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NHAN DAN ARTICLE ON LENIN'S BIRTHDAY, THEORY OF IMPERIALISM

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[Text] On the occasion of the 102d birthday of Lenin, leader and teacher of the world working class, the 22 April NHAN DAN carried Comrade Nguyen Khanh Toan's article: "Under Lenin's Great Banner, Enthusiastically March Forward." The article says in part:

Lenin's appearance and activities on the international scene at the beginning of this century marked a decisive turning point in the history of mankind.

The article also highlights the process of the formation and application of Lenin's theory concerning the situation in Vietnam over the past 40 years and more. This theory was fervently assimilated first by Comrade Nguyen Ai Quoc, and through him the truth of Marxism-Leninism directly shone into the Vietnamese people's hearts and minds.

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The article continues: Imperialism has been given a fatal blow, but it is not yet wiped out. Colonialism has been broken in big chunks, but it is not yet completely eliminated. U.S. imperialism is now exerting efforts to restore it under an old, wornout, and patched-up coat that is dyed once more--neocolonialism. U.S. imperialism is the number one enemy of mankind. We are very proud that it is our people who have defeated French imperialism on our land and dealt a fatal blow to colonialism years ago. We are very proud that it is also our people who are defeating U.S. imperialism right on our land and are dealing stunning blows to U.S. neocolonialism.

The U.S. imperialists' impudent, arrogant, and provocative show of their economic, military, and technological strength has led a number of weak-kneed people to erroneously believe that U.S. imperialism apparently has a special talent and is in an extraordinary circumstance that does not lie within Lenin's general evaluation on the nature of imperialism.

We, a nation that is at the spearhead of the struggle of progressive mankind against U.S. imperialism, affirm that Lenin's theory concerning the nature and fundamental contradictions of imperialism and about the overall reactionary character and unavoidable collapse of imperialism is entirely and absolutely correct with regard to U.S. imperialism.

At the beginning of this century, at the heyday of imperialism, Lenin saw and pointed out the signs of its decline and coming collapse. He termed imperialism as capitalism in its death throes and called it the eve of the socialist revolution. And he mapped out for the proletariat and oppressed peoples the path of struggle to topple imperialism, achieve independence and freedom, and advance to socialism. The process of the development of history over the past half century and more had fully testified to the correctness of Lenin's theory on the fate of imperialism.

From the Great October Socialist Revolution, which opened a new era in the history of mankind, we arrived at the present glorious period when imperialism is crumbling in chunks, colonialism is in its agony, and the castle of imperialism is being successively attacked from all directions, and when socialism has become a world system that is increasingly playing a decisive role with regard to the direction of development of the history of mankind.

The strength of U.S. imperialism basically is the result of the bankruptcy of the imperialist system. This is the basic weakness in its strength. Another basic weakness of U.S. imperialism--and this is the most important factor of decisive character--is the fact that it is riding roughshod not in the period when imperialism was still ruling the world and deciding the fate of other nations like half a century ago, but in the period when the world has entered the transitional stage from capitalism to socialism. It builds its prestige and riches on the bankruptcy of imperialism and in the revolutionary storm that is shaking the world.

That is why U.S. imperialism characteristically concentrates in itself all the most reactionary, obdurate, and perfidious traits and the most brazen, traitorous, provocative, and cruel maneuvers of imperialism in its (?rotting) stage. Amidst the belligerent roars of the ferocious east are mingled the cries of desperateness.

In waging the most cruel war of aggression in the history of mankind characterized by extermination, U.S. imperialism, by choosing Vietnam as the proving ground for the implementation of its global strategy, has shown that not only does it consider the honor of other nations and human dignity less than a speck of dust, but that it can even use thousands of aircraft, hundreds of warships, and large quantities of modern weapons with millions of tons of bombs and shells and commit barbarous crimes such as the Son My massacre to annihilate tens of thousands of lives on a piece of land smaller than a U.S. state. However, our people have appropriately punished it.

The imperialists' classic policy is divide and rule, dividing the workers from the workers, regions from regions, tribes from tribes, races from races, and religions from religions. The U.S. imperialists have gone farther than this. They scheme to master the whole world. They want to permanently partition even one country and one people, divide different nations in one region, widen contradictions for sowing disunity, and one by one pluck at the countries of the same camp.

They map out plans to divide the world into many poles and many axes. Vietnamization, Khmerization, and Laotianization of the war, the Nixon doctrine, and such deceitful allegations as a new diplomatic line, opening an era of peaceful negotiations, and peaceful coexistence for a long time, and so forth, are links in a chain which they intend to put around the neck of mankind.

What is the result of all this? All the strata of the people, political tendencies, national components, religions, and all the kith-and-kin compatriots in South Vietnam have become more resolved to chase out U.S. imperialism and overthrow Thieu's puppet regime so that the north and the south may soon be reunited into one family. All the Vietnamese people are struggling more valiantly to completely triumph over the U.S. aggressors, advancing toward national reunification.

The fraternal Lao and Khmer peoples have all the more united with the Vietnamese people in the front of the peoples of the three countries to sweep the U.S. aggressors from the Indochinese peninsula and liberate their countries.

The socialist countries, uniting more closely with Vietnam with every passing day, have resolutely supported and actively assisted the anti-U.S. resistance of the Vietnamese, Lao, and Cambodian peoples. The people of all independence-, freedom- and peace-loving countries, including the U.S. progressive people, have all the more tightened their ranks in the world people's front for solidarity with and support to the Indochinese peoples in their anti-U.S. struggle.

The high tide of powerful and widespread offensives and uprisings of South Vietnam, the great front, is very clearly pointing to our nation's heroism through 4,000 years of extremely glorious history of country building and defense as well as pointing to the certain victory of the present cause of resistance to U.S. aggression, for national salvation, that is shining with justice.

Sustaining bitter setbacks, the Nixon clique has resorted to extremely reckless and savage tricks of war escalation in an attempt to save its Vietnamization of the war policy that is failing miserably. It has committed towering crimes against the people of both zones of Vietnam, squandered American lives in a desperate adventure, and challenged progressive public opinion the world over.

However it cannot reverse the situation. The more cruel it is toward our people, the sterner our people will punish it.

Responding to the appeal of the NFLSV Central Committee and the PRGRSV and the appeal of the VWP Central Committee and the DRV Government, let all our army people rush forward on the impetus of victories, determined to surmount all difficulties and achieve total victory. As President Ho has taught: Our country will have the signal honor of being a small nation which, through a heroic struggle, has defeated two big imperialisms--the French and the American--and made a worthy contribution to the national liberation movement.

We win because we struggle for justice, because independence and freedom are the most precious things to us as well as to the entire progressive mankind. We win because we direct the point of hatred at the head of imperialism, irreconcilable enemy of the independence, freedom, peace, and progress of all nations. We win because our indomitable and resolute struggle against imperialism tightens and strengthens international solidarity among the world's revolutionary forces supporting us against U.S. imperialism.

We win because we are led by a Marxist-Leninist party, because we march under the great banner of Lenin. Under the invincible banner of the great Lenin, let us enthusiastically march forward to completely triumph over the U.S. aggressors.