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U.S. COMMITS INCREASINGLY DEEPER INTERVENTION IN CAMBODIA

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[Text] Hanoi--Reviewing the Cambodian situation over the last 3 months since the withdrawal of American aggressors from Cambodia, a commentary of the Hanoi Army daily QUAN DOI NHAN DAN today pointed out that the U.S. has committed a deeper and deeper intervention in this country.

The paper cited, among other proofs: The U.S. has hurriedly given Lon Nol a weapon-aid worth of 8 million dollars; now the U.S. has decided to raise the aid to 40 million, a five time increase.

Nixon has used aircraft, including B-52's to conduct a large scale war of destruction to devastate Cambodia, and has directly given tactical support to the Lon Nol troops.

The U.S. has greatly increased its embassy personnel in Phnom Penh, especially military leaders and C.I.A. agents. These men are directly working out plans of military operations for the Lon Nol troops.

Apart from the Saigonese Troops, the U.S. is still seeking to buy Thai troops and send them to the Cambodian battlefield as its cannon fodder.

Recently, Vice President Agnew, while flying to Phnom Penh, openly declared: "When necessary, the U.S. will send troops back to Cambodia and will apply all necessary measures to support Lon Nol."

According to USIS, the council of U.S. Chiefs of Staff has worked out a plan to use the South Vietnam and Thai forces to oppose communists in northeast Cambodia and south Laos.

QUAN DOI NHAN DAN said that obviously the U.S. aggressors are feverishly stepping up the special war by using armies of their satellites combined with the U.S. air war and are feverishly preparing new acts of military adventure. However, the paper asserted, no matter how the U.S. tries, it will not be able to get out of its impasse.

It quoted the CAMBODIAN PRESS AGENCY (AKI) as reporting that up to now, nearly 3 million people with two-thirds of the territory have been liberated from Lon Nol, the rest of the territory is guerrilla areas where the Cambodian People's Liberation National Army is holding its initiative and launching successful attacks against the U.S. henchmen's troops. The Cambodian revolution is obviously continuing its steady steps forward, and the comparison between the revolutionary force and Lon Nol force is more and more favorable for the Khmer people.

QUAN DOI NHAN DAN charged the U.S. with responsibility for the present situation in Cambodia. In the period of time under Norodom Sihanouk, said QUAN DOI NHAN DAN, Cambodia had 16 years of peace, independence and neutrality. But since Lon Nol has seized power, 2 months immediately after that this country has been plunged into the flames of war kindled by the U.S. aggressors. This is a truth, a lesson of history bought at the cost of blood, that every Cambodia, from the monks and nuns, the most respected in society, to normal peasants, has seen and understood.