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HOANG QUOC VIET SPEECH CALLS FOR INDOCHINESE UNITY

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Dear Chairman's Group,

Dear Comrades and Friends,

This year, we celebrate international labor day in an enthusiastic atmosphere of production emulation by all of the people who are celebrating for great holidays. These are the 40th anniversary of the Party, the 100th birthday of Lenin, the 80th birthday of President Ho, and the 25th anniversary of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. These holidays are being celebrated in a spirit of great happiness as a result of the glorious victories at the large front lines. In our country, patriotism and love of socialism and the international proletariat is being transformed into a great strength in production and combat on the part of the entire people in order to celebrate the historical date of 1 May.

Throughout the world, in a happy atmosphere of celebration of Lenin's 100th birthday, the worker class and laboring people are celebrating 1 May with an intense spirit of opposition to imperialism and colonialism in order to gain new successes for national independence, democracy, peace and socialism. This spirit has been specifically expressed in the attitude and action of the people of the world who have strongly supported opposition to America for national salvation by our people until complete victory is won. Therefore, this year, in our country and throughout the world, 1 May represents labor day for countries which demonstrate incomparable strength of international unity in accordance with the complete revolutionary spirit of the worker

class in order to have a multi-pronged struggle against the common enemy of imperialism, principally American imperialism, for the important task of class liberation, liberation of mankind from oppression and exploitation, and construction of a new social system. The immortal slogan and great appeal of Lenin for "all proletariat of the world and all oppressed people unite," has once more become the practical activity of millions of people in the world, and is gathering into a united front of the world's people in opposition to capitalist exploiters and imperialist warmongers.

Dear Comrades and Friends,

Since international labor day of 1 May 1886, for 84 years the international workers' movement has changed profoundly in quantity and in quality, and has gained successes of world historical significance.

Within nearly 100 years, the size of the world worker class has increased more than 50 times from ten million people to 540 million people. Naturally, with regard to the worker class, quantity is an important factor, but more importantly this volume has become a great and strong power because of unity, high level of organization, and guidance by the most progressive ideology of the era, Marxism-Leninism. The establishment of over 80 Communist and workers' Parties proved the great maturity of political awareness and organizational level of the international worker class. In addition, an extensive number of labor unions and mass organizations of the worker class are expanding greatly. Although bourgeois labor union leaders in a number of European and American countries have sabotaged and blocked unity and blocked progress of the workers' movement, nevertheless unification activities of labor unions in many different organizations are ever increasing the struggle in opposition to authoritarian capitalism in order to protect the civil rights of laborers. In particular, in 13 countries making up one quarter of the world, the worker class fulfilled their glorious historical mission to bury capitalism and establish a dictatorship of the proletariat government with which to organize and motivate laborers to construct a new life according to their own theory. The formulation and development of a socialist faction is the greatest success with historical significance of the world worker class in its opposition to capitalism. Although it has only been in existence for a generation, the socialist system has more and more shown its superiority over the capitalist system not only concerning political, military, economic, and social aspects, but also concerning science and technology. The People's Republic of China

within a very short period of time has challenged and surpassed many progressive capitalist nations in the development of atomic energy and space technology. Recently on 24 April, China launched for the first time a man-made earth satellite. We warmly greet and acclaim this outstanding success of the worker class, scientists, and people of China. We are also extremely joyous about the recent launch by the Soviet Union of a powerful rocket which placed eight man-made satellites into orbit around the earth. These accomplishments are heroic new proof of the power of the socialist system.

While the socialist system is rapidly gaining strength, the capitalist system is continuously and inextricably moving along the path of destruction. Since the end of the 19th century, while capitalism has been approaching its final phase along with imperialism, its parasitic and decadent characteristics have become more evident. As the economic development of imperialist nations becomes more rapid, the instability of capitalist organizations becomes greater, the exploitation of the worker class and laborers becomes more serious, reactionary political characteristics increase, oppression of the people and movement toward colonialism becomes greater, and as a result the struggle between imperialist nations to gain a sphere of influence further increases. These are the sources of difficult contradictions for imperialism which are moving it further toward grave crisis. These days, the world capitalist system has moved decidedly into the third phase of general crisis.

These harsh contradictions of its own, contradictions between production strength and production relationships, become antagonistic contradictions between the proletariat and the bourgeoisie which is causing the bourgeois society to be in a continuous state of severe disruption. The struggle movement of workers in capitalist nations is becoming more intense. Within the space of 20 years, in large capitalist nations, such as France, Italy, England, Japan, and America, the workers' struggle has continuously expanded to include from thousands to millions, to many millions of people. During 1969 in France and Italy, work stoppages and strikes by millions of workers were strong blows against monopolistic capitalists, and have created conditions for deep economic and political crisis in those nations. The salient points of recent struggles by workers in capitalist countries are that economic demands are always combined with political slogans in opposition to American imperialism and its puppets, and usually with slogans of support for Vietnam's opposition to the aggression of American imperialism.

As for the American imperialists, the richest of the imperialist faction, they have not been able to avoid this situation. At the present time in the heart of America, an extensive and harsh class struggle is taking place. This is a struggle movement by American workers for their rights, a struggle movement of progressive American people who demand an end to aggression in Vietnam and demand complete withdrawal of American troops in order to protect their just rights, and is a struggle movement by American Negroes who demand their democratic and civil rights and demand abolishment of barbarous discrimination. During the 190-year history of America, never before have the American financial giants been confronted with such a great overall crisis as there is today. We warmly acclaim and greet the American worker class and laborers who have made the historical first of May successful, and who these days are expressing their glorious traditions and are enthusiastically standing in opposition to the most cruel and warmongering imperialists of all mankind right in their own nest.

The deepening contradictions between imperialism and colonial people have and are bringing about the overthrow of colonialism. Since after World War II, people in a series of colonial and vassal countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America have and are staging a strong uprising to break the chains of old colonialism and are struggling in opposition to imperialism in order to protect the true independence of their people. Imperialists are using bombs and all other means of neo-colonialism in order to steal back their lost "paradise" but their time for stirring up trouble has past. Today, even the American imperialists, the ringleaders of imperialism, with all of their terrible strength and cruel plots cannot bring to submission nations with small populations and small territorial size such as Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos.

Being confronted with the strength of the socialist faction and national liberation movement, the sphere of influence of imperialism is slowly eroding.

Some time ago, Marx and Engels confirmed that the overthrow of the capitalist system cannot be avoided, and the success of the socialist system is essential. Lenin also said, "Imperialism is dying capitalism, and is the night before the revolution of the proletariat."

The weakening and overthrow of capitalism and the success of the world worker class during the past 50 years is proof that the theories of Marxism-Leninism mentioned above are completely correct.

Today, the socialist movement, workers' movement in capitalist countries, and the national liberation movement are the three coordinated large currents of the proletarian revolutionary movement of our time.

Therefore, since the first international labor day, the world worker class, which at one time was empty-handed, has stood up to demand the right to work eight hours a day, has grown rapidly, and has achieved many great successes.

Today, the worker class in one quarter of the world has stable governments, courageous armies, prosperous economies, and has progressive scientific and technological forces to protect their revolutionary accomplishments and to make a stable, trustworthy base for the worker class and progressive people in the great revolutionary struggle of our time, the time for overthrow of capitalism and old and new colonialism, and the time for success of socialism and communism throughout the entire world.

Dear Comrades and Friends,

In 1930 when our Party was established, international labor day on 1 May was celebrated for the first time in our country. It has been 40 years since that time. Under the leadership of the Party and President Ho, every first of May has had profound educational application and has bolstered the revolutionary ideal of our worker class and people. On every 1 May, its significance to the framework of the organization has left a new mark of maturity on our worker class and people.

When 1 May was first celebrated, our people were still enslaved, and our country was still colonial and semi-feudal. However, through the organization, education, and leadership of the Party and President Ho, our worker class raised high the democratic and national banner, gathered together the patriotic classes of people into a broad united national front, constructed armed forces, struggled for growth, and in the end cast off the yoke of Japanese fascist rule and of the puppet feudalists, established the first government of workers and farmers in Southeast Asia, gained victory over French colonialists, and constructed socialism in one half of the country which was completely liberated. Today, our worker class and people in North Vietnam control the society and the life, and have a strong government and courageous armed forces with sufficient strength to defeat any enemy. We have defeated the war of

destruction of the American pirates in North Vietnam, and are winning the partial war in South Vietnam. Our country and people are becoming a symbol of obstinate spirit and stubborn, determined will in opposition to foreign aggression, and as a result have become the pride of nations opposing imperialism. Our worker class and people have friends throughout the five continents, who love, admire, and consider us as those who are standing in the front line of the world's people in opposition to American imperialism, the cruelest enemy of mankind. The past 40 years is a short period in the history of a nation, but the worker class in our country, with leadership from the Party and President Ho, have moved from a people who lost their country to the vanguard force of the Vietnam revolution, have developed rapidly in number, and not only have combat experience in opposition to foreign aggression, but have struggle experience in opposition to poverty and backwardness in order to construct a new life in accordance with its own theory.

In celebrating 1 May this year, looking back along the road which was difficult and hard but full of glorious and great victories, we are endlessly proud of our Party, President Ho, our country, and our people. Generations of glory belong to our beloved Party and our great President Ho. We are increasingly happy and enthusiastic about the great victories of the international workers' movement, and of our people and worker class, and we have fond memories of President Ho, our great leader and beloved teacher. Generations are grateful to President Ho, the entire Party, and all of our people and army who are enthusiastically following the path pointed out by President Ho.

In our country, the determined will to implement fully the sacred testament of President Ho is being strongly and enthusiastically manifested in production and combat, and has brought results which are worthy of pride and enthusiasm. The people and liberation army in South Vietnam are continuously pouring fire of revenge on the heads of the Americans and puppets, especially since the end of March and beginning of April, and are once again causing them harrassment. Our people and worker class in North Vietnam are promoting the labor production movement, and have achieved initial success in restoration and expansion of the economy and culture, are gradually overcoming the effects of war, strengthening national defense, maintaining security, moving socialist construction continually forward, and fully and promptly guaranteeing the overall requirements of the brave, large front lines. In North Vietnam, the new man which President Ho was concerned about developing while he was still alive is strongly emerging.

These are the awakened workers, thousands of emulation fighters and labor heroes, thousands of progressive laborers, and the Ho Chi Minh Lao Dong Youth Group members who are extremely loyal to the Party and people, have a high spirit of collective ownership, and are always concerned about turning out much more material goods for society.

During the most difficult trials of our 4,000-year history of constructing and maintaining the country, never before has the vitality of our nation and fierceness and energy of our people been as great as today. This results from the close unity between our people and worker class, the leadership of the Party and President Ho, and the united assistance of the people of Indochina and the world. With these fundamental advantages, then "although there may be many difficulties and hardships, our people are determined to be completely victorious. The American imperialists will definitely be pushed out of our country. Our fatherland will definitely be united. The people of North and South Vietnam will definitely be reunited as one country."¹

Our people and worker class are grateful for the effective assistance of the Soviet Union, China, and other brother socialist nations, and are grateful for the allied support of the worker movement, international labor unions, and the world federation of labor unions, of other international democratic organizations, of the progressive American people, and friends throughout the five continents with regard to the opposition to America for national salvation of our people. This precious allied support and assistance has made our people and worker class further recognize its great international obligations, and has increased our strength many times in order to gain complete victory over the American aggressors.

Dear Comrades and Friends,

The opposition to America for national salvation of our people and worker class is moving toward a great victory. Although the American imperialists have suffered a great defeat, they are still extremely stubborn and obstinate and refuse to cease their savage aggression against our country. The American authorities maintain a colonial posture at the Paris Conference, and are hopelessly trying to implement

¹The testament of President Ho.

a "Vietnamization" of the war policy without regard for the protests of the American people and for progressive world opinion. The obstinate character of American imperialism was once more pointed out in a speech by President Nixon on 20 April. With characteristic deceit, Nixon attempted to change white into black, denounced in a dirty fashion the responsibility of our people, and distorted the just struggle of the people of Laos and Cambodia. He also announced the withdrawal of 150,000 troops between now and April 1971 in order to express the so-called "good intentions" of America. That is certainly American-style "good intentions". The truth is that Nixon still has a grip on the corrupt puppet gang in South Vietnam which is despised by people throughout the world. The prolonged withdrawal of 150,000 troops only means that Nixon still intends to prolong the war of aggression in Vietnam and maintain the occupation, and not that he wants a political solution as he has boasted. Even an American journalist in an article written on 23 April 1970 for USIS has criticized that "the truth is Nixon only pays lip service to a political solution. He has not made any move at all in response to the primary conditions of the other side concerning a solution." More importantly, the American authorities are committing many more new cruel acts on the Indochinese Peninsula. They have escalated the special war in Laos, employed aircraft to make cruel attacks in liberated areas of Laos, and have blocked resolution of the issues in Laos in accordance with the five-point solution of the patriotic Lao front. It is they who caused the overthrow of the government of Cambodia, destroyed the peace and neutrality policy of Chief of State Norodom Sihanuck, and turned Cambodia into an American base for launching attacks on South Vietnam and Laos. Recently, they supplied money and weapons to the Lon Nol puppet gang so that they could savagely massacre many of our countrymen living and working in Cambodia. We fervently denounce the stubborn warlike attitude and cruel deception of the Nixon gang and its lackeys. We strenuously accuse the Lon Nol group of atrocities against our countrymen in Cambodia. Down with the Lon Nol murderers! The reactionary gang in Cambodia must take full responsibility for the bloody actions against our countrymen.

The savage warfare activities of America and its puppets only fills the people of the three countries in Indochina with more hatred, and makes them more vigilant and united in combat with determination to exterminate the enemy. This spirit was manifested during the Indochinese people's conference in 1965, and was recently strongly expressed at the high level conference of Indochinese people on 24 and 25 April following the initiative of Norodom Sihanuck, Chief of State of

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Cambodia and Chairman of the Cambodian National United Front. We are extremely happy and enthusiastic about the great success of the high level conference of Indochinese people and consider it to be a great milestone in the history of united warfare in opposition to the American imperialists by the people of the three nations. We warmly acclaim the general proclamation of the conference, and consider it to be the principle of opposition to American imperialism and its puppets. The great success of the conference is a serious blow to the so-called "Nixon doctrine," which employs Indochinese people to fight Indochinese people, and at the same time is a serious warning to the reactionary gang of American puppets in the west and in Asia who wish to seek favor of America in order to "stay close to the kindling to gain the embers." With the success of the conference and extensive sympathy and support of the socialist faction and the people of the world who love peace and justice, the unity in warfare of the people in the three countries of Indochina will reach the highest point and will become an incomparable strength to defeat the common enemy of imperialism and its puppets.

In order to make a resolute contribution to the common struggle of the people in the three countries, more than ever, our people and worker class must promote opposition to America for national salvation and socialist construction because "opposition to America for national salvation can be prolonged, therefore our people may have to sacrifice much property and many people. Nevertheless, we are determined to gain complete victory over the Americans." That is the sacred testament of President Ho and the firm belief and determination of our people and worker class. No difficulty or obstacle, no cruel force, and no wicked plot can shake this steadfast determination.

With determination to implement fully this sacred testament of President Ho, the political bureau of our Party central committee has since the beginning of the year issued extremely important resolutions concerning the tasks and direction of the 1970 state plan, initiated a labor productivity movement among all of the people, and begun two great campaigns, which are the campaign for democracy in the countryside and the campaign to improve quality of Party members and recruit Party members for the Ho Chi Minh class.

These are campaigns with extremely important significance, and are extremely rich political action programs for our entire Party and people. If these campaigns are implemented successfully, our Party will be purer and stronger, our worker class will be more mature, and

our country's revolution will make new steps toward development.

The entire Party and people must actively contribute toward the success of these campaigns in order to take part in the construction of the Party, and so that our Party will manifest a class and vanguard character and be worthy at the leader of our people. Our Party is the source and determining factor for every success of our country's revolution. To make our Party truly pure and strong is the great accomplishment which President Ho struggled for throughout his life, and was his principal instruction and greatest concern before he died. It is the fervent wish and glorious responsibility of our people and worker class in order to guarantee opposition to America for national salvation and socialist construction hurdles every difficulty and never ceases to move forward toward great and total success. Foremost at the present time in order to have a successful campaign to improve quality of Party members and to absorb Party members from the Ho Chi Minh class our people and Party members must have stable bases in order to promote the labor productivity movement. At the same time, we must successfully implement a campaign for democracy in the countryside, and guarantee overfulfillment of the 1970 State plan and those in coming years.

This year, we also commemorate the 80th birthday of President Ho. With determination to construct the Party and study the virtues and behavior of President Ho, our people and worker class, with a united feeling of enthusiastic struggle on 1 May, must improve the spirit of collective ownership and the new labor attitude concept, and fulfill every work task in order to express endless devotion to the Party and deep gratitude to President Ho, and to gain accomplishments in commemoration of his 80th birthday.

Dear Comrades and Friends,

In celebrating 1 May this year, we are endlessly enthusiastic about the rapid growth and great successes of the international worker movement during nearly a century. We are extremely proud of the maturity of the Vietnam worker class and the great successes of the Vietnam revolution during the past 40 years under the leadership of the Party and President Ho. In order to manifest these extremely great revolutionary accomplishments, with a spirit of combat unity on 1 May and with determination to implement thoroughly the sacred testament of President Ho, our people and worker class are determined to fulfill

successfully the glorious mission of liberating South Vietnam, construct socialism in North Vietnam, bring about a peaceful, united, independent, democratic, and rich country of Vietnam, and make a worthy contribution to the revolution of the people in Indochina and throughout the world.

Long live the spirit of international labor day, 1 May!

Long live the united worker class and people of the world!

Long live the united people of Indochina!

Long live invincible Marxism-Leninism!

Long live the Vietnam Lao Dong Party!

Down with the aggression of American imperialism!

Long live peaceful, united, independent, democratic, and rich Vietnam.

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