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PROGRSV REPRESENTATIVE STRESSES RECONCILIATION, ROLE OF 'NEUTRAIS'

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[Jan Michaelsen Report: "Criminal To Steal Our Children From Us"]

[Text] "The Americans were not soft when they bombed villages and hospitals with giant B52s and killed masses of children. Now they are calling the transportation of our orphans from South Vietnam to the United States a humanitarian act.

"But it is a criminal act and involvement in Vietnam's domestic affairs."

The words are from Le Van Nhut, PROGRSV official representative in Copenhagen.

At a press conference yesterday he made comments on developments in South Vietnam which are seldom reflected in the Western press reportage of the war: Namely those on the other side--that of the NLFISV partisans, behind whose front lines no Western journalists have access.

"It is dangerous. We would not risk your being killed by the adversary's bombardments," he explained to the assembled journalists.

On the refugees: The majority of the population in the recently liberated areas will remain together with us. The refugees, of whom there is so much loud talk at the moment, are families of the Saigon soldiers, prosperous people, and those confused and distressed by U.S. propaganda.

"In the U.S. propaganda the stream of refugees has grown out of all proportion. It is exploited to win sympathy and to deceive the world."

#### The Offensive

On the offensive: "Since the Paris agreement was entered into 2 years ago there has not been one day of peace. Saigon has sabotaged the peace agreement. We could not stand for ever and watch the Paris agreement being violated. Thus we have punished the adversary.

"In March we liberated over 9 million people. We have crippled 6 out of 15 divisions.

"If the adversary will not come to the negotiating table, we may be forced to liberate all of South Vietnam.

"Yet our position is the same: We do not want war. But we do want the United States out. And Thieu must go. The Paris agreement must be fulfilled so that we have reconciliation and national unity."

Is the PROGRSV afraid of a new U.S. intervention?

The Americans can undertake surprising things, so we would never exclude the possibility. But I believe that President Ford would find it difficult to achieve.

Are there North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam?

None at all.

What is happening in the recently conquered areas?

We need economic aid, so that life can start again. We have promised to keep people's property intact. We will keep that promise. But Saigon's factories in the areas will be nationalized.

Reconciliation

Is there to be a showdown with the supporters of the Saigon regime?

Not as far as I know. Reconciliation is an important concept in our policy. We will not proceed with fire and sword.

Did the success come as a surprise?

Probably more for Saigon than for us. We knew that the situation was ripe. The population was prepared for rebellion and the troops of the Saigon regime were prepared for mutiny. In Hue two battalions joined us, in Danang 3,000 men.

Will Saigon fall?

I cannot answer that with certainty, but I know that Thieu will disappear so we will have a coalition government. The third party in South Vietnam (the neutrals) will obviously be of great significance in the future.

PRGRSV SPOKESMAN SCORES AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS FOR RVN

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[Text] According to a Paris-based IFA correspondent, on 14 April, the spokesman for the PRGRSV delegation to the La Celle-Saint-Cloud conference issued a statement denouncing and condemning the United States for clamoring that many U.S. veterans have volunteered to go to South Vietnam to help Thieu and that the puppet navy commander received a number of former U.S. Navy men who volunteered to help the puppet navy.

The statement clearly points out: This is a serious act aimed at legalizing the direct participation by U.S. troops in the Nguyen Van Thieu clique's war acts.

The PRGRSV spokesman's statement vehemently denounces and condemns this act of the Ford administration which brazenly violates the Paris agreement and makes the situation in South Vietnam even more serious.

More than ever before, the United States must immediately and completely end its military involvement and intervention in South Vietnam's internal affairs and withdraw its military personnel from South Vietnam.