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This fact has smashed to pieces Vance's deceitful tongue and the insouciant U.S. aggressors, who have arrogated to themselves the right to massacre our compatriots while denying our compatriots the right to oppose and annihilate the aggressors. Moreover, Vance also threatened our people that, should they attack the big cities, it would lead to very serious consequences.

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We want to directly tell the aggressors that the right of opposing aggression is the right of our people. The aggressors should not attempt to threaten or intimidate a nation which has opposed and defeated the Americans over the past 10 years and which is ready to defeat the Americans under any circumstances. The Americans should not attempt to create pretexts aimed at sabotaging the Paris talks because their deceitful and cunning schemes cannot fool anybody.

The stand of the South Vietnamese people was clarified by the NFLSV in its 20 December 1968 statement, which said that so long as the Americans continue to commit aggression against our country, our people are determined to fight, gain victory, and wrest back their sacred national rights.

We oppose U.S. aggression anywhere on our territory, whether it is in rural or urban areas or in mountainous regions, by any means whatever. This is the inviolable right of our people. It is also the stand and ironlike determination of our people, which originated from President Ho's precious teaching that nothing is more precious than freedom and independence and that we should continue to fight until the last aggressor is driven from our country. This stand has been proclaimed throughout the world and is in accordance with the principles of progressive mankind. The U.S. aggressors cannot ignore this point.

Thus, Vance's threatening words are nothing but a panicky cry exposing the chilling U.S. fear that the U.S. troops will be dealt heavier blows, and that the puppet administration--on which the U.S. neocolonialist policy chiefly leans--will irretrievably collapse in the face of the violent general offensive and concerted uprisings of our South Vietnamese people and armed forces.

The Americans are afraid, and the traitorous, country-selling Thieu-Ky-Huong clique also is in a great confusion and assailed with doubts. But what must happen will surely happen. If the Americans want their aggressive troops to suffer fewer casualties, then they should withdraw their armed forces and let the Vietnamese people settle their own internal affairs themselves. The best way is to seriously carry out talks with the NFLSV and DRV delegations in Paris, and to kick out the puppet clique which does not represent anybody and is plotting with the Americans to delay the talks.

As for Vance's words, it is clear that they cannot fool or deceive anybody, and in particular they cannot threaten the South Vietnamese people who are determined to fight and to defeat the U.S. aggressors.

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representative to Paris to join other parties concerned in preparing for the official quadripartite conference.

However, since then--that is over a month and a half ago--because of the lackey Thieu-Ky-Huong administration's stubborn, evasive attitude, approved by the U.S. leaders, the conference has not yet been convened.

Faced with this situation, the NFLSV and DRV delegations had, on many occasions, proposed to the U.S. side that a three-sided conference comprising the DRV, NFLSV, and U.S. delegations be convened first and that the Saigon delegation participate when it arrived in Paris. But the U.S. side still insists on the presence of the Saigon delegation, while allowing the lackey Thieu-Ky-Huong clique to stall the quadripartite conference. Both the masters and lackeys have advanced the same argument calling for the convening of a two-sided conference, contrary to Johnson's pledge in his 31 October 1968 speech.

The reason for this unreasonable attitude and incorrect deed of the Americans is that they have not abandoned their neocolonialist policy, maintaining the Thieu-Ky-Huong clique in order to pursue the war of aggression in South Vietnam.

In the south, because of this scheme, the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys have intensified all war acts, barbarously killing our compatriots. They have repeatedly launched mopup operations and intensified the use of B-52's, armed helicopters, and jets, which have made thousands of sorties a day, destroying villages, terrorizing urban compatriots, and arresting or killing thousands of patriots who long for peace. They have intensified the use of poisonous chemicals, destroying paddy crop and fruit trees, poisoning thousands of people, and killing a great number of our compatriots.

The U.S. imperialists and their lackeys have actively carried out the so-called urgent pacification program to coax our compatriots, who are eager to enjoy peace, into living in concentration camps which they call "new life hamlets" and "refugee camps." They have organized the so-called Phoenix operation, sending spies and intelligence agents everywhere to terrorize or kill patriots engaging in democratic activities, as well as others who will not serve as lackeys of the U.S.-puppet clique. They have promulgated fascist Law 10/68, imposing a state of war throughout the south and depriving our people of every basic freedom. They have frenziedly conscripted youths into the armed forces and robbed the people of their wealth in order to serve the U.S. imperialists' war of aggression.

The U.S. imperialists and their lackeys have brazenly used planes for illegal reconnaissance and warships and long-range guns from the New Jersey and from the southern side of the Ben Hai River to shell the north.

Yet, while killing our people and frenziedly destroying our country, the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys forbid our people in the two zones to resist them. On 19 November, Cyrus Vance, deputy head of the U.S. delegation to the Paris conference, loudly threatened: "Any offensive by North Vietnam and the Viet Cong on the Republic of Vietnam's cities might result in serious consequences." Obviously, this is the argument of a bandit who, while committing a robbery, shouts for help. It is the brazen argument of a criminal who forbids his victim to defend himself.

It is the argument of an aggressor who compels the victims to lay down weapons and surrender to him. It is an arrogant challenge to the 31 million Vietnamese and people throughout the world.

While the U.S.-puppet ringleaders of various echelons, deeply entrenched in the cities, daily and hourly order their troops to massacre Vietnamese people throughout the country, why should the South Vietnamese people not have the right to penetrate the cities to take them to task and punish them in order to avenge our kith and kin compatriots? While the U.S. aggressors and the band of Vietnamese traitors daily and hourly send their aircraft to drop bombs, fire shells and bullets, and spray poisonous chemicals to destroy the beautiful native land of the Vietnamese people, why should the South Vietnamese armed forces and people not have the right to fire flaming, stormy barrages against the dens, storage facilities, and airfields of the country-grabbers and country-sellers, which are concentrated in the center or on the outskirts of the cities, in order to destroy their means of committing crimes and to protect our beautiful fatherland?

The South Vietnamese people warn the U.S. imperialists that as long as a single aggressor remains in Vietnam, the Vietnamese people have the right to fight to sweep him away. For more than 20 years, the Vietnamese people have firmly upheld their ardent vow, "rather sacrifice everything than agree to serve as slaves." This vow has deeply permeated the hearts and minds of the 31 million Vietnamese. It has been translated into the strength which crushed the French colonialists' aggression and which has inflicted staggering defeats on the U.S. imperialists--the cruel slave-dealers of the present age. If the U.S. imperialists stubbornly continue their aggression against South Vietnam, the South Vietnamese people, under the NFLSV's clear-sighted leadership, will remain determined to fight and defeat them.

The southern armed forces and people are determined to crush the aggressive spirit of the U.S. imperialists and destroy the puppet army and administration, using every weapon available and every tactic and technique of the people's war. The southern armed forces and people are determined to fight the Americans and annihilate the puppets wherever they may be--in urban, rural, or mountainous areas. The southern armed forces and people are determined to fight the Americans and annihilate the puppets, regardless of whether they are waging military operations, bivouacking, or stubbornly defending their bases. All our people are determined to fight the Americans and annihilate the puppets wherever the U.S. aggressors, the puppet troops, and the traitorous administrative personnel may be.

A few years ago when our revolutionary forces in the south were being built and developed, the U.S. imperialist many times threatened our South Vietnamese people. Their threats proved completely ineffective. Today, if they continue their threats, they will only appear ridiculous and expose their brazen face before public opinion as extremely stubborn and bellicose aggressors.

The U.S. imperialists are heavily defeated. They are now under incessant attacks in all spheres, political, military, diplomatic, and economic. They are under attack in the world, in Vietnam, and even in the United States. However, like a mad dog which bites wantonly, the U.S. imperialists, in their agony, are recklessly intensifying and plotting to expand the war in order to commit more crimes against our people.

More than ever, our people are resolved to hold fast to the struggle goals:

Step up the three-pronged offensive, strengthen and develop solidarity, positively build our forces in all respects in all three zones--the liberated areas, the areas under temporary enemy control, and the contested areas--take advantage of the present, very favorable situation, heighten vigilance, stop all wicked and cunning schemes of the enemy, and advance strongly and swiftly on the impetus of past victories toward defeating the U.S. imperialists' aggressive spirit, destroying the puppet armed forces and administration, establishing a national coalition and democratic administration, achieving peace, neutrality, and prosperity for South Vietnam, and proceeding toward the peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

To achieve the prescribed national salvation goals, the Vietnamese people throughout the country are determined to smash all arrogant threats of the enemy and crush all his frenzied, barbarous acts of violence.

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 27--Giai Phong [Liberation] Radio, official organ of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, in a recent commentary warmly hailed the government and the people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for their humanism concerning the case of the U.S. armed spy-ship Pueblo.

Referring to the U.S. Government's avowal of the sinister activities of the Pueblo within the territorial waters of the D.P.R.K., the commentary said this constituted a heavy defeat of the U.S. and a big victory of the armed forces and people of the D.P.R.K. and of the freedom-and justice-loving peoples in the world.

The commentary pointed out that the U.S. Government's avowal has pointed to another thing--that the day has completely gone for the U.S. imperialists to act as corsairs. Even the bugaboo Seventh Fleet has lost its effect now, the commentary added.

Dealing with the tortuous contentions made by the U.S. after the Pueblo crew had been expelled, the commentary said: This base act is another revelation of the U.S. imperialists' stubborn and treacherous nature.

MEETING ON RELEASE OF U.S. POW'S UNSUCCESSFUL

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[Text] As previously announced, on 19 December 1968 the Eastern Nam Bo PLAF Command made public the time and place of the meeting with the representatives of the U.S. command in South Vietnam to discuss the procedural preparations for the release of three American POW's.

On 25 December 1968, the U.S. command's representatives arrived at the predetermined place of the meeting and at the time set and met the representatives of the Eastern Nam Bo PLAF Command. But the U.S. command representatives refused to discuss procedural matters, therefore the meeting did not achieve any result.