

NGUYEN THI BINH CONCLUDES VISIT TO PEKING

30 Dec Farewell Banquet

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[Text] Peking, December 30, 1972 (HSINHUA)--Nguyen Thi Binh, foreign minister of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, gave a grand farewell banquet in the Great Hall of the People here this evening.

Attending the banquet were Chou En-lai, premier of the State Council; Yeh Chien-ying, vice-chairman of the Military Commission of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China; Li Hsien-nien, vice-premier of the State Council; Chi Peng-fei, foreign minister; Keng Piao, head of the International Liaison Department of the CCP Central Committee; Fang I, minister of economic relations with foreign countries; Li Chiang, vice-minister of foreign trade; Hsiao Ching-kuang, vice-minister of national defence; and Wu Te, chairman of the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee.

Among the guests were Sarin Chhak, minister of foreign affairs of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Madame Sarin Chhak.

Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh and Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei spoke at the banquet.

Diplomatic envoys of various countries to China were present. Also present were Vietnamese comrades in Peking.

[Peking NCNA in English at 1803 GMT on 30 December, in a longer report on the banquet, also listed the following individuals as being present: women Vice-Ministers Chen Mu-hua, Chien Cheng-ying and Hsia Chih-hsu; leading members of departments under the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, government departments, and various general departments and services of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, the Peking Garrison and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship With Foreign Countries, including Peng Shao-hui, Chang Chih-ming, Tien Wei-hsin, Liu Tao-sheng, Tsao Li-huai, Wu Chung, Fang Tzu-yu, Wang Meng, Han Tsung-cheng, Shen Chien, Chang Hsiang-shan, Hsu Chin-chiang, Kuo Lu, Yu Mei, Sun Yu-yu, Li Yu-tang, Chang Kuo-chuan, Wang Shih-yen, Hsieh Hua, Wang Hai-jung, Hsu Han-ping, Hsieh Ching-i, Ti Fu-tsai, Chang Chi-chih, Liu Chien-kung, Chen Chun and Ting Haueh-sung, as well as leading members of the China-Vietnam Friendship People's Commune; and Ngo Thuyen, ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to China, Nguyen Van Quang, RSV ambassador to China, the delegation of the South Vietnam Youth Union for Liberation headed by Nguyen Van Be, and members of Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh's party.]

Nguyen Thi Binh Banquet Speech

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[Text] Peking, December 30, 1972 (HSINHUA)--Following is the full text of the speech by Nguyen Thi Binh, foreign minister of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, at the farewell banquet she gave here this evening:

Respected Premier Chou En-lai, respected Vice-Chairman Yeh Chien-ying, respected Vice Premier Li Hsien-nien, respected leader members of the Chinese party and government, respected Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei and Madame, respected Foreign Minister Sarin Chhak of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and Madame, respected Ambassador Ngo Thuyen, dear comrades and friends:

Our official visit of friendship to the People's Republic of China will soon be concluded. We are deeply rejoiced by the very good results that we have obtained in the course of this visit. Once again we wish to express our sincere thanks to the leaders of the Chinese party and government and to the people of Peking for the cordial and warm welcome they have accorded us. We also sincerely thank their excellencies the ambassadors, chargés d'affaires and mesdames their wives for their presence at this homely banquet.

Dear comrades and friends: During the few days of our stay in Peking, we have had the great honour of being received by respected Chairman Mao Tsetung, Premier Chou En-lai and other leaders of the Chinese party and government, who have extended us their warm regards and reaffirmed that the two peoples of China and Vietnam are brothers and comrades-in-arms sharing weal and woe. The Chinese people have always and invariably considered it their glorious internationalist mission to assist the Vietnamese people in their struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. They have pledged to make every effort to assist the just struggle of the Vietnamese, Cambodian and Lao peoples till complete victory.

We have held talks with h.e. Minister of Foreign Affairs Chi Peng-fei, during which we have exchanged views on questions of interest to both parties and we have been unanimous in strengthening the militant unity of the Vietnamese and Chinese peoples in the struggle against the common enemy, U.S. imperialism. The talks have proceeded in a very amicable and friendly atmosphere.

We have had the pleasure of making contacts with people of different walks of life of the capital, Peking, during the solemn rally held on December 29 to show support for the resistance carried on by the Vietnamese people against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. We have seen some industrial enterprises and cultural centres. Everywhere we went we were given a very cordial and moving welcome.

All the words full of the finest sentiments that were addressed to us and the devoted support that the Chinese people have long accorded to the Vietnamese people's struggle constitute a clear expression of the friendship and militant unity of the Vietnamese and Chinese peoples and a powerful encouragement to our people, who are going to carry on the struggle until complete victory over the U.S. aggressors.

In the name of the people, the National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, we wish to express to respected Chairman Mao Tsetung, to the Chinese party and government and to the fraternal Chinese people our deep gratitude for their energetic, enormous, precious, manifold and effective support to our just cause.

Allow us to take this occasion to express our sincere thanks to the governments and peoples of different countries for their precious sympathy, support and aid to our people's struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation.

Dear comrades and friends: We heartily rejoice at the great and many-sided results obtained by the fraternal Chinese people under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party headed by respected Chairman Mao Tsetung in the cause of their socialist revolution and socialist construction. The Chinese people, carrying forward their revolutionary tradition of indomitability, the spirit of relying on their own efforts and of arduous struggle, have made new exploits in stepping

up industrial and agricultural production and in scientific and technical development, reinforcing more and more the power of socialist China. We deeply admire the fraternal Chinese people's spirit of diligent and creative (labor) and their virtues of simplicity and frugality. We warmly salute the achievements of the Chinese people and wish them still more important achievements in their revolution and production and in fulfilling completely and over fulfilling their fourth five-year plan for the development of national economy.

During our visit in China, we have also had the honour of being received amicably by Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state of Cambodia and chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea, by Samdech Penn Nouth, prime minister of the RGNUC, and by other leaders of the RGNUC in meetings filled with cordiality in which there are expressed fine sentiments and reaffirmed the relations of militant solidarity between the fraternal Vietnamese people, Khmer people and Lao people in their common cause against the common enemy U.S. imperialism, the common cause for their respective independence and freedom.

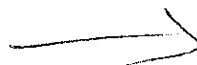
Dear comrades and friends: It is widely notorious that recently U.S. imperialism, remaining always obstinate, have made an about-face and escalated the war, committing dirty crimes against the people of South and North Vietnam; in particular, they have savagely bombed the capital, Hanoi, and the city of Haiphong, attempting to subjugate our people by the massive use of bombs. But they have failed lamentably. The armed forces and people of the north have given them due punishment and downed a good number of planes. In South Vietnam, too, U.S. imperialists are suffering from severe defeats. World public opinion has without delay vigorously condemned this excessively serious war escalation carried out by the U.S. imperialists.

In face of this situation, the U.S. imperialists have sought, and are seeking, to appease and deceive world public opinion. But in reality they are continuing to intensify the war and have not yet abandoned their vile ambitions of aggression against Vietnam and their intentions to negotiate from a position of strength.

The PRGRSV, together with the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, have always shown their good will in the negotiations in order to obtain a correct solution to the Vietnam problem on the basis of respect for the fundamental national rights of the Vietnamese people and the right to self-determination of the people of South Vietnam. All this has already been mentioned clearly in the draft agreement of October 20, 1972.

If the U.S. Government really wishes to solve the Vietnam problem, it should terminate the war of aggression, cease the Vietnamization of the war and put an immediate end to the annihilative and most savage bombing against North Vietnam; it should cut off all its support to the Nguyen Van Thieu puppet regime, [and] sign without delay the agreement already reached. As long as it maintains its arbitrary attitude and continues the war of aggression, the people of South Vietnam, together with their dear compatriots in the north, are determined to realize the sacred testament of President Ho Chi Minh and stand side by side with the fraternal Khmer and Lao peoples in fighting till complete victory. No manoeuvre and no expediency on the part of the U.S. imperialists, however cruel and perfidious, can shake the iron determination of the Vietnamese people.

Dear comrades and friends: This year is drawing to an end and the new year is arriving. In this atmosphere permeated with friendship, I propose a toast:



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To the ever-lasting friendship and militant unity of the peoples of our two countries, Vietnam and China;

To the great victories of the Chinese people;

To the great victories of the peoples of the three Indochinese countries;

To the victories of the peoples of the countries fighting for independence, democracy, peace and social progress;

To the health and long life of respected Chairman Mao Tsetung;

To the health of Premier Chou En-lai, Vice-Chairman Yeh Chien-ying, Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien and the other leaders of the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese Government;

To the health of h.e. Minister of Foreign Affairs Chi Peng-fei and Mme Chi Peng-fei;

To the health of h.e. Sarin Chhak, minister of foreign affairs of RGNUC and Mme Sarin Chhak;

To the health of h.e. Ambassador Ngo Thuyen;

To the health of their excellencies the ambassadors, charges d'affaires and mesdames their wives; and

To the health of all the comrades and friends present here!

Chi Peng-fei Banquet Speech

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[Text] Peking, December 30, 1972 (HSINHUA)---Following is the full text of the speech by Chinese Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei at the farewell banquet given by Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh here this evening:

Your Excellency respected Minister Nguyen Thi Binh, distinguished guests from South Vietnam, comrades and friends:

Allow me, first of all, to express on behalf of the Chinese comrades present our sincere thanks to Minister Nguyen Thi Binh for this cordial and grand banquet, which gives us another opportunity to gather joyously with our Vietnamese comrades-in-arms and exchange sentiments of revolutionary friendship.

We also wish to thank her excellency the minister for the warm and friendly speech she has just given. We regard it as an encouragement to the Chinese people from the South Vietnamese people. It is the bounden internationalist duty of the Chinese people to support and assist the Vietnamese people in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. This we have done in the past and will continue to do in the future.

Though the current visit of Your Excellency the minister to our country is not a long one, it is of great significance. As the honoured envoy of the South Vietnamese people, you have brought us happy news of victories on the battle-front against U.S. aggression, the precious experience of the South Vietnamese people in their struggle and the profound friendly sentiments of our comrades-in-arms at the front, which greatly inspire the Chinese people in the great rear area.

During the visit, Chairman Mao Tsetung had a most cordial and friendly meeting with her excellency the minister. Our two sides held useful talks on the situation of the Vietnamese people's war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation and on the question of further strengthening the friendly cooperation and mutual assistance between the Chinese and South Vietnamese peoples. Her excellency the minister's current visit to our country has demonstrated to the whole world that the great friendship and militant unity of the peoples of China and Vietnam are unbreakable. In our relationship, we are "both comrades and brothers" as President Ho Chi Minh pointed out, and as Chairman Mao Tsetung has just said to Your Excellency the minister, "We are of the same family!" Such being the relationship between our two peoples, who then can undermine it? We shall always, as in the past, unite together, fight together and win victory together.

In conclusion, I request Your Excellency the minister upon returning to your country, to convey the Chinese people's cordial greetings and warm congratulations to the South Vietnamese people fighting valiantly at the front. I wish the heroic people of South Vietnam and the whole of Vietnam new and still greater victories in their struggle in the future.

Now I request you all to raise your glasses and drink a toast:

To the great victories of the Vietnamese and the other Indochinese peoples in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation;

To the unbreakable fraternal friendship between the Chinese and Vietnamese peoples;

To the health of President Nguyen Huu Tho and President Huynh Tan Phat;

To the health of her excellency Minister Nguyen Thi Binh;

To the health of Ambassador Nguyen Van Quang and Ambassador Ngo Thuyen;

To the health of his excellency Minister Sarin Chhak and Mme Sarin Chhak;

To the health of all our Vietnamese comrades-in-arms;

To the health of the heads of diplomatic missions and their wives present; and

To the health of our comrades and friends present here!

Foreign Ministry Soiree

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[Text] Peking, December 29, 1972 (HSINHUA)--The Chinese Foreign Ministry arranged a soiree here today warmly welcoming Nguyen Thi Binh, foreign minister of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, and her party.

Attending the soiree as guests were Nguyen Van Quang, RSV ambassador to China; Ngo Thuyen, ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to China; Ly Ban, DRV vice-minister of foreign trade; the delegation of the South Vietnam Youth Union for Liberation led by Nguyen Van Be, and other Vietnamese comrades in Peking.



Accompanying the distinguished guests at the soiree were Chi Peng-fei, Chinese foreign minister; Han Wien-lung, vice-foreign minister; Chen Mu-hua, vice-minister of economic relations with foreign countries; Peng Shao-hui, deputy chief of general staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army; and leading members of departments concerned, including Wang Hsi-jung, Lu Wei-chao, Liang Feng and Kao Chien-chung.

As the curtain rose, the artistes waved bouquets and heartily greeted the Vietnamese comrades-in-arms with cheers of "Welcome! Welcome!" Two youngsters went down from the stage and presented flowers to Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh amid warm applause. At the soiree, artistes sang Vietnamese, Lao, Cambodian and Chinese songs, including "Time for Action", "We Are Determined To Defend Our Fatherland With Our Lives", "Vietnam--China," "Love for Laos", "Defend the Soil of Our Fatherland", and "People of the World Are Sure To Win", and performed the dance "Yankees, Get Out!" which depicted the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation.

After the performance, Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh and other Vietnamese comrades-in-arms, accompanied by Chi Peng-fei and others, went onto stage to cordially shake hands with the artistes and presented them with a basket of flowers. At this, the slogan "Long live the friendship between the Chinese and Vietnamese peoples" was brightly projected on the red backdrop.

Meeting With Mao

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[Text] Peking, December 29, 1972 (HSINHUA)--The Chinese people's great leader Chairman Mao Tsetung met with the honoured envoy of the people of South Vietnam, Minister of Foreign Affairs Nguyen Thi Binh of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, in Chungnanhai at 11 p.m. today.

During the meeting, Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh presented high respects to Chairman Mao and wished him good health on behalf of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, and all the people of South Vietnam. She said: At a time when U.S. imperialism is escalating its war against Vietnam, I have the honour to meet Uncle Mao and this is a great encouragement to our people of South Vietnam.

Chairman Mao said to Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh in reply: We are of the same family! We, and you, South and North Vietnam, and also Laos, Cambodia and Korea, are all of the same family. We support each other. Chairman Mao expressed a warm welcome to Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh on her official and friendly visit to China.

Present on the occasion were Ambassador of the Republic of South Vietnam to China Nguyen Van Quang, Chinese Premier Chou En-lai, Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei and Comrades Liang Feng, Wang Te-yang and Tang Wen-sheng.

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Machinery Plant Tour

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[Text] Peking, December 30, 1972 (HSINHUA)--Nguyen Thi Binh, minister of foreign affairs of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, visited the Yungting machinery plant here today.

The leading members and workers of the plant extended salute to the people of South Vietnam, and Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh forwarded to them the profound militant friendship of the workers of South Vietnam.

The Yungting machinery plant today was filled with warm expressions of the militant unity of the Chinese and Vietnamese people. Huge streamers on factory buildings and in the workshops bore slogans reading: "Warm welcome to comrades-in-arms from South Vietnam!" "Firm support for the Vietnamese people's war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation!"

When Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh and her party arrived in the company of Fang I, Chinese minister of economic relations with foreign countries, the workers lining the walks in the plant waved the national flag of China and the official flag of the Republic of South Vietnam, and gave the comrades-in-arms from South Vietnam a warm welcome and paid high respect to them.

Chairman Lu Mu and Vice-Chairman Ni Chih-fu of the plant revolutionary committee gave Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh an account of the production of the plant and showed the Vietnamese comrades-in-arms round the workshops. During the visit, Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh said: "We feel overjoyed and inspired at your achievements. I wish you new successes in production." She presented souvenirs to the plant.

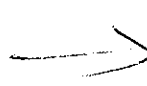
Accompanying the foreign minister on the visit were also Ambassador of the Republic of South Vietnam to China Nguyen Van Quang, and Deputy Director of the Protocol Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry Kao Chien-chung.

Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh and others visited the arts and handicrafts exhibition yesterday morning in the company of Vice-Foreign Minister Han Nien-lung. Going with her on the visit were also Ambassador Nguyen Van Quang, Counsellor Tran Binh of the RSV Embassy in Peking, and Minister-Counsellor Nguyen Tien of the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam here.

Departure From Peking

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Peking, January 1, 1973 (HSINHUA)--Nguyen Thi Binh, foreign minister of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, left here by special plane this afternoon after successfully concluding her official visit of friendship to China. She is carrying with her the profound militant feelings of the Chinese people for the heroic Vietnamese people.



Accompanying Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh was Nguyen Van Quang, ambassador of the Republic of South Vietnam to China.

Seeing the Vietnamese comrades-in-arms off at the airport were Chi Peng-fei, foreign minister; Chiao Kuan-hua and Han Nien-lung, vice-foreign ministers; Keng Piao, head of the International Liaison Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China; Fang Yi, minister of economic relations with foreign countries; Li Chiang, vice-minister of foreign trade; Hsiao Ching-kuang, vice-minister of national defence; Wu Te, chairman of the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee; Chen Mu-hua, Chien Cheng-ying and Hsia Chih-hsu, women vice-ministers, and several thousand people of Peking.

On hand to see Minister Nguyen Thi Binh off at the airport were also Sarin Chhak, minister of foreign affairs of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Madame Sarin Chhak.

Peking Airport, which flew the official flag of the Republic of South Vietnam, and the national flag of China, was alive with warm expressions of the great friendship and militant solidarity of the people of China and Vietnam. When Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh and her party arrived at the airport, people beat drums and cymbals, sang and danced. Accompanied by Chi Peng-fei and Keng Piao, Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh walked round to say goodbye to the well-wishers. The crowd waved bouquets and multi-coloured streamers and shouted slogans wishing the heroic Vietnamese people still bigger victories in the new year and look forward to continuous growth of the great friendship and militant solidarity of the people of China and Vietnam. Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh waved to the crowd enthusiastically.

Also present at the airport were leading members of government departments, various general departments and services of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship With Foreign Countries, including Peng Shao-hui, Chang Chih-ming, Tien Weishsin, Shen Chien, Liu Tao-sheng, Tsao Li-huai, Wang (?Han)-jung, Lu Wei-chao, Ting Hsueh-sung, Lu Kuei, Liang Feng and Kao Chien-chung, as well as Lo Chiu-ling, representative of the China-Vietnam friendship people's commune.

Present were Tran Binh, counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of South Vietnam in Peking; Ngo Thuyen, ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to China, and other Vietnamese comrades in Peking. Diplomatic envoys of some countries to China were also present.

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JOINT PRC-PRGRSV COMMUNIQUE ISSUED 1 JANUARY

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[Text] Peking, January 1, 1973 (Hsinhua)--Following is the text of a joint communique issued here today:

Joint Communique

At the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, Nguyen Thi Binh, minister of foreign affairs of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, paid an official visit of friendship to the People's Republic of China from December 27, 1972 to January 1, 1973.

During the visit, Minister Nguyen Thi Binh was accorded an exceptionally warm and grand reception by the Chinese Government and people, for which Minister Nguyen Thi Binh expressed here sincere thanks.

Chairman Mao Tsetung met Minister Nguyen Thi Binh, and they had a cordial and friendly conversation.

Chou En-lai, premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, met Minister Nguyen Thi Binh and her party.

Talks were held between Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei of the People's Republic of China and Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam. The two sides noted with concern pertinent matters and had a full discussion on the situation of the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation and on the question of further strengthening the mutual support and assistance between the Chinese people and the people of South Vietnam; and identical views were recorded.

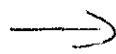
Both sides point out that now the situation of the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation is growing ever better. The heroic South Vietnamese people have displayed a dauntless revolutionary spirit in the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. Under the leadership of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, the South Vietnamese people, fearing no difficulty and sacrifice, have fought undauntedly in resistance and scored one brilliant victory after another.

The Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, which is the genuine legitimate government of South Vietnam, warmly supported by the South Vietnamese people, has been recognized by an increasing number of countries and enjoys a high international prestige. Growing constantly in strength, the South Vietnam People's Liberation Armed Forces have become a strong safeguard of the interests of the people. In contrast, the Nguyen Van Thieu puppet clique, the stooge of U.S. imperialism, revealing ever more clearly its reactionary, dictatorial and traitorous features, is repudiated and opposed by the people of all strata in South Vietnam and becomes isolated and weakened as never before.

The heroic North Vietnamese people have achieved splendid successes in their struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation and in their cause of socialist construction, showing a valiant and indomitable fighting spirit, the North Vietnamese people under the leadership of the Vietnam Workers' Party have repelled U.S. imperialist air and naval attacks and bombings, dealt heavy blows at the enemy's military adventures and given powerful support and assistance to the struggle of their compatriots in the south.

With their great struggle and victories, the Vietnamese people have vigorously inspired all the oppressed nations and peoples, set a brilliant example for the people of the whole world in their anti-imperialist struggles and received ever wider and stronger sympathy and support from the governments and peoples who love peace and uphold justice.

Under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party headed by the respected and beloved Chairman Mao Tsetung and the Government of the People's Republic of China, the great Chinese people, carrying forward their glorious revolutionary tradition and displaying the spirit of self-reliance and arduous struggle, have achieved tremendous successes in their cause of socialist revolution and socialist construction, so that China is growing ever stronger and more prosperous, and the international prestige of the People's Republic of China is rising continuously.



These brilliant successes are a great inspiration and an important contribution to the struggles of the Vietnamese people and the people of the world for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress.

The two sides point out with emphasis that up to now the U.S. Government is still unwilling to stop its war of aggression against Vietnam. Since last October, the U.S. Government has committed a breach of faith, fabricated various pretexts and deliberately obstructed and sabotaged the signing of the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam" reached between Vietnam and the United States. At the same time, it has stepped up the transportation of arms and equipment into South Vietnam on a massive scale, sent large numbers of disguised military advisers to bolster the fascist rule of the Nguyen Van Thieu puppet clique and its intensified suppression and massacre of patriotic and peace-loving people in South Vietnam. Furthermore, the U.S. Government has of late brazenly dispatched large numbers of U.S. aircraft, including B-52 strategic bombers, to carry out wanton bombing against the capital Hanoi, Haiphong and other vast areas of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, in a vain attempt to force the Vietnamese people into submission by military blackmail. This wild attempt will never succeed.

The Vietnamese side declared: the Vietnamese people ardently love peace, but it must be a peace in independence and freedom. So long as the U.S. Government continues to pursue a deceitful and perjurious attitude and obstinately intensifies the war in seeking a military victory, the people of South Vietnam will be determined to fulfil their pledge, together with their kith and kin in the north, to realize President Ho Chi Minh's sacred testament, surmount all the hardships and difficulties, carry on with perseverance and intensify their resistance till complete victory, liberate the south, defend the north and proceed to the peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

The Chinese side reaffirms: the Chinese Government and people firmly support the solemn and just stand of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam on the peaceful settlement of the Vietnam question and the efforts made by them to this end, and firmly support the Vietnamese people in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. The Chinese and Vietnamese peoples are of the same family. So long as U.S. imperialism does not stop its aggression against Vietnam, the Chinese People, steadfastly following Chairman Mao's teachings, will firmly support and assist the Vietnamese people in their just war, not flinching from the greatest national sacrifice.

Minister Nguyen Thi Binh has conveyed to Chairman Mao Tsetung and the Chinese Communist Party, the Chinese Government and the fraternal Chinese people the sincere and deep thanks of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam and the South Vietnamese people for their consistent strong support and enormous, manifold and effective assistance to the South Vietnamese people.

The two sides are firmly opposed to the U.S. Government's delaying and sabotaging the signing of the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam" and strongly condemn its war escalation against the people of Vietnam. The U.S. Government must stop its war of aggression and all its war blackmail against Vietnam, sit down and negotiate earnestly and speedily sign the "agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam" reached by the United States and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam on October 20, 1972.