

*Text of hard-hitting ND  
editorial on the negotiations.*

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NHAN DAN CALLS THIEU'S 12 DECEMBER SPEECH 'SHAMELESS'

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[NHAN DAN 13 December editorial: "What Do the U.S.-Puppets Want?"]

[Text] The agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam, which was agreed on between the DRV and the United States on 20 October, has still not been signed. While the Paris negotiations are prolonged, the U.S. side has incessantly uttered arguments aimed at creating illusions about a prompt restoration of peace. Along with these arguments, what are the U.S.-puppets actually doing? The Americans are massively pouring additional weapons and U.S. advisers into South Vietnam, stepping up the Vietnamization program and intensifying their extremely barbarous war against both parts of our country, while conducting extremely cruel campaigns to repress and terrorize the South Vietnamese people.

These actions have been carried out in parallel with the absurd demands, which are of the same nature as Saigon Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam's recent arguments and which the Americans have urged the Nguyen Van Thieu to put forth.

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According to UPI, Lam said on 11 December that the South Vietnamese, meaning the Saigon puppet administration, conditions for peace remained unchanged and were as follows: All the North Vietnamese troops must withdraw; the question of a coalition government must be eliminated; and the so-called DMZ must be restored.

Nguyen Van Thieu himself was even more shameless. On 12 December, before the Saigon National Assembly, after expressing his gratitude for the great and lofty contributions of the U.S. servicemen, who came to massacre the Vietnamese people and who have been captured, Thieu put forth his conditions for a serious solution in Vietnam as follows: The clear distinction between the south and the north, including the recognition and respect of the DMZ and the 17th parallel; all North Vietnamese troops must withdraw back to North Vietnam because they are an aggressive army coming from a foreign country; North Vietnam has no right to interfere in South Vietnam's internal affairs; and so forth.

These U.S.-puppet arguments and actions prove that they are scheming to erase the basic principles of the 20 October agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam. These principles are: The United States must respect the independence, sovereignty, unification and territorial integrity of Vietnam; completely end all its military involvements in South Vietnam; recognize the actual situation in South Vietnam where there are two administrations, two armies and three political forces; establish a national council of national reconciliation and concord, composed of three segments; and achieve democratic freedom in South Vietnam.

The 20 October agreement stressed: The United States must completely end its military involvements in South Vietnam. The agreement has not yet been signed, and the U.S. side has begun to sabotage it. With the biggest airlift in the history of the Indochinese war, the United States has hurriedly shipped to South Vietnam tens of thousands of tons of weapons, munitions and war equipment along with hundreds of military aircraft of various types and has brought the total aircraft of the puppet army to more than 2,000. The Americans themselves boasted that this air force would rank the third in the world. According to U.S. reports, more than 10,000 U.S. military advisers, disguised as civilians, have been camouflaged and will remain in South Vietnam to continue training and commanding the Saigon puppet army. The Americans have hurriedly handed over U.S. military bases to the puppet army so that they could replace the Americans and use these bases to continue the war against the South Vietnamese people. The Americans have intensively used the U.S. logistic and combat bases in Japan and Thailand, which have long participated in or served the U.S. aggressive war in Vietnam.

According to UPI on 3 November, a high-ranking U.S. officer, who once was responsible for the Saigon puppet army's training program, was closer to the truth when he disclosed that a cease-fire in Vietnam would not end the U.S. presence here, even if all the U.S. Armed Forces withdrew. Also according to this officer, a contingent of U.S. military advisers has arrived in Saigon to discuss with the Nguyen Van Thieu administration continuation of the Vietnamization plan in the new situation--a plan which is similar to the U.S. plan for the secret war in Laos and which will drive the Americans back to the initial period of their arrival in Vietnam.

But the United States, through very crafty new tricks, perpetuates indefinitely its military involvement in South Vietnam.

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Another fundamental principle set forth in the agreement of 20 October, which the U.S. side pledged to respect, was recognition of a reality in the South Vietnam situation--that is, the existence of two administrations, two armies and three political forces. However, the Americans' present acts prove that they still refuse to recognize, but rather persist in plotting to blot out this reality.

It is extremely grave that while the negotiations have been underway, the U.S. side has massively sent additional weapons and military personnel to South Vietnam and at the same time has feverishly instigated the puppet Nguyen Van Thieu administration to intensify the war and barbarously repress and terrorize the South Vietnamese people. While conducting operations aimed at nibbling at and retaking the liberated areas under PRGRSV control, the Nguyen Van Thieu clique has ruthlessly stifled all democratic freedoms, intensively conducted an unprecedentedly large-scale, cruel, fascist and bloody terrorist campaign against all strata of the people and, worse still, stated that it will mete out the death sentence to anyone favoring peace and national concord. The Thieu clique has carried out plans to cripple or liquidate patriots and peace-lovers being detained in the numerous prisons throughout the south. With U.S. encouragement and support, the extremist reactionary Vietnamese traitors represented by Nguyen Van Thieu have intensively utilized their coercive machinery to stifle all democratic freedoms and oppose the aspiration for national concord of the South Vietnamese people.

What have their demands, suggested by their U.S. masters and reiterated just recently by Nguyen Van Thieu, revealed? These demands clearly show that the U.S. side, through its mouthpiece Nguyen Van Thieu, is replaying the old refrains--two Vietnam's, bilateral troop withdrawal, the north's aggression in and attempt to take over South Vietnam and so forth. These demands have clearly revealed the Americans' intent to renew their attempt to place the aggressors on a par with the antiaggression fighters and deprive our people of their sacred right to save their country. This sinister intent has been categorically rejected by our people from the outset.

Obviously, in concert with the acts of war intensification and bloody repression, the Nguyen Van Thieu clique's insolent allegations prove that the Americans are using the Saigon puppet administration and army apparatus to administer their insidious scheme to eliminate political, religious and social forces favoring peace and national concord, annihilate the South Vietnamese people's revolutionary armed forces and eliminate the PRGRSV. As a matter of course, this is merely a mad intent of the aggressors, who still refuse to learn a lesson from their defeats in the past many years.

No reactionary force can deny the truth that the PRGRSV is the genuine representative of the 17 million compatriots in the southern part of our country. It is the people's revolutionary administration that was born from the people and has developed in the sacred anti-U.S. national salvation struggle. For years this administration has not only enjoyed the trust of the absolute majority of our compatriots in the south and the respect and love of all our Vietnamese people, but has also won the admiration and recognition by all progressive mankind.

The PRGRSV has been recognized diplomatically by all the socialist countries and many nationalist countries, was admitted by 64 countries attending the Georgetown Conference into the collective of nonaligned countries, and has enjoyed the warm sympathy and support of all peace- and justice-loving international organizations and mass organizations. This is a striking truth.

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To oppose such an administration shining with the just cause of the present era, the U.S. aggressors have been unable to find any other tool but the Nguyen Van Thieu clique, a 100 percent U.S. lackey administration. As an offspring of U.S. neocolonialism, this administration, from the Ngo Dinh Diem period to date, has consisted of only country-selling and people-harming scum. Despite the fact that it has been embellished with U.S. money and armed to the teeth with U.S. weapons and ammunition, the warlike lackey Nguyen Van Thieu clique has been bitterly hated by the South Vietnamese people and all the Vietnamese people and looked down on by all mankind.

The mere existence of this filthy administration brazenly violates the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination. This U.S. lackey administration must be abolished now. This is precisely a correct demand that the South Vietnamese people and the PRGRSV definitely have the right to raise. It is the objective world public consensus that by recognizing the Saigon administration as one of the three political forces in South Vietnam, the PRGRSV has proved its practical outlook and its undeniable good will for correctly solving the South Vietnam problem.

It is really tragic for the U.S. side which, because of its intent to persistently administer its sinister neocolonialist schemes, has had to cling to a handful of people whom the Vietnamese people have looked down on and hated as a clique that has invited elephants to trample on their ancestors' tombs. Who can trust the Americans' promise to respect the Vietnamese people's fundamental national rights and the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination when they are intent on imposing such an administration on one half of Vietnam and using this administration, on the one hand, to maintain their disguised domination on this half of the country and, on the other hand, to attempt to deprive the Vietnamese people of their sacred self-defense right to fight the aggressors throughout the territory of their own fatherland.

In light of the Americans' and puppets' specific actions in South Vietnam and the allegations advanced by the Nguyen Van Thieu clique at U.S. instigation, everyone can see clearly the status of the current negotiations between us and the Americans. This status is reflected in that although the Vietnamese side has demonstrated its serious attitude and good will to the highest degree, the Americans have deliberately delayed signing and refused to sign the agreement of 20 October they already agreed on, plotting to demand that the fundamental principles set forth in the agreement be revised.

They are still intent on prolonging the war of aggression and continuing U.S. involvement in the southern part of our country by expediting Vietnamization, annihilating the revolutionary forces of the people in the southern part of our country and providing more war materiel for the puppet administration, a tool of U.S. neocolonialism. They are plotting to negotiate from a position of strength in hopes of gaining at the conference table what they have been unable to gain on the battlefield.

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The Nixon administration must choose one of the following two paths: Either abide by and sign the agreed-on agreement so as to extricate the United States from its bogged down situation in Vietnam, or continue using Nguyen Van Thieu to sabotage the agreement and prolong the war of aggression; then, as the New York TIMES said, the tiny light that has just appeared at the end of the tunnel will vanish.

The more the Nixon administration squirms, the more deadlocked and defeated it becomes. No one can intimidate or deceive the Vietnamese people. Our people want to live in peace and friendship with all other countries, including the United States, but genuine peace and friendship can only be achieved in true independence and freedom. The Vietnamese people have abundant good will and even more intense patriotism and determination to fight to the end for their sacred fundamental national rights.

Our just cause is shining and our posture and strength have become ever more powerful. The more crafty and stubborn the U.S. aggressors are, the more the fraternal socialist countries and peace- and justice-loving mankind intensify their support for and assistance to us. Our stand is clear-cut and definite [VNA International Service at 0720 GMT on 13 December says "clear and just"]: to firmly maintain and immediately sign the 20 October agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam. We demand that the Americans get out of Vietnam, stop their war of aggression, terminate all their military involvement in South Vietnam and absolutely respect our country's independence, sovereignty, unification and territorial integrity and the South Vietnamese people's right to self-determination.

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DATE: 14 Dec 72

TO: The Director

FROM: GACarver, Jr.

SUBJECT: 13 December Nhan Dan Editorial

REMARKS:

1. The attached Nhan Dan editorial -- "What Do the U.S. Puppets Want?" -- merits your quick perusal. It is a very tough statement of the basic Hanoi position: Vietnam is one country (ours), Thieu is a neo-colonialist puppet and his government a U.S. fiction, the only foreigners and/or aggressors around are you Americans and your lackeys (i. e., the South Koreans), you made a deal acknowledging all this last October, now sign it, period.

2. Our colleagues downtown are not going to find this very cheerful reading.

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