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U.S. VIETNAMIZATION PLAN DOOMED TO FAILURE

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[Article: "A Foreseeable Losing Gamble"]

[Text] The United States is ballyhooing about withdrawing small numbers of U.S. troops from the south and clamoring about shifting the burden of the defeated aggressive war to the puppet troops, which it dubs "Vietnamization of the War." What the United States dubs "shifting combat responsibilities to the South Vietnamese armed forces" has caused the puppet airborne and ranger units to be annihilated or to suffer heavy losses in Tay Ninh and Dakto; the puppet 18th Division and 43d Regiment to be routed or to suffer heavy losses in (Tam Vuong), Xuan Loc; various units of the 42d, 43d, 2d, and 3d regiments of the puppet 23d and 1st divisions to be annihilated or to suffer heavy losses in Tan Chanh, Plei Can, and A Bia, and so forth.

According to USIS on 2 June, the Americans admitted that they have directed the puppet troops and officers to sweep and kill the people three times more intensively in the past 14 months, thus causing the number of killed-in-action Vietnamese troops to double that of the U.S. troops during the first 4 months of this year. In their defeated position, the Americans are intensively carrying out the plan of Vietnamizing the war even in Saigon in an attempt to have the puppet troops die in the place of U.S. troops. UPI on 3 August disclosed that the Americans are preparing to entrust the South Vietnamese armed forces with sholly protecting Saigon so as to advance toward Vietnamizing the war.

Friends, all of you know that Saigon is the largest U.S. military base and also the most important political and economic center of the aggressors and the country-sellers in the south. Faced with the storm-like, continuous PLAF attacks, the Americans were forced to deploy over 130 U.S., puppet, and satellite battalions on three belts for protecting the Saigon center. According to U.S. papers, the Saigon defensive plan was considered by Abrams a main objective. In addition to a modern electronic intelligence network for detecting liberation troops' activities, an anti-rocket radar network, and a belt of B-52 bombers, they have deployed five U.S. divisions--including the Big Red One Division, the Tropical Lightning Division, the 9th Infantry Division, the Air Cavalry Division, the 199th Brigade, the 3d Brigade, the 82d Paratroop Division, and the 11th Armored cavalry Regiment--on the Saigon defense front. Despite this large force and a dense network of posts and strongholds, U.S. troops on the external defense belt extending (?around Saigon) have also been dealt stunning blows. The Americans and their lackeys at Nha Be, Long Binh, Bien Hoa, and Tan Son Nhut bases have been repeatedly routed as well as in their dens in the heart of Saigon [words indistinct].

According to UPI on 22 February 1969, Abrams, who has excelled in boasting about fictitious victories, had to admit that it would be impossible to fully check mortar and rocket shellings on the capital, meaning Saigon. According to the Baltimore SUN on 25 May 1969, in the face of the vigorous PLAF attacks which have annihilated or badly mauled the defensive U.S. troop detachments around Saigon and which have deeply penetrated the enemy dens in Saigon, the Americans had to admit that although the defense of Saigon has been assured by five key U.S. divisions this city continue to be attacked by the liberation troops and has been permanently threatened with seizure.

More than anyone else, those in the paratrooper, marine, ranger, and police units who are forced to conduct sweeps in Saigon and adjacent areas can surely see death brooding over the U.S.-puppets' heads day and night. The liberation troops can, in broad daylight, deal surprise, stunning blows at the enemy right in the streets or in his well-defended lairs in the heart of Saigon. Was this not demonstrated by the recent PLAF attack which annihilated hundreds of U.S.-puppets in their lair in Cholon on 7 August? From the fact that the U.S. troops, sustaining heavy setbacks, have had to transfer the protection of Saigon to puppet army units in order to move toward the so-called Vietnamization of the war, one can see that the U.S. aggressors have placed the puppet officers, soldiers, and policemen before all dangers and death. Because of their pitiful defeats, the U.S. aggressors have planned a troop pullout which is only (?partial) to appease U.S. public opinion. A number of units of the U.S. 9th Division, which [words indistinct] have had to retreat and transfer their well-defended bases south of Saigon.

During its final days, the Thieu-Ky-Huong clique is now engaged in a fierce dispute over the monopoly to serve the U.S. masters, amassing money and making preparations for a silent flight abroad. There is no reason for the puppet officers, troops, and policemen in Saigon to let themselves be driven into death to salvage the pitiful collapse of land-grabbers and country-sellers. A lieutenant colonel in the puppet general staff stated: "The government's morale-sustaining campaign"--that is, the puppets' psywar trick--"has failed. Nobody is so stupid to die for the Americans on the threshold of peace." Is this not the thinking of Saigon officers, soldiers, and policemen? Many of them have supported the Saigon workers and all strata of people, including students and intellectuals, in their struggle for an end to the war, for the restoration of peace, for a U.S. troop pullout, and for the overthrow of the Thieu-Ky-Huong clique. Many of them have remained inactive or have assisted the PLAF in delivering a flaming storm at the U.S.-puppets in the streets or their lairs in Saigon.

On 3 August, when reporting on the shifting of the burden of protecting Saigon to puppet troops, it was not by accident that UPI admitted: "Shifting the protection of Saigon to the South Vietnamese armed forces is merely a gamble." It is necessary to specify that the U.S. aggressors will surely lose this gamble. How can they force the Saigon officers, soldiers, and policemen, who vehemently hate the U.S. land-grabbers and the country-selling Thieu-Ky-Huong clique, to die for them and for the plot to Vietnamize the U.S. war, when everyone is aware that the way to end the war, restore peace, and achieve an independent, democratic, peaceful, and neutral South Vietnam is to stage anti-war revolts, turn guns on the U.S.-puppets, and make joint action with the people's widespread struggle movement. Although the "Vietnamization-of-the-war" game is a new invention by the U.S. aggressors in Saigon, one can foresee their pitiful defeat.