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HANOI VNA JANUARY 9. THE VIET NAM ALLIANCE OF NA-
TIONAL, DEMOCRATIC AND PEACE FORCES HAS URGED THE TOWNSPEOPLE
IN SOUTH VIET NAM TO DEFEAT THE USSS IMPERIALIST AND THEIR
PUPPETS.

IN AN APPEAL, RELEASED BY GPA THE ALLIANCE SAID:

"HEAVILY DEFEATED IN ALL FIELDS, THE USSS IMPERIALISTS
HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO CEASE UNCONDITIONALLY THE BOMBING AND
SHELLING ON THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF NORTH VIET NAM, AND TO
ACCEPT TALKS WITH THE SOUTH VIET NAM NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBE-
RATION AT THE PARIS CONFERENCE FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF
THE SOUTH VIET NAM ISSUE".

"THIS GLORIOUS VICTORY, WON WITH THE WORTHY CONTRIBU-
TION OF THE PEOPLE IN THE TOWNS, HAS HEARTENED THE PEOPLE
IN BOTH PARTS OF OUR FATHERLAND, AND THE PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE
IN THE WORLD INCLUDING THOSE IN THE UNITED STATES". IT ADDED.

IT WENT ON: "THE USSS IMPERIALISTS AND THE LACKEY
PUPPET ADMINISTRATION, HOWEVER, REMAIN VERY STUBBORN AND
HAVE NOT (NOT) YET RENOUNCED THEIR DARK, ADVENTUROUS SCHEMES.

THEY KEEP INTENSIFYING FRANTICALLY THE WAR OF AGGRESSION
VVVVIN SOUTH VIET NAM, USING ON A LARGER SCALE AND MORE MASSIVELY
THEIR LETHAL MEANS. THEIR B.52 STRATEGIC BOMBES ARE SHOWERING
MORE BOMBS ON OUR PEOPLE BOTH IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND ON THE
FRINGES OF THE TOWNS, AND NEW KINDS OF BOMBS OR UNPARALLELED
DESTRUCTIVE POWER HAVE BEEN PUT TO USE.

THE ENEMY ARE INCREASING THEIR RAIDS AND SWEEPS FOR
THE CONCENTRATION OF THE POPULATION, CONDUCTING 'ACCELERATED
PACIFICATION' OPERATIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO REE-IMPOSE THEIR
BRUTAL RULE ON THE PEOPLE, AND PUSHING UP THE ESPIONAGE 'EAGLE'
OPERATION TO TERRORIZE AND MURDER THE PEOPLE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THEY HAVE ENFORCED FASCIST LAWS, OPENLY
ARRESTING, JAILING, TORTURING AND MANHANDLING LARGE NUMBERS
OF TOWNSPEOPLES, WHILE OVERTLY REPRESSING THE MOVEMENT WHICH
IS SURGING EVERYWHERE FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND AN END
TO THE WAR.

MOST RECENTLY, ON CHRISTMAS EVE, THEY BRAZENLY
CRACKED DOWN UPON THOUSANDS OF DEMONSTRATING SAIGON STUDENTS
INCLUDING BUDDHIST AND CATHOLIC STUDENTS, AND INTELL CTUALS
WHO TOOK TO THE STREETS TO EXPRESS THEIR DESIRE FOR PEACE AND
DEMAND A PEACE CABINET WHICH SINCERELY WANTS A POLITICAL SOLU-
TION TO THE SOUTH VIET NAM ISSUE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ENEMY ARE SEEKING WAYS AND
MENAS TO RUTHLESSLY EXPLOIT THE PEOPLE, THROUGH INFLATION
AND TAX INCREASES. PARTICULARLY, THEY HAVE DRASTICALLY IN-
CREASED THE PRICE OF RICE IN DESREGARD OF THE ALREADY VERY
MISERABLE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE.

ALONGSIDE THESE CRIMINAL ACTS, THE USSS AND ITS
LACKEYS- THE THIEU-KY-HUONG CLIQUE - ARE INTENTIONALLY
DELAYING AND SABOTAGING THE FOUR-PARTY CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

THE WARLIKE PUPPET ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO PROLONG
THE USSS WAR OF AGGRESSION IN ORDER PRESERVE ITS STATUS AND
INTERESTS, AT THE COST OF OUR PEOPLE'S BLOOD. IT FOUGHT TOOTH
AND NAIL AGAINST THE PARIS CONFERENCE, AND EVER SINCE IT HAD
TO GO TO PARIS, UNDER THE PRESSURE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT
HAS ACTED WITH A VISIBLE INTENTION OF SABOTAGE THAT HAS BEEN
SEEN EVEN BY THE WESTERN PRESS AND CERTAIN AMERICAN POLITICIANS.

FOR THEIR PART, THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS, ARE CLINGING TO THE DECAYING CORPSE OF THE THIEU-KY-HUONG PUPPET ADMINISTRATION TO RAISE MANY OBSTACLES TO THE CONFERENCE.

THEIR AGGRESSIVE NATURE HAS ALSO BEEN SHOWN BY THEIR REFUSAL OF THE NEW YEAR CEASEFIRE, WHICH WAS OBSERVED BY THE NFL DURING THREE DAYS IN LINE WITH ITS HUMANITARIAN POLICY¹¹.

THE APPEAL STRESSED¹² : THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE HAVE SEEN CLEARLY THAT AS LONG AS THE WARMONGERING THIEU-KY-HUONG ADMINISTRATION REMAINS, THERE CAN BE NO (NO) SINCERE DESIRE FOR PEACE, BUT ONLY SABOTAGE OF PEACE, THERE CAN BE NO (NO) TRUE INDEPENDENCE, BUT ONLY SLAVERY, AND THERE CAN BE NO (NO) ABUNDANCE AND HAPPINESS, BUT ONLY HUNGER, POVERTY AND DEATH.

THEREFORE, THE TOWNSPEOPLE WHO, LIKE THE REST OF THE POPULATION OF SOUTH VIET NAM, EARNESTLY DESIRE PEACE, INDEPENDENCE, FREEDOM AND LIFE, WILL NOT (NO) ALLOW THESE BLOOD-THIRSTY TRAITORS TO LIVE FOR EVER ON THE SWEAT, TEARS AND BLOOD OF THE PEOPLE.

THE HATRED FOR THE U.S. IMPERIALISTS AND THE LACKEY PUPPET ADMINISTRATION IS BURNING IN THE HEARTS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. THE STRUGGLE OF THE MASSES IN THE TOWNS AND IN ENEMY-CONTROLLED AREAS IS SURGING FOR THE OVERTHROW OF THE WAR-LIKE THIEU KY HUONG CLIQUE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEACE-CABINET WHICH IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE NFL IN ORDER TO RESTORE PEACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND TO PUT AN END TO THE U.S. AGGRESSION¹³.

THE ALLIANCE EXPRESSED THE FIRM BELIEF THAT "THE TRAITOROUS AND WAR-LIKE THIEU KY HUONG CLIQUE IS BOUND TO BE OVERTHROWN AND THAT A PEACE CABINET THAT SINCERELY WANTS PEACE AND IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE NFL TO SEEK A CORRECT POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE SOUTH VIET NAM SITUATION WILL BE SET-UP¹⁴ ./.

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PAPER HIGHLIGHTS PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE OF SOUTH VIET NAM STUDENTS.

HANOI VNA JANUARY 9.- THE HANOI DAILY NHAN DAN TODAY DEVOTED ITS EDITORIAL TO THE 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAMMOTH DEMONSTRATION BY STUDENTS AND OTHER PEOPLE IN SAIGON -CHOLON ON JANUARY 9, 1950 AGAINST THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS AND AMERICAN INTERVENTION. (THE DEMONSTRATION WAS TRIGGERED BY THE MURDER OF A PATRIOTIC STUDENT NAMED TRAN VAN ON BY THE FRENCH-COMMANDED POLICE AND THE EVENT HAS BEEN EVER SINCE COMMEMORATED AS THE NATIONAL STUDENTS DAY).

THE PAPER SAID THAT STUDENTS IN SOUTH VIET NAM URBAN CENTRES, IN THESE 19 (NINETEEN) YEARS OF VALIANT STRUGGLE, HAVE ALWAYS PLAYED A WORTHY ROLE DURING THE VARIOUS HIGH TIDES OF POLITICAL STRUGGLE AS WELL AS IN THE SUCCESSIVE CAMPAIGNS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE FOR THE RIGHT TO LIFE, DEMO-

NSTRATIVE LIBERTIES AND NATIONAL RIGHTS.

ESPECIALLY SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE CURRENT GENERAL OFFENSIVE AND WIDESPREAD UPRISING, THE PAPER CONTINUED, STUDENTS IN SOUTH VIET NAM CITIES AND TOWNS, IN LARGE NUMBERS, HAVE TAKEN UP ARMS TO FIGHT IN THE RANKS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OR SERVE THE FIGHT OR TAKEN AN ACTIVE PART IN OTHER ACTIONS AIMED AT ESTABLISHING AND CONSOLIDATING THE REVOLUTIONARY POWER.

THE PAPER WENT ON:

"NOW ON THE STRUGTH OF THE OFFENSIVE METTLE SURGING THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIET NAM, THE STRUGGLE OF STUDENTS IN THE TOWNS HAS BECOME STRONGER THEN EVER. STUDENTS ARE RESOLUTELY PROTESTING THE HEINOUS CRIMES OF THE UUSS-PUPPETS, THE SUPPRESSION OF STUDENTS, AND THE WANTON BOMBARDMENTS BY THE ENEMY. THEY ARE FIGHTING AGAINST THE INCREASE OF RICE PRICE, PRESS-GANGING, THE SETTING UP OF THE SO-CALLED 'STUDENT DIVISION IN DEFENCE OF THE CAPITAL CITY', THE 'POPULAR DEFENCE', THE 'GEERAL MOBILIZATION' DECREE, THE FASCIST LAW 10-68...AND DEMANDING AN END TO THE UUSS AGGRESSION, AND THE OVERTHROW OF THE THIEU KY HUONG PUPPET ADMINISTRATION. IN A WORD, THEY ARE SPEARHEADING THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST EHE ENTIRE POLICY OF AGGRESSION AND BETRAYAL OF THE UUSS-PUPPETS".

AFTER POINTING OUT THAT THE AGGRESSIVE DESIGN OF THE UUSS AND THE THIEU KY HUONG CLIQUE OF BELLICOSE TRAITORS CONSTITUTE NOW THE SOLE OBSTACLE TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S ADVANCE TOWRDS COMPLETE VICTORY, THE PAPER RECALLED AN APPEAL TO THE TOWNSPEOPLE IN SOUTH VIET NAM MADE ON JANUARY 4 BY THE VIET NAM ALLIANCE OF NATIONAL, DEMOCRATIC AND PEACE FORCES, WHICH STRESSED:

"AS LONG AS THE WAR-MONGERING THIEU KY HUONG ADMINISTRATION REMAINS, THERE CAN BE NO (VNO) SINCERE DESIRE FOR PEACE, BUT ONLY SABOTAGE OF PEACE, THERE CAN BE NO (NO) TRUE INDEPENDENCE, BUT ONLY SLAVERY, THE THERE CAN BE NO (NO) ABUNDANCE AND HAPPINESS, BUT ONLY HUNGER, POVERTY AND DEATH".

"DEEPLY SYMPATHIZING WITH THE PLIGHT OF THE PEOPLE, THE STUDENTS WILL CERTAINLY STRENGTHEN THEIR RESOLVE TO FULFIL THEIR GLORIOUS DUTY TO THE NATION". THE PAPER STRESSED IN CONCLUSION ./.

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LIGHT INDUSTRY TURNS OUT MORE CONSUMER GOODS.

HANOI VNA JANUARY 9.- THE MINISTRY OF LIGHT INDUSTRY OF HELD A CONFERENCE HERE RECENTLY TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1968 PLAN FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY AND DISCUSS MEASURES TO TURN OUT MORE CONSUMER GOODS IN SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE'S LIFE THIS YEAR.

THE CONFERENCE NOTED THAT LAST YEAR, WORKERS OF LIGHT INDUSTRY FACTORIES AND SMALL INDUSTRY AND HANDICRAFT CO-OPERATIVES OVERCAME MANY DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THE ENEMY AND AN UNFAVOURBALE WEATHER TO MAINTAIN AND BOOST UP PRODUCTION IN SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE'S LIVE AND EXPORT. GROSS OUTPUT OF THE CENTRALLY-RUN ENTERPRISES WAS 9 (NINE) PER CENT HIGHER THAN SCHEDULE AND 15.5 (ONE FIVE POINT FIVE) PER CENT OVER 1967. PRODUCTION OF THE THREE MAIN BRANCHES NAMELY TEXTILE, HOUSEHOLD UTENSILS AND FOODSTUFFS GREW BY FROM 10.9 (TEN POINT NINE) PER CENT TO 20.8 (TWENTY POINT EIGHT) PER CENT. GROSS OUTPUT OF REGIONAL INDUSTRY INCREASED BY 8.2 (EIGHT POINT TWO) PER CENT COMAPRED WITH 1967.

LAST YEAR THE LIGHT INDUSTRY SERVICES AT THE CNETRAL LEVEL MADE NOTABLE EFFORTS TO SUPPLY THE REGIONAL INDUSTRIES WITH TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL AND SKILLED WORKERS TO HELP BUILD MANY NEW ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH HAVE BEGUN MANUFACTURING CONSUMER GOODS OF FIRST NECESSITY.

THE PLAN CALLS FOR FURTHER EFFORTS TO MEET TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT THE FIRST ENCESSITIES OF THE PEOPLE AND ARMY IN FOOD, CLOTHING AND EDUCATION AND TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF ITEMS OF DALY USE AND TOYS AND CLOTHES FOR CHILDREN./.

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HANOI MEETING WELCOMES WEEK OF SOLIDARITY WITH
TRI-CONTINENTAL PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE.

HANOI VNA JANUARY 9.- A MEETING WAS HELD HERE LAST NIGHT UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE VIET NAM ASIAN - AFRICAN SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE TO WELCOME THE CURRENT WEEK OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE ASIAN, AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL SALVATION.

PRESENT OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE MEETING WERE TON QUANG PHUET AND PHAM HONG, RESPECTIVELY CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SPONSORING COMMITTEE, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PUBLIC ORGANS AND MASS ORGANIZATIONS IN HANOI.

NGUYEN PHU SOAI, ACTING-HEAD OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE SOUTH VIET NAM NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION AT VIET NAM, WAS ALSO PRESENT ON THE PRESIDUM.

SPEAKING AT THE MEETING, PHAM HONG VOICED THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S MILITANT SOLIDARITY WITH AND FULL SUPPORT FOR THE TRI-CONTINENTAL PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION.

HE BROUGHT OUT THE BIG VICTORIES RECORDED LAST YEAR BY THE ASIAN, AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF THE PEOPLES IN ASIA AND SOUTH-EAST ASIA IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND OLD AND NEO-COLONIALISM HEADED BY U.S.S. IMPERIALISM.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THOUGH SUSTAINING HEAVY DEFEATS IN ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA, THE IMPERIALISTS HAVE STOPPED AT NO (NO) VICIOUS SCHEMES TO COUNTER THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN THE HOPE OF MAINTAINING THEIR COLONIAL HOLD AND KEEP THE PEOPLE OF MANY COUNTRIES IN THE ORBIT OF CAPITALISM THROUGH THE CARRYING OUT OF THEIR NEO-COLONIALIST POLICY.

PHAM HONG PAID HIGH TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE PEACE-LOVING PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY THE TRI-CONTINENTAL PEOPLES, TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S JUST STRUGGLE AGAINST THE U.S.S. AGGRESSORS. HE EXPRESSED THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S HEARTY THANKS FOR THIS SUPPORT.

"THE TRI-CONTINENTAL PEOPLE'S FRONT IN SUPPORT OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE LAST YEAR DEVELOPED MORE WIDELY AND VIGOROUSLY THAN EVER, DRAWING MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AND SPEARHEADING AGAINST U.S.S. IMPERIALISM, MAKING IT MORE ISOLATED THAN EVER. PEOPLE STRESSED THAT THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WILL CARRY THEIR RESISTANCE TO U.S.S. AGGRESSION, FOR NATIONAL SALVATION, THROUGH TO COMPLETE VICTORY, THUS MAKING A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMON REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE OF THE PEOPLES IN THE THREE CONTINENTS.

BEFORE WINDING UP, THE MEETING ADOPTED A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT FOR THE STRUGGLE OF THE ASIAN, AFRICAN AND LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND OLD AND NEO-COLONIALISM HEADED BY THE U.S.S. IMPERIALISTS, AND FOR INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY, PEACE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS ./.

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