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HOANG QUOC VIET ADDRESSES HANOI MAY DAY RALLY

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[Text] Hanoi VMA April 30--At a grand rally just held here to celebrate May Day, representatives of all social strata manifested the might and determination of the North Vietnamese people to cope with and defeat the frenzied U.S. war escalation.

The celebration meeting, held amidst resounding victories on all the battlefields of Vietnam and Indochina, particularly the ones over U.S. air marauders and sea pirates in North Vietnam, was attended by representatives of the Vietnam Workers Party Central Committee, the DRV National Assembly and Government, the Vietnam Fatherland Front, political parties, mass organizations, hero army units, etc.

Present on the presidium were Truong Chinh, chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee; Premier Pham Van Dong; General Vo Nguyen Giap, vice-premier and minister of national defence; Nguyen Duy Trinh, vice-premier and minister for foreign affairs; Vice-Premier Le Thanh Nghi; Hoang Quoc Viet, president of the Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions; and others. Nguyen Phu Soai, acting head of the RSV representation was also seen there.

After Premier Pham Van Dong had delivered the inaugurative speech, Hoang Quoc Viet, member of the VWP Central Committee and president of the Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions, addressed the meeting. He spoke of the Vietnamese working class and people's great joy in acclaiming May Day this year, when their belief in the triumph of their patriotic fight as well as in the victory of the Indochinese peoples' struggle and that of the world people for peace, national independence, democracy and socialism is increasing.

In his speech at the meeting, Hoang Quoc Viet, president of the Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions, passed under review the victories freshly recorded by the peoples of the three Indochinese countries. He said: Under the clear-sighted leadership of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, the armed forces and people of South Vietnam are winning heavily on all the battlefields, in the Quang Tri-Thua Thien sector, the plains of central Vietnam, the high plateaux, and the delta of the Mekong River. Their devastating attacks have caused the disintegration of large fragments of the puppet army consisting of entire companies up to divisions. Simultaneous uprisings and political struggles are mounting in the towns under temporary U.S.-puppet control along with collective antiwar actions taken by entire platoons, companies, battalions or regiments of the Saigon army. All this is accelerating the collapse of Nixon's "Vietnamization" policy. The great war of resistance of the South Vietnamese patriots has developed at a great speed rarely seen, in the past few weeks, and is advancing steadily toward complete victory.

In the socialist north, in implementation of the resolutions of the 19th and 20th meetings of the Central Committee of the Vietnam Workers Party, and fully realizing that it is their primary task to resist the U.S. aggression for the salvation of the country, to give timely and full assistance to the great rear [as received], to sharpen vigilance and increase their preparedness and combat capability while endeavouring to restore and develop the economy to create a basis for further development of the national economy in the years to come, the Vietnamese working class and people have made very heartening achievements. North Vietnam has always been fulfilling its duty to the blood-sealed South Vietnam, and its internationalist obligation to the brother peoples of Laos and Cambodia.

The working class and people in North Vietnam have countered in kind all the war acts of the U.S. imperialists. Braving all the difficulties caused by natural calamities and the war, the working class and people of North Vietnam have accomplished in an honourable manner the task of economic rehabilitation and development for 1971. Many of the main norms of the state plan have been exceeded, and the national economy is developing favourably.

U.S. imperialism, in its agony and stung by its heavy defeats in South Vietnam, has in the past days rabidly resorted to its air and naval forces to bombard the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. It is madly escalating the war by using great numbers of aircraft, including B-52 strategic bombers in savage raids on many areas of heavy population in the province of the former 4th zone, in Ninh Binh Province, and even in Haiphong and Hanoi.

The U.S. aggressors, however, have received due punishment from the armed forces and people of North Vietnam. In the first three weeks of April alone, the latter shot down over 60 enemy aircraft, among them six B-52's, and shot afire or sank 19 warships of the U.S. 7th fleet.

We strongly denounce to the world public these utterly serious acts of escalation of the U.S. imperialists, and earnestly call upon the working class and peoples in the socialist countries and in the world at large, the governments of the brother socialist countries, and of the countries of peace and justice the world over, to take varied, vigorous actions to stop these new criminal escalation steps taken by the U.S. imperialists.

Hoang Quoc Viet recalled the great victory of the Lao people under the leadership of the Lao Patriotic Front led by Prince Souphanouvong, which consisted in the wipe-out of an important part of enemy live force, particularly the Vang Pao shock force and the Thai mercenary army. He praised the Cambodian people for the important victory they had won under the leadership of the NUPK with Samdech Nordom Sihanouk as chairman and the RGNUC under Samdech Penn Nouth and Mr. Khieu Samphan, which he said was creating more favourable conditions for their war of resistance to achieve final victory.

He pointed out: The U.S. imperialist are losing heavily on all the battlefields of Indochina. Their "Vietnamization" strategy and the "Nixon doctrine" applied to Indochina are failing militarily and politically; the struggle of the Vietnamese people and the other peoples of Indochina is developing very successfully.

The main feature of the situation now is the posture of victory and initiative and the upsurge of the people on the one hand and, on the other, the position of passivity and difficulty and the decline of the enemy. No brute force, no cunning scheme, can help the aggressor upset the course of things in Vietnam and the rest of Indochina.

The speaker continued by saying that the world situation is also developing in favour of the revolutionary struggle of the working class and peoples of all countries, and to the disadvantage of imperialism and the reactionary forces under the baton of U.S. imperialism.

Hoang Quoc Viet also reviewed the achievements of the peoples of the socialist countries in the building of socialism and communism, the struggle waged by the working class and labouring people in the capitalist countries against state monopoly capitalism, as well as the struggle of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples for national independence.

He said: A striking feature of the international situation at present is the continuous development of the united front formed by the working class and labouring people in the world in support of the people of Vietnam and the other Indochinese peoples. This movement is growing in every country, on every continent, and in the whole world, having for a crest the World Assembly for the Peace and Independence of the Indochinese Peoples held in Versailles from February 11 to 13, 1972.

Hoang Quoc Viet said: The working class and people of Vietnam take this opportunity to re-express their gratitude for the great, effective assistance of the Soviet Union, China, and the other fraternal socialist countries, and for the valuable sympathy and support of the World Federation of Trade Unions, of the other democratic world bodies, and the peoples of all countries, including the progressive people of the United States.

He continued: In the international arena, U.S. imperialism and the other reactionary forces are weakening and on the decline, with attacks being launched on them repeatedly and from all sides. This has resulted in the increasing seriousness of the general crisis of capitalism, and the ever sharpening conflicts of the imperialist powers.

Regarding the scheme of U.S. imperialism, he said: U.S. imperialism is losing heavily. Yet, the Nixon administration, with its ingrained obdurate and reactionary character, has not yet given up its aggressive design against South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. This administration has overtly sabotaged the Paris conference on Vietnam by turning down the 7-point proposal of the RSV Provisional Revolutionary Government, while undertaking utterly serious acts of war escalation against North Vietnam.

This, however, is but the reaction of a mortally wounded beast. Most recently, in a televised speech on April 26, Nixon made lengthy arguments, which were very cunning and smacked of gun powder.

What the world is seeing is the aggressor of South Vietnam alleging an aggression by Vietnamese against their own country. This same incorrigible war-maniac, who has refused to respond to the reasonable, logical 7 points of the PRGRSV, and the very wrecker of the Paris conference on Vietnam, is alleging that we have no real desire to negotiate for peace.

The fact is Nixon is continuing his "Vietnamization" policy to prolong the war of aggression in Vietnam and the other parts of Indochina, to set Vietnamese against Vietnamese, to pit Indochinese against Indochinese for U.S. neocolonialism. It is Nixon again that is using air and naval forces in savage bombardments against both zones of Vietnam in an attempt to perpetuate the decaying regime of Nguyen Van Thieu puppet.

We firmly denounce the deceiving argumentation of Nixon. He cannot, either by violence or by threat, shake the heroic Vietnamese people's determination to fight and to win.

The president of the VFTU went on: In the face of the obduracy and recklessness of U.S. imperialism in its impasse, the working class and people of Vietnam earnestly appeal to the working class and people in the world to strengthen and broaden further the international movement for solidarity with the peoples of Vietnam and the other Indochinese countries; to join the working class and people in the world to strengthen and broaden further the international movement for solidarity with the peoples of Vietnam and the other Indochinese countries; to join the working class and the progressive people of the United States to struggle still more vigorously for an immediate end to the U.S. bombardments on the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the immediate cessation of the U.S. aggression in South Vietnam, the complete and unconditional pull-out of all U.S. and satellite troops in South Vietnam, seriousness on the part of the U.S. at the Paris conference, termination of all U.S. support for the puppet Nguyen Van Thieu administration, and the U.S. respect for the basic national rights of the Vietnamese people as well as for the right of the South Vietnamese people to settle freely their own affairs.

We call on the working class and labouring people of the whole world, particularly those in the countries related to the U.S., in order to stop more effectively the blood-stained hands of the U.S. imperialists, to launch a massive movement against the production and transportation of weapons and war means for the U.S. war of aggression in Vietnam and the other parts of Indochina.

We call upon the American working class, for peace and justice and in the interest and for the honour of the United States, to act resolutely to stop any war escalation of the Nixon clique of war-maniacs.

We firmly believe that by promoting the revolutionary spirit of May Day, the working class and people in the world will further step up their movement for solidarity with our people in the struggle against the common, most ferocious enemy, which is U.S. aggressive imperialism.

A resolution was then passed, acclaiming the resounding victories of the South Vietnam PLAF and people, the heroic Lao and Cambodian patriotic forces, and reasserting the iron-clad will of the entire Vietnamese people, acting upon President Ho Chi Minh's testament and the appeal of the VWP Central Committee and the DRV Government, to persist in and step up the struggle against U.S. aggression, till final victory, and to successfully build socialism in North Vietnam.

The celebrations wound up with the galvanizing "Liberation of South Vietnam" played by the army band.

DRV DELEGATION MEETS ITALIAN CP LEADER

For a Rome L'UNITA 23 April report on talks between Vietnamese delegation officials in Paris and Enrico Berlinguer, a general secretary of the Italian Communist Party, see the Italy & the Vatican section of the 1 May DAILY REPORT.

U.S. BOMBS KILL SCHOOLCHILDREN IN THANH HOA VILLAGE

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[Text] Hanoi VNA April 29--On April 27 at 0840 hours, U.S. war planes raided the primary and junior high school in Dong Yen village, Dong Son district, Thanh Hoa Province (North Vietnam).

The raids killed 16 schoolchildren, a school mistress and her two children, wounded many other pupils and teachers, and completely destroyed the school. All the study aids, desks, benches, textbooks...were burnt down or wrecked. The school experimental garden, the fish pond and thousands of coconut and pine trees were destroyed. Four bombs exploded in front of the school gate, leaving four big craters nearly 20 yards in diameter. School mistress Nguyen Thi Nga who was teaching at a 6th form class was killed by a bomb splinter, together with her two daughters, Tran Anh Tuyet, 7, and Tran Thi Huong, 3, who were playing in the school yard. 5-year-old son Tran Ngoc Thanh who was sleeping in a nearby room got a cranial wound.

School-mistress Le Thi Hai had a leg sliced off as she was giving class. The school-girl Nguyen Thi Chinh was badly wounded as she was bringing spades to the school to dig shelters. Many others like Le Thi Cuong, Le Thi Kien, Cao Thi Lan, Nguyen Thi Loan, Le Van Hoa, Tran Kha Si were slain in their shelters.