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HOANG QUOC VIET SPEAKS AT HANOI PUBLIC RALLY

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[Speech by Hoang Quoc Viet, party Central Committee member, Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee Presidium member, and chairman of the Vietnam Confederation of Trade Unions, at meeting of the Vietnam Fatherland Front and the Hanoi City Fatherland Front Committee at Ba Dinh Square in Hanoi on the evening of 19 July--read by announcer]

[Text] Today, in an atmosphere of joy over the heroic frontline's victories, we are gathering here to solemnly commemorate the 15th anniversary of 20 July, the day our people's resistance against French colonialists ended successfully, to heartily respond to President Ho's appeal by advancing toward complete vanquish of the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys, and to welcome the statement of the Republic of South Vietnam's Provisional Revolutionary Government.

After the great Dien Bien Phu victory, on 20 July 1954, the Geneva agreements on Vietnam were signed, ending the French colonialist war of aggression in Vietnam, confirming the Vietnamese people's basic national rights--independence, sovereignty, reunification, and territorial integrity--and putting forward basic principles for preventing a new war of aggression by foreign countries against the Vietnamese people and, therefore, assuring lasting peace in Vietnam, Indochina, and Southeast Asia.

However, the aggressive and bellicose U.S. imperialists betrayed their own pledge, sabotaged the overall Geneva agreements, and resorted to all measures in the hope of transforming the southern part of our country into a U.S. neocolony and military base and perpetuating the division of our fatherland.

Therefore, for 15 years [words indistinct] our people have relentlessly waged a war of resistance to protect the Geneva agreements and their basic national rights. The war which the U.S. imperialists have pursued to invade the southern part of our country has become the most ruthless war in mankind's history.

According to the recent revelation by military and historic researchers in the United States the Americans have had to spend as much as 400 billion dollars on the war. They have mobilized more than 1.2 million U.S., puppets, and satellite troops with five of the best U.S. generals. They have used the most lethal military equipment and weapons, causing indignation among people the world over.

With a large army and great quantities of bombs and bullets, the U.S. aggressors believe they can subdue our people. But they have committed the most serious mistake in the U.S. imperialists' aggressive history.

The Vietnamese people are an heroic people. Since the foundation of their country, they have never submitted to any aggressor. Today, faced with foreign aggression and transgression of their sacred national rights, compatriots and combatants nationwide are of the same mind and, with all their strength and talent, resolutely arise and prosecute the greatest resistance war in their country's history to fight the U.S. aggressors and their country-selling lackeys, writing shining golden historic pages.

NFLSV banner, compatriots and combatants of the fatherland's brass repeatedly defeated all military and political plans of the enemy, achieving exploits. Particularly in early spring 1968, the heroic southern troops waged a general offensive and widespread uprising phase, repeatedly dealing blows on the U.S.-puppet heads and compelling the Americans to end the counter-offensive phase of their limited war, to completely switch to the defensive phase, and use most of their forces in defending cities and other important bases.

In early spring of this year, the southern troops and people again made a new step in the development of the revolutionary war's offensive strategy by launching relentless, strong attacks on all battlefields. They have fought very well and their combat efficiency is very high. This proves that the potential of the people's war is great and inexhaustible and that the law of natural development of war in the present new stage is obvious: that we are in a position to fight strongly, relentlessly, and protractedly and that the more they fight, the greater their victories are, throwing the U.S. ruling clique into utter confusion.

Facing toward the kith and kin south with all their love, pride, and confidence and with the "nothing is more precious than independence and freedom" spirit, for over 4 years, the northern compatriots and combatants have waged a wide, large, and marvelous people's war, repeatedly smashing all steps of war escalation by the U.S. aggressors, downing more than 3,300 U.S. aircraft, and burying into the mud the prestige of the U.S. Air Force. In the fire of this combat, socialist construction in the north has advanced uninterruptedly. Industrial and agricultural production has been maintained and developed. Communications and transport have not been interrupted. Economic potentialities have been increased.

National defense forces have grown up tremendously. The people's life has been basically stabilized. The political and intellectual unanimity of all our people has been more consolidated than ever. Our northern troops and people have defeated the war of destruction that the U.S. aggressors have waged against the northern part of our country with their air force and navy and, in close coordination with the heroic southern troops and people, caused the U.S. imperialists' local war to face complete bankruptcy, driven them into a passive state, and forced them to gradually deescalate the war.

They had to unconditionally stop their bombardments against the north and attend the Paris peace conference to solve the South Vietnam problem. Along with resounding military victories, our people have continually attacked and repeatedly won increasingly great political and diplomatic victories. On 8 May 1969, the NFLSV made public a 10-point overall solution for the South Vietnam problem. This 10-point overall solution has been warmly welcomed and fully supported by world peoples because its content is consistent with the basic spirit of the Geneva accords.

This is a great victory for the NFLSV and the South Vietnamese. It is also a thunderous blow at the stubborn stand of the U.S. imperialist aggressors. Faced with these brilliant attacks and glorious victories, in early June the NFLSV, the Vietnam alliance of national, democratic, and peace forces, and other patriotic forces in South Vietnam convened the South Vietnam national delegates' congress to decide on important revolutionary problems and unanimously elected the Republic of South Vietnam Provisional Revolutionary Government and the Council of Advisers to this government.

This historic event marked a new, great victory of the heroic southern troops and people. Having correct domestic and foreign policies, the Republic of South Vietnam Provisional Revolutionary Government, since its formation, has been warmly welcomed and supported by the compatriots countrywide and the progressives worldwide. Within a short period, 24 Asian, African, European, and Latin American governments recognized and established diplomatic relations with the Republic of South Vietnam Provisional Revolutionary Government.

The communist and workers parties, many international democratic organizations, many international organizations, and many famous personalities the world over sent cables or issued statements warmly supporting the Republic of South Vietnam Provisional Revolutionary Government.

In the past 15 years, the South Vietnamese have made many sacrifices and resolutely struggled against the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys to protect their sacred fundamental national rights. Therefore, any correct solution to the Vietnam problem must guarantee all the fundamental national rights of the Vietnamese people.

The U.S. war of aggression against Vietnam is so brazen and overt that the U.S. ruling circles have to recognize its nature. But President Nixon has sought to deny the obvious U.S. responsibility for this war by illogically arguing that North Vietnam has invaded South Vietnam, putting the aggressors on a par with the Vietnamese people who oppose the aggression, and brazenly demanding a bilateral troop pullout. At the Paris conference, our government delegation has rejected this incorrect argument. Our people entirely support our government delegation's correct attitude and, once more, resolutely oppose such an irresponsible statement by the U.S. ruling circles.

Recently, the United States has made much of its unilateral withdrawal of a number of troops from South Vietnam. This is nothing but a move to de-Americanize the war by replacing U.S. troops with puppet troops to continue the war. Meanwhile, through this move, Nixon wants to appease U.S. and world public opinion but this cheap move can deceive no one.

As stated by President Ho, the Vietnamese people resolutely demand that all, and not 25,000 or one-half million, U.S. and satellite troops be withdrawn unconditionally. Only by doing so can the United States restore its honor and prevent thousands of U.S. youths from dying uselessly in South Vietnam and thousands of U.S. families from enduring suffering and sadness. Nixon's maneuver has been bared by U.S. and world public opinion. In fact, the Nixon clique has remained very stubborn.

Stubborn in the troop pullout, the U.S. imperialists have also sought every means to prevent the South Vietnamese people from exerting their right to self-determination. In this matter, the NPLSV 10-point solution sets forth the correct view that the South Vietnamese people will decide South Vietnam's regime through the free, democratic general elections, the election of a constituent assembly, the drafting of a constitution, and the formation of a coalition government.

During the period between the restoration of peace and the general elections, no side will be allowed to force the South Vietnamese to accept its regime. The political forces endorsing peace, independence, and neutrality will negotiate the formation of a provisional coalition government on the basis of the principles of equality, democracy, and mutual assistance, with the aim of building a peaceful, independent, democratic, and neutral South Vietnam.

As this reasonable, sensible viewpoint, the Nixon administration has performed, through the puppet administration, ignominious tricks. The election solution advanced by Nguyen Van Thieu on 11 July cannot cover up the fact that the election will be conducted at the point of the U.S. aggressors' bayonets and rifles. President Ho said: "As long as the U.S. troops and the puppet administration remain in South Vietnam, there will be no genuinely free and democratic general election."

As a U.S. tool in the U.S. plot to take over South Vietnam and to realize a neo-colonialist regime in this country, the Thieu-Ky-Huong puppet administration has proved very bellicose and stubborn, clinging to its U.S. masters and opposing the correct political solution to the South Vietnam problem.

Therefore, in the southern cities, especially Saigon, a movement is surging, demanding the replacement of Thieu, Ky, and Huong and the formation of a peace cabinet with a view to creating favorable conditions for solving the South Vietnam problem. The U.S. imperialists are stubborn in the settlement of the South Vietnam problem, because they have long nurtured a dark plot toward Vietnam.

After World War II ended and after the administration was in the Vietnamese people's hands following the general uprising in August 1945, the U.S. imperialists immediately coveted Vietnam. Under the name of allies, they introduced troops into Vietnam to disarm the Japanese fascists. They had 200,000 of Chiang Kai-shek's troops come to the north, above the 16th parallel and 50,000 British troops come to the south, below the 16th parallel.

In truth, the Americans intended to choke our people's revolutionary administration at that time in order to back the French in continuing to invade our country. The dark U.S. plot was doomed. The French colonialists were defeated. The Geneva agreements on Vietnam were signed in July 1954.

Due to this, in July 1954 [as heard], the U.S. imperialists betrayed their pledge and reluctantly had to directly intervene in South Vietnam. The U.S. imperialists truly coveted the rich resources in our country, they also intended to occupy the southern part of our country in order to check the national liberation movement in Southeast Asia and to attack the socialist countries, when favorable conditions permit.

This is the basic reason of the U.S. Government's stubborn attitude in the settlement of the South Vietnam problem. Doomed in their plot to carry out concealed neocolonialism through the use of the Ngo Dinh Diem puppet administration, the U.S. imperialists have waged the special war and then the local war. All this has led them to a heavily defeated and inescapable position. Looking back at such a long period of time, we have ever more clearly seen the U.S. imperialists' plot to invade our country. Looking back at this long phase, we have become ever more confident in the steady and clear-sighted leadership of our party and the strength of unity and persevering and extremely valiant combat of our people.

Due to the U.S. imperialists' stubborn attitude which has become familiar, the quadripartite conference on Vietnam in Paris, throughout its 26 sessions, has made no progress. The responsibility for this absolutely rests with the U.S. side. Entirely contrary to the U.S.-puppets' stubborn attitude, the delegations of our government and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam have always displayed a serious and good-will attitude.

The correct attitude of the delegations of our people in both zones has enjoyed sympathy and support from the world and American people. Our people fight the U.S. imperialist aggressors in order to protect their basic national rights and also to attack the common enemy of peace- and justice-loving mankind. That is why, right at the outset, people of the world have sympathized with us.

Recently, the international movement to support the Vietnamese people's struggle against U.S. aggression developed to a new phase. A very large front embracing billions of peoples--including the peoples of socialist countries, nationalist countries, Western countries, colonies, and dependent countries in all continents--has taken shape. This large front fully supports the anti-U.S. national salvation line of our people, the 10-point overall solution of the NPLSV and the Republic of South Vietnam Provisional Revolutionary Government, and simultaneously supports the demand that the U.S. imperialists end their war of aggression in Vietnam, unconditionally withdraw all U.S. and satellite troops from South Vietnam, and strictly respect all the fundamental national rights of the Vietnamese people and the self-determination right of the South Vietnamese people.

Meetings, demonstrations, and weeks or months of solidarity with Vietnam have been held everywhere. A series of important international conferences--at which support to Vietnam was loudly voiced--are the brilliant manifestations of the world people's spirit of solidarity in the struggle against the common enemy who is U.S. imperialism and their admiration for and confidence in our people's inevitable victory, increasingly clearly realizing that the Nixon administration's line is the continuation of Johnson's line, the majority of the American people from all walks of life--from youths, students, workers, and servicemen to people engaging in social activities, intellectuals, jurists, and clergymen--have often taken to the streets and stepped up the struggle to demand that the U.S. administration immediately end its unjust war and bring home all U.S. troops.

Many important U.S. personalities, senators, and representatives have repeatedly criticized Nixon's policy of finding a political solution to the South Vietnam problem and have demanded that Nixon keep his promise about peace. Thousands of U.S. businessmen have demanded that the Nixon administration disentangle itself from the Vietnam war in order to safeguard U.S. interests.

As a consequence of U.S. heavy defeats in the war of aggression in Vietnam, a serious political, economic, and social crisis is developing in the United States. Meanwhile, the U.S. administration is more isolated than ever on the international scene.

Obviously, while our power is becoming increasingly stronger and our position more stable, the enemy's power is declining day after day and his position is weakening day after day. Nowadays, not only all world peoples, but even U.S. rulers have clearly realized the obvious truth that the U.S. imperialists are following the road to defeat. Our people sincerely thank the peoples of fraternal socialist countries and friends the world over and are ever grateful to them for their wholehearted and noble international support.

In compensation, we will increasingly heighten our fighting spirit and our determination to completely defeat the U.S. aggressors in order to fulfill our international obligation. This is the most concrete way to force the U.S. imperialists to respect the fundamental national rights and the self-determination right of the people of each country.

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In the face of their increasingly heavy and unbearable setbacks, the U.S. imperialists' aggressive will has been shaken to its root. But they have remained very stubborn and cunning. Our people's struggle will undergo many crucial, fiery tests. No schemes and maneuvers, however brutal and cunning, can save the U.S. imperialists from complete failure. The more they stubbornly prolong the war, the heavier and more shameful will be their defeats. As long as they invade Vietnam, our Vietnamese people will continue to fight until final victory.

Pledging to strictly carry out President Ho's appeal, our armed forces and people, millions as one, will heighten revolutionary heroism, will fear no sacrifices and hardships, will persistently step up their "determined-to-fight-and-win" resistance and will fight until all U.S. troops are withdrawn and the puppet army and puppet administration collapse, so as to liberate the south, protect the north, and advance toward peaceful reunification of the country.

At present, our entire people are faced with a very great and heavy but very glorious task. Our heroic southern compatriots and combatants are advancing with the impetus of past victories, staging simultaneous attacks and uprisings, and striking strongly and accurately, with a determination to smash all dark enemy schemes, to defeat the U.S. aggressive will, overthrow the Thieu-Ky-Huong puppet administration, score many greater victories, and create a new development in the nation's sacred resistance.

With an "everything for kith and kin South Vietnam and for defeating U.S. aggression" spirit, our northern compatriots and fighters are emulating in accelerating production, improving the economic management task, taking care of the people's livelihood, building new men, strengthening socialist North Vietnam in every aspect, heightening vigilance and combat readiness, and going their best to fulfill the great rear base duties toward the great frontline.

Our armed forces and people nationwide are manifesting their determination to overcome innumerable difficulties and hardships and to completely defeat the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen. All progressive mankind, including U.S. progressives, is manifesting its determination to support our people.

With its correct line and extensive experiences during several years of struggle against imperialism, our party, headed by beloved and esteemed President Ho, has clear-sightedly led our entire people to take gradual, steady steps in this protracted, complicated struggle. During all periods, aware of the imperialists' contradictions, it has set forth a strategy to divide their ranks and concentrated all outstanding forces to strike at the most dangerous enemy at any time in order to gradually repel him and to defeat his forces by fragments and to win complete victory in the end.

Our armed forces and people have directed and are directing fatal blows at the archimperialists, scoring extremely glorious armed exploits which have shaken the White House and the Pentagon and stirred the unsubmissive spirit and the spirit of not fearing the Americans in countries bound to U.S. neocolonialism.

Enthusiastically and proudly looking back at the glorious path we have traveled, we feel more confident in the bright future of our people. Never before have our people developed the strength of their militant solidarity as vigorously as they do now. Now, more glorious victories are ahead of us.

For the independence of our fatherland, for the freedom and happiness of our people, and for our noble international mission, let everyone of us--from workers and agricultural cooperative members to socialist intellectuals--take the lead in fulfilling most outstandingly his tasks in the people's glorious undertaking and accelerating socialist construction and the anti-U.S. national salvation struggle to liberate the south, protect the north, and proceed toward peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

The U.S. imperialists will certainly be defeated! Our people will certainly win!

U.S. 'TRICKS' AGAINST SOLIDARITY GROUP NOTED

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[Text] Hanoi VNA July 23--The Vietnam Asian-African Solidarity Committee has issued a statement on the fresh provocative and divisive tricks played by the U.S. imperialists against the tricontinental solidarity organization. After recalling the statement of June 14, 1969 of the permanent secretariat of the Solidarity Organization of the Peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America exposing the fallacious character of some documents counterfeited in the name of the tri-continental organization to distort its line and sow division among its member countries, the statement said:

The Vietnam Asian-African Solidarity Committee fully supports the statement of the tri-continental organization's permanent secretariat. The Vietnamese people, who are waging a hard fight against the U.S. aggressors, the utterly brutal and perfidious imperialist chieftain, must heighten further their vigilance before the U.S. provocative and divisive manoeuvres. Of late the U.S. imperialists have again put out a number of fake documents including a statement counterfeited in the name of the Vietnam Asian-African Solidarity Committee and dated April 11, 1969, in which they distorted the foreign policy of the D.R.V.N. Government and people in the hope of sowing division and sabotaging the friendship and militant solidarity between Vietnam and its friendly countries. By so doing they hope to sabotage the movement of the people in the three continents and the rest of the world to support Vietnam, a movement which is surging ahead and driving the U.S. aggressors into an unprecedented isolation. But this is a clumsy calculation since the tricontinental and world's people have realized very clearly that U.S. imperialism is their common enemy as well as of the Vietnamese people. They have deeply understood and resolutely supported the Vietnamese people in their just fight against U.S. aggression. The perfidious manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists cannot deceive the tricontinental and world's people. On the contrary they will enhance further the militant solidarity between the tricontinental and world's people against the U.S. imperialists, for independence and peace.

On this occasion, the Vietnam Asian-African Solidarity Committee expresses its profound gratitude to the tricontinental and world's people for their deep sympathy with and firm support for the Vietnamese peoples patriotic struggle. At the same time, the Vietnam Asian-African Solidarity Committee once again reaffirms its full support for the just struggle of the tricontinental and world's people for national independence, democracy, peace and social progress. The Vietnam Asian-African Solidarity Committee severely warns the U.S. imperialists that their provocative and divisive tricks will only reveal their utterly reactionary and villainous nature and incense further the hatred of the Vietnamese people and tricontinental and world's people for them.