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HOANG QUOC VIET SPEECH AT MAY DAY CELEBRATION

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Dear comrades of the Presidium, comrades and friends: This year, we are celebrating the International Labor Day in the spirit of stirring emulation in production of the entire population to commemorate the four great events of the year; the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Vietnam Workers' Party, the birth centenary of Lenin, the 80th anniversary of the birth of President Ho Chi Minh, the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Vietnam Democratic Republic. We are also celebrating this International Labor Day in an enthusiastic atmosphere of resounding and great victories recorded by the great front. In our country, patriotism, the love for socialism and the proletarian internationalism are being transformed by the entire population into a great force in production and fighting to commemorate this historical May Day.

In the world, in the stirring atmosphere of commemorating the birth centenary of great Lenin, the working class and laboring people are forwarding to this May Day with a vigorous spirit of struggle against imperialism, colonialism to win new victories for national independence, democracy, peace and socialism. This spirit is still substantially manifested in the attitude and acts of the world's people resolutely supporting our people's struggle against U.S. aggression, for national salvation till total victory. That is why this year, in our country as well as in the world, May Day is a day for the laboring people of all countries to demonstrate the invincible international solidarity of the working class in the spirit of thorough-going revolution to spearhead their struggle against the common enemy which is imperialism, and first of all U.S. imperialism, in the interest of the noble cause of class emancipation, of the liberation of mankind from oppression and exploitation, and in the interest of the building of a new social regime. The unfading slogan of Lenin "Proletariat of all countries and oppressed nations in the world Unite!" is once again being turned into practical deeds by millions of people all over the world, who are rallying to a world people's united front against the exploiting capitalists, against the bellicose imperialists.

capitalist countries, such as France, Italy, Britain, Japan, the United States, etc. The workers' struggles have successively broken out, and involved tens of millions of participants. In 1969, in France and Italy, strikes staged by tens of millions of workers were heavy blows to the monopoly capitalists, and led to serious economic and political crisis in these countries. One of the most salient features of the recent struggles of the workers in capitalist countries is the close link between the economic demands and the political slogans against the US imperialists and their henchmen, and very often with slogans supporting the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression.

Actually, in the United States a fierce and wide class struggle is taking place. That is the struggle of the American workers for their everyday interests, the struggle of the progressive Americans for an end to the war of aggression in Vietnam, for the repatriation of all American troops for defending their own legitimate rights. That is the struggle of the black people in the United States for the right to live, for democracy, for the elimination of the barbarous racial discrimination. In the 190 year history of the United States, never before have the financial magnets confronted such a big danger in all fields. We warmly hail and congratulate the U.S. working class and laboring people, those who created the historical May Day, and now are upholding their glorious tradition in courageously standing up against the most bellicose and savage imperialists right in their dens.

The ever sharper contradictions between imperialism and the people in the colonies has led and is leading to the collapse of colonialism. Since the end of the Second World War, the people in many colonies and dependent countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America have risen and are rising up to break the yoke of colonialism and are fighting against imperialism to defend the genuine independence of their nation. The imperialists have resorted to bombs and bullets as well as to various forms of neo-colonialism with a view to reconquering their lost "paradise". But their time of sowing storms and winds has gone. Today, even the U.S. imperialists, the top ringleader of imperialism, with their total brutal force and machiavellian schemes, are unable to subdue nations of which the population is not dense and the country is not large, as Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, etc.

Comrades and friends: In 1950, after the founding of our Party, the International Labor Day was organized for the first time in our country. And 40 years have passed since then. Under the leadership of our Party and President Ho Chi Minh, the International Labor Day came each time with deep educational effects and fostered the revolutionary will of our working class and people. Each May Day, from its significance, form and content, bore a new landmark of the growth of our working class and people in all fields.

When we organized the first International Labor Day, our people were still an enslaved nation, our country was still a colonial and semi-feudal one, wiped off the world map by the colonialists and our working class was

still at its nascent stage. Nevertheless, thanks to the organizing, educating and guiding efforts of the Party and President Ho Chi Minh, our working class upheld the national and democratic banner, rallied broad masses of patriots from all sections of the population into the nation-wide united Front, built up armed forces, waged an ever intensified struggle, finally overthrew the rule of the Japanese fascists and their feudal lackeys, set up the first worker-peasant state in South-East Asia, defeated the French colonialist aggressors, and are building socialism on the completely liberated half of our country. Today, our working class and people in the North are the masters of their society, the masters of their life, with a steady and firm state and armed forces sufficiently powerful to defeat any aggressor. We have defeated the U.S. war of destruction against North Vietnam, and we are defeating the U.S. local war in South Vietnam.

Celebrating May Day this year, looking back at the road full of hardships but also full of glorious victories, we are very proud of our Party, of President Ho Chi Minh, of our land and our people. Eternal glory to our beloved Party, to our great President Ho Chi Minh!

The Vietnamese working class and people sincerely thank the Soviet Union, China and other brother socialist countries for their effective, assistance, the international workers' and trade union movements, the World Federation of Trade Unions, other international democratic organizations, and progressive Americans and friends in the five continents for their sympathy and support to the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression, for national salvation. These valuable sympathy, support and assistance have helped our working class and people to be more conscious of their duty international obligation, and have greatly increased our strength to defeat completely the U.S. aggressors.

Comrades and Friends: The anti-U.S. war of resistance, for national salvation of our working class and people is on the path of victories. The U.S. imperialists have suffered heavy defeats, but they still remain very obstinate and perfidious. They still refuse to give up their dark schemes of aggression against our country. The U.S. ruling circles are still sticking to their colonialist stand at the Paris Conference, are making desperate attempts to realize their plan of "Vietnamization of the war", despite all protest from the American people and the progressive world public. Once again their nature of obstinacy and perfidy was shown in the April 20 speech of the U.S. President Nixon. With his oft-used trick, Nixon has intentionally made black white, labelled our people and held them responsible, distorted the just struggles of the Lao and Khmer peoples. In meantime he declared the withdrawal of 150,000 U.S. troops from now to April 1971, to prove the so-called U.S. "good will". It is in fact a "good will" of the American type. In reality, Nixon is stubbornly clinging to the rotten South Vietnam puppet administration, despised by the people at home and in the world. Such a protracted withdrawal of 195,000 U.S. troops means that Nixon intentionally prolongs the U.S. war of aggression in Vietnam, maintain the U.S. occupation, and that he does not wish to have a political solution as he uses to boast.

Even one of the USIS correspondents wrote on April 23, 1970 that the reality is Nixon has only clamored about a political solution. He does not make a light move to respond to the minimum conditions of the opponent. It is more serious that the U.S. rulers have committed new crimes in the Indochinese peninsula. They have intensified their special war in Laos, ordered savage bombings against the liberated areas in Laos, hindered the settlement of the Laos problem on the basis of the 5-point solution put forward by the Laotian Patriotic Front. They staged the coup d'etat in Cambodia, destroyed the policy of peace and neutrality of the Head of State of Cambodia, Samedch Norodom Sihanouk, in order to transform Cambodia into a U.S. base to attack South Vietnam and Laos. Recently, they financed and supplied weapons to their lackeys, Lon Nol — Sirik Matak to savagely massacre our compatriots living in Cambodia. We strongly condemn the stubborn and bellicose attitude and the barbarous acts of the Nixon clique and their agents. We strongly denounce to public opinion at home and in the world the monstrous crimes of the Lon Nol — Sirik Matak clique against the Vietnamese nationals in Cambodia.

The barbarous war acts perpetrated by the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen can only raise the hatred of the peoples in the Indochinese countries, intensify their vigilance, strengthen their militant solidarity and their determination to annihilate their enemies. This spirit was manifested at the Conference of the Indochinese Peoples in 1965, and recently it was strongly promoted at the Summit Conference of the Indochinese Peoples held in two days, April 24 and 25, 1970, on the initiative of the Cambodian Head of State and Chairman of the National United Front of Kampuchea, Samedch Norodom Sihanouk. We greatly rejoice at the brilliant success of the Summit Conference of the Indochinese Peoples and regard it as a great landmark in the history of the militant solidarity of the three peoples against the imperialist aggressors. We warmly acclaim the joint Declaration of the Conference and regard it as the program of actions against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their henchmen. The brilliant success of this Conference was a heavy blow to the so-called "Nixon doctrine" of making the Indochinese fight the Indochinese. It was at the same time a serious warning to the reactionary lackeys of the U.S. imperialists in the West and in Asia, who are making a fuss over licking U.S. imperialists' shoes. Encouraged by the success of this Conference, by the sympathy and wide support of the socialist camp and of the peace and justice loving people in the world, the three peoples of Indochina will raise to the highest level their militant solidarity and turn it into an invincible force to defeat their common enemy, the U.S. imperialists and their agents of all categories.

In order to make a positive contribution to the common struggle of the three peoples, the Vietnamese working class and people now more than ever before will step up their resistance to U.S. aggression, for national salvation, and the building of socialism. "The war of resistance against U.S. aggression may drag on. Our people may have to face new sacrifices of life and property. Whatever happens, we must keep firm our resolve to fight the U.S. aggressors till total victory." That is the sacred testament of President Ho Chi Minh. That is the unshakable confidence and determination

of our working class and people. No difficulty or hardship, no force, however brutal, no manoeuver, however perfidious, can shake this iron-like determination of ours.

Since the beginning of this year, the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of our Party, with the spirit of persistently materializing the sacred testament of President Ho Chi Minh, has issued very important resolutions on the tasks and line of the 1970 State Plan, launched a movement of productive labor among the entire population, and started two large campaigns: one aimed at strengthening democracy in the countryside, and the other at raising the qualification of the members of the Party and of the adhesion of the Ho Chi Minh batch of Party members.

Those are very significant and important campaigns and drives of very diversified political activities of the entire Party and our whole people. Carrying out successfully these campaigns, our Party will become purer and stronger, our working class will advance farther in its maturity, and our Revolution will proceed to new developments.

Comrades and friends: In celebrating the International Labor Day of this year, we feel extremely enthusiastic before the rapid growth and the great victories of the international working class in nearly one century. We are very proud of the maturity of the Vietnamese working class and of the brilliant victories of the Vietnam Revolution under the leadership of the Party and President Ho Chi Minh in the past 40 years. In order to promote these extremely great revolutionary gains, our working class and peoples, with the unfading spirit of militant solidarity of the International Labor Day and with the will of resolutely materializing the sacred testament of President Ho Chi Minh, are determined to accomplish successfully the glorious struggle for the liberation of South Vietnam, for the building of socialism in North Vietnam, for a peaceful, unified, independent, democratic and prosperous Vietnam, to worthily contribute to the revolutionary cause of the peoples of Indochina and in the world.

Long live the spirit of the International Labor Day!

Long live the united world working class and people!

Long live the united peoples of Indochina!

Long live the invincible Marxism-Leninism!

Long live the Vietnam Workers' Party!

Down with the U.S. imperialist aggressors!

Long live the peaceful, unified, independent, democratic and prosperous Vietnam!

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