driven back, losing 162 dead. Government aviation also knocked out four North Vietnamese tanks, he said.

In neighbouring Tay Ninh Province, to the west, close to the Cambodian border, the capital town, Tay Ninh, was hit last night by ten 107-mm rockets. The town was partly evacuated early in January.

In the same province, fighting was raging around the communist-held town of Khiem Hanh, 55 kms (35 miles) north-west of Saigon, the spokesman said.