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#### **ACCELERATED PACIFICATION DOOMED TO FAILURE**

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[Commentary: "The U.S.-puppets' accelerated pacification scheme has been pitifully defeated by the people's war"]

[Text] Developing their great victories of 1968, in the first 6 months of 1969, our armed forces and people attacked the enemy consecutively, winning many very glorious victories. One of the outstanding achievement during this period was that our armed forces and people consecutively thwarted enemy accelerated pacification operations, annihilating an important part of the U.S.-puppets' strength, and destroying a large quantity of their war materiel, thus creating a position of strength and a firm stand in all three areas and shaping a large front to besiege and exert fierce pressure on the enemy in all cities, provincial capitals, and bases inside his important defense lines. As the PLAF command's Special Communique 15 pointed out, the rural pacification scheme to take land and regain the people, which the Americans have pressured the puppets into intensively carrying out with extremely brutal and shrewd maneuvers, has shrunk in the face of the violent offensive and uprisings wave of our armed forces and people. Not only have they failed to achieve their minimum pacification program, but they have also been properly punished by our people.

Following their extremely heavy setbacks during nearly a year of general offensive and uprisings by our armed forces and people, late in October 1968, the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys painstakingly worked out the so-called accelerated pacification plan in the hope of easing the steel belt of the people's war which was increasingly tightening upon their last lairs. By February 1969, this new pacification plan intended to place the population under the control of the Saigon administration at the highest level ever in the past 10 years or more. (? They planned) to take 3 months, from the beginning of November 1968 to the end of January 1969, to complete the urgent pacification of the disputed areas--meaning areas surrounding cities and towns and their remaining strategic bases. But, faced with the violent offensive and uprising wave of our armed forces and people, the U.S.-puppets failed to carry out even the so-called minimum pacification program.

In the most important strategic areas, the pacification plan has been frustrated most heavily. In the areas surrounding Da Nang and the central Trung Bo coastal areas, in 1 month alone, from 23 February to 23 March 1969 216 U.S.-puppet concentration camps and strategic hamlets were destroyed, many puppet administrative installations wiped out, and 400,000 compatriots liberated from the enemy's oppressive yoke. In the high plateau, in 6 months, our compatriots arose and destroyed 93 strategic hamlets and permanently penetrated 69 others, annihilating or capturing 2,100 pacification workers and stubborn policemen.

In those areas surrounding Saigon, which the U.S. aggressors consider a key point of the pacification plan, they have used hundreds of battalions and all sorts of modern weapons, including B-52's to conduct consecutive extremely barbarous mopping up operations. In the first 5 months of 1969, they launched more than 5,000 pacification operations. But, so far--as the British GUARDIAN remarked on 3 October [as heard]--the U.S.-puppets' pacification plan has been only a childish joke. Many hamlets where pacification is considered as completed and security as most assured are precisely where the Viet Cong have operated freely at night.

In southern Trung Bo, during the first 20 days of June 1969, our compatriots in 196 strategic hamlets in the northern part of Binh Thuan Province, along Route 21 in Tuyen Duc Province, and in areas around Phan Thiet provincial capital staged successive uprisings, destroying the strategic hamlet network by chunks and returning to their old villages to transact business.

In central Nam Bo, during the first 3 months of 1969, tens of thousands of people in 200 villages still under U.S.-puppet control arose, encircling and attacking over 300 outposts, punishing and dispersing over 3,200 cruel pacification and civil defense agents, annihilating 20 pacification teams, and so forth.

As a result of their bitter failure in their pacification scheme, the U.S. aggressors have lost their foothold in the most strategically important areas and a very great source of manpower and wealth with which to prolong their aggressive war. More painful is that a fairly great part of their military forces, including troops and war materiel, has been destroyed.

According to the PLAF command's Special Communique 15, in the first half of 1969 our armed forces and people wiped out 86 pacification teams, killing or wounding tens of thousands of U.S.-puppet troops including regulars, civil guards, militiamen, and cruel pacification-supporting policemen.

In central Trung Bo, between 12 May and 20 June 1969, our armed forces and people fought nearly 2,500 battles, killing, wounding, or capturing 41,500 enemy troops, annihilating 13 pacification teams, and demolishing 212 strategic hamlets and concentration centers containing tens of thousands of people at Kon Horing, western highlands, at Cho Duoc, Quang Nam Province, at An Whon, Binh Thuan Province, and elsewhere.

In the first half of 1969, the Tri-Thien-Hue armed forces and people annihilated 40,000 enemy troops, sweeping away 26 diehard cruel agent concentrations and capturing or dispersing many civil defense agents in provincial cities and district towns.

In many provinces of the Nam Bo delta and in areas around Saigon, our armed forces have simultaneously frustrated many pacification operations, fragmenting many installations of the puppet army and administration and preventing the enemy from pacifying even a single area at will.

At present, in their death throes, the U.S. imperialists are still very stubborn. They have continued to intensify the war, increasing mopping up operations in carrying out their scheme of winning people, grabbing land, and killing our people in the hope of exerting maximum military pressure on our people on all battle fields. But they will certainly fail. In their position of strength and victory, our southern armed forces and people will certainly develop their great victories of the first 6 months of 1969 by dealing the aggressors' pacification scheme even more painful blows, destroying all their oppressive systems, smashing the puppet army, overthrowing the puppet administration, and regaining all powers for the people.