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To try to seek an "honourable" way out of the war by maintaining his "pledges" to a handful of mercenaries, who represent nobody except their own selves, Nixon, indeed is obstinate to the extreme.

Also in his latest address, Nixon again showed his intention to continue the war of aggression by "Vietnamizing" it. To this end, indeed, he is stepping up the armament of the puppet army while pushing up terror raids, the chemical war, and the "pacification" of the country.

His "Vietnamization" effort, however, is bred with failure, since it is nothing less than a vicious circle. In fact, in "Vietnamizing" the war, Nixon is returning to where the U.S. started five years ago, when it used the Saigon army as the main force to prosecute the war. The only difference is that this army is more dispirited now than it was then, and the Saigon regime is more shaky.

Nixon stated that if the U.S. accepted demands for unilateral U.S. withdrawal and the removal of the Saigon puppets, it "would have conceded the fundamental points at issue" and their would be nothing left to negotiate."

Now, he should know that the fundamental rights of the Vietnamese people are not for bargaining or negotiation. Since the U.S. has brought its troops here for aggression, it must pull them out completely and unconditionally. Since it has rigged up the Saigon puppets, it must now discard them without any condition. The Vietnamese people must be free to settle themselves their own affairs. The U.S. has no business here.

For independence and freedom, we will fight on resolutely to drive all the aggressors away, to liberate South Vietnam, defend North Vietnam, and reunify our country. We are not to be cowed by Nixon.

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[Text] Hanoi VNA February 22--The Union of Cao Dai Believers in Viet Nam has held here a requiem mass for Major Huynh Thanh Mung, member of the Advisory Council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam.

Huyng Minh Vien, president of the Union, and other Cao Dai priests and dignitaries, presented gifts and said prayers to the deceased. Le Khoan Hong, member of the special representation of the Republic of South Viet Nam in the D.R.V.N., attended the mass.

Huynh Thanh Mung was also chief commander of the unified armed forces of the Cao Dai religion, and vice-chairman of the committee of the Cao Dai believers (Tay Ninh sect) for the consolidation of peaceful co-existence in South Viet Nam. He died on February 3, 1970 at the age of 54, in a liberated area of South Viet Nam.

His funeral was solemnly organized by the Central Committee of the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the R.S.V.N.