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It is necessary to recall that the U.S. imperialists used the deceitful pretext of "evacuating U.S. citizens" to land U.S. Marines in the Dominican Republic and occupy it in 1965, and that Johnson also used the pretext of "protecting U.S. lives and bases" to introduce U.S. Marines into South Vietnam.

By the above-mentioned acts in Cambodia one can clearly see that the United States is striving to help the Phnom Penh henchmen in the hope of postponing their complete collapse. This is revealed by Ford's admission to newsmen and the public that "we--that is, the United States--cannot meet humanitarian requirements without providing some military aid." To put it bluntly, what Ford is most concerned about is to pour in weapons and ammunition for the Lon Nol clique to oppose the Cambodian people.

All Ford's mendacious and deceitful allegations at the press conference on the evening of 6 March and similar previous statements by his clique will certainly fail tragically. The Cambodian Indochinese and progressive peoples throughout the world sternly condemn the new military adventure in Cambodia by a clique which lies and speaks of ethics while its hands are deep in crimes.

#### Commentary Predicts Defeat

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[Station commentary: "Any New U.S. Adventures in Cambodia Will Certainly Be Defeated"]

[Text] According to Western reports, in their efforts to rescue the Lon Nol clique from drowning, the U.S. imperialists are actively preparing to intervene directly in Cambodia with the use of U.S., Saigon and Bangkok armed forces. The likelihood of this very dangerous and adventurous U.S. scheme has been supported by some coincidental facts. Firstly, an aircraft carrier loaded with U.S. Marines and helicopters is on standby in the Gulf of Thailand. At the same time, another U.S. Marine force is standing ready in Okinawa, Japan, allegedly in case it is needed to evacuate U.S. citizens from Phnom Penh, according to the Ford administration. Furthermore, according to Saigon military sources a unit of the Thieu troops is being trained in hand-to-hand combat, supposedly to form the core of a force capable of protecting aircraft used in the evacuation of personnel from the Saigon puppet embassy in Phnom Penh. According to UPI, the Thai Government also has a similar plan.

It is clear, therefore, that the U.S. imperialists are plotting to use not only their own armed forces but also those of Saigon and Thailand to intervene in Cambodia under the pretext of evacuating U.S. citizens and the personnel of the Saigon puppet and Thai embassies from Phnom Penh should the need arise.

Everyone still remembers that Johnson once used the protection of U.S. lives and bases as a pretext for introducing U.S. Marines into South Vietnam. Therefore, Ford's pretext of evacuating U.S. citizens is nothing but a blatantly deceitful trick, a crafty scheme of the Ford administration aimed at taking advantage of the U.S. congressmen's sentiments and winning U.S. congressional approval of the administration's new military adventure in Cambodia.

It is public knowledge that for several months now the RGNVC has advised all foreigners to leave Phnom Penh. This advice has been followed by almost all non-Americans. At the same time, two U.S. airlifts from Thailand and from Saigon to Phnom Penh have been operating for a number of days, with U.S. aircraft going back and forth like shuttles, landing and taking off from Phnom Penh every 8 minutes. So why has it been impossible to evacuate U.S. citizens and why is it necessary to mobilize U.S. Marines and aircraft carriers to prepare for their evacuation?

We sternly warn the Ford administration that they should not use any pretext for introducing U.S. and lackey troops into Cambodia. Is the lesson of 1970 still not fresh in the minds of the aggressors and country-sellers? In less than 3 months, the aggressive campaign by more than 100,000 U.S. and Saigon puppet troops was smashed by the Cambodian armed forces and people, with the result that 30,000 enemy troops, including 1,200 Americans, were put out of action and the remnants forced to withdraw from Cambodia. If the United States and its lackeys intend to go headlong into a new adventure, they will only court new defeats, for the balance of strength has now shifted greatly: The Cambodian revolution's position and strength have the upper hand and no scheme whatever of the United States and its lackeys can reverse the situation. Progressive mankind, including the U.S. people, will certainly side with the Cambodian people and sternly condemn the U.S. imperialists' new adventure.

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Public opinion throughout the world and in the United States should be aware of the need to remain highly vigilant in the face of the desperate throes of the U.S. imperialists and their Phnom Penh lackeys in the wake of the recent increased U.S. involvement in this country--an involvement that has failed to remedy the increasingly critical situation of the Lon Nol gang which is on its last legs. Realities in Cambodia in the past years have clearly demonstrated that no military adventure can intimidate the heroic Cambodian people who are determined to fight and win, and no warlike scheme and no weapon can save the Lon Nol gang. The cruel and obdurate U.S. imperialists and their henchmen are certainly courting heavier defeats.

Quan Doi Nhan Dan 6 Mar Commentary

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[Text] Condemning the United States for establishing an airlift to supply arms to the Lon Nol clique so that it can continue intensifying the war, QUAN DOI NHAN DAN today carries a commentary entitled: "Unjustifiable Crimes." The commentary says:

In the face of the death throes of the Phnom Penh puppet administration, the United States is feverishly seeking every urgent measure to save the lackey clique from danger. The Pentagon has erected a Berlin-type airlift, transporting ammunition, POL and grain to the Lon Nol regime to prolong its death throes. The United States has mustered four airlines to support this emergency airlift.

Meanwhile, Ford and Kissinger are feverishly pressuring the U.S. Congress to rapidly appropriate \$222 million in supplemental aid to the Lon Nol puppet administration and \$300 million in supplemental aid to Thieu. Ford has described this supplemental aid as very essential to enable Saigon and Phnom Penh to negotiate from a position of strength. Kissinger, chiming in with Ford, menacingly told Congress that failure to appropriate this amount of supplemental aid would only prolong the suffering and would rule out the possibility of achieving a solution.

We sternly warn the Ford administration that they should not use any pretext for introducing U.S. and lackey troops into Cambodia. Is the lesson of 1970 still not fresh in the minds of the aggressors and country-sellers? In less than 3 months, the aggressive campaign by more than 100,000 U.S. and Saigon puppet troops was smashed by the Cambodian armed forces and people, with the result that 30,000 enemy troops, including 1,200 Americans, were put out of action and the remnants forced to withdraw from Cambodia. If the United States and its lackeys intend to go headlong into a new adventure, they will only court new defeats, for the balance of strength has now shifted greatly: The Cambodian revolution's position and strength have the upper hand and no scheme whatever of the United States and its lackeys can reverse the situation. Progressive mankind, including the U.S. people, will certainly side with the Cambodian people and sternly condemn the U.S. imperialists' new adventure.

In the eyes of world opinion, the U.S. imperialists are exposing ever more their utter obduracy and bellicosity and the Ford administration is showing still more clearly that it still persists in blindly following the ruts of the former Nixon administration and applying the "Nixon doctrine without Nixon" in Cambodia. The U.S. imperialists' intention of introducing their armed forces and those of their Saigon and Bangkok lackeys into Cambodia reflects the failure of this utterly reactionary doctrine.

Public opinion throughout the world and in the United States should be aware of the need to remain highly vigilant in the face of the desperate throes of the U.S. imperialists and their Phnom Penh lackeys in the wake of the recent increased U.S. involvement in this country--an involvement that has failed to remedy the increasingly critical situation of the Lon Nol gang which is on its last legs. Realities in Cambodia in the past years have clearly demonstrated that no military adventure can intimidate the heroic Cambodian people who are determined to fight and win, and no warlike scheme and no weapon can save the Lon Nol gang. The cruel and obdurate U.S. imperialists and their henchmen are certainly courting heavier defeats.

Quan Doi Nhan Dan 6 Mar Commentary

Hanoi in Vietnamese to Vietnam 2300 GMT 6 Mar 75 SG

[Text] Condemning the United States for establishing an airlift to supply arms to the Lon Nol clique so that it can continue intensifying the war, QUAN DOI NHAN DAN today carries a commentary entitled: "Unjustifiable Crimes." The commentary says:

In the face of the death throes of the Phnom Penh puppet administration, the United States is feverishly seeking every urgent measure to save the lackey clique from danger. The Pentagon has erected a Berlin-type airlift, transporting ammunition, POL and grain to the Lon Nol regime to prolong its death throes. The United States has mustered four airlines to support this emergency airlift.

Meanwhile, Ford and Kissinger are feverishly pressuring the U.S. Congress to rapidly appropriate \$222 million in supplemental aid to the Lon Nol puppet administration and \$300 million in supplemental aid to Thieu. Ford has described this supplemental aid as very essential to enable Saigon and Phnom Penh to negotiate from a position of strength. Kissinger, chiming in with Ford, menacingly told Congress that failure to appropriate this amount of supplemental aid would only prolong the suffering and would rule out the possibility of achieving a solution.

It is necessary to recall that the U.S. imperialists used the deceitful pretext of "evacuating U.S. citizens" to land U.S. Marines in the Dominican Republic and occupy it in 1965, and that Johnson also used the pretext of "protecting U.S. lives and bases" to introduce U.S. Marines into South Vietnam.

By the above-mentioned acts in Cambodia one can clearly see that the United States is striving to help the Phnom Penh henchmen in the hope of postponing their complete collapse. This is revealed by Ford's admission to newsmen and the public that "we--that is, the United States--cannot meet humanitarian requirements without providing some military aid." To put it bluntly, what Ford is most concerned about is to pour in weapons and ammunition for the Lon Nol clique to oppose the Cambodian people.

All Ford's mendacious and deceitful allegations at the press conference on the evening of 6 March and similar previous statements by his clique will certainly fail tragically. The Cambodian Indochinese and progressive peoples throughout the world sternly condemn the new military adventure in Cambodia by a clique which lies and speaks of ethics while its hands are deep in crimes.

#### Commentary Predicts Defeat

Hanoi in Vietnamese to Vietnam 1430 GMT 6 Mar 75 BK

[Station commentary: "Any New U.S. Adventures in Cambodia Will Certainly Be Defeated"]

[Text] According to Western reports, in their efforts to rescue the Lon Nol clique from drowning, the U.S. imperialists are actively preparing to intervene directly in Cambodia with the use of U.S., Saigon and Bangkok armed forces. The likelihood of this very dangerous and adventurous U.S. scheme has been supported by some coincidental facts. Firstly, an aircraft carrier loaded with U.S. Marines and helicopters is on standby in the Gulf of Thailand. At the same time, another U.S. Marine force is standing ready in Okinawa, Japan, allegedly in case it is needed to evacuate U.S. citizens from Phnom Penh, according to the Ford administration. Furthermore, according to Saigon military sources a unit of the Thieu troops is being trained in hand-to-hand combat, supposedly to form the core of a force capable of protecting aircraft used in the evacuation of personnel from the Saigon puppet embassy in Phnom Penh. According to UPI, the Thai Government also has a similar plan.

It is clear, therefore, that the U.S. imperialists are plotting to use not only their own armed forces but also those of Saigon and Thailand to intervene in Cambodia under the pretext of evacuating U.S. citizens and the personnel of the Saigon puppet and Thai embassies from Phnom Penh should the need arise.

Everyone still remembers that Johnson once used the protection of U.S. lives and bases as a pretext for introducing U.S. Marines into South Vietnam. Therefore, Ford's pretext of evacuating U.S. citizens is nothing but a blatantly deceitful trick, a crafty scheme of the Ford administration aimed at taking advantage of the U.S. congressmen's sentiments and winning U.S. congressional approval of the administration's new military adventure in Cambodia.

It is public knowledge that for several months now the RGNVC has advised all foreigners to leave Phnom Penh. This advice has been followed by almost all non-Americans. At the same time, two U.S. airlifts from Thailand and from Saigon to Phnom Penh have been operating for a number of days, with U.S. aircraft going back and forth like shuttles, landing and taking off from Phnom Penh every 8 minutes. So why has it been impossible to evacuate U.S. citizens and why is it necessary to mobilize U.S. Marines and aircraft carriers to prepare for their evacuation?



The U.S. ruling circles publicly announced on 5 March that they had deployed a helicopter carrier with about 1,500 Marines aboard to the Gulf of Siam and, at the same time, ordered a U.S. Marine unit on Okinawa to stand ready for action in Cambodia. Ford has officially announced that an emergency plan has been formulated to evacuate Americans from Phnom Penh.

These activities prove that the Ford-Kissinger administration, while urging Thieu to intensify the war in South Vietnam, has intensified its military involvement in Cambodia in an attempt to save its lackeys from danger.

QUAN DOI NHAN DAN stresses: The present situation in South Vietnam and Cambodia has definitely changed. With a defeated army--whose troop strength has been eroded, whose reserve stocks have been exhausted, and whose morale is sagging--the few hundred million additional dollars in emergency aid that Ford might obtain through legal channels and by shifting items in secret funds will only prolong the doom of the Lon Nol army and will not be able to turn it into a strong army. The peoples of Cambodia and the other Indochinese countries and the world progressives sternly condemn the present military adventure of the Ford-Kissinger clique. This clique cannot justify its criminal acts against the Cambodian people. By stubbornly continuing its military involvement in Cambodia, the United States will only become even more isolated and will court still heavier setbacks.

#### NHAN DAN Raps Thai Paper

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[Text] Hanoi VNA March 10--NHAN DAN today denounced the Thai-language Bangkok paper DAILY TIME for a recent ill-intentioned editorial aimed at arousing fears about a so-called "infiltration" from Cambodia. In its March 9 issue, the DAILY TIME hinted that if the U.S. stops assisting the Phnom Penh administration in opposing the attacks of the Cambodian liberation forces, "at least we will know for sure that the United States has never been sincere in either her friendship with anybody or in her offers of aid."

NHAN DAN says: "This article obviously is intended to prod the U.S. Government to continue its military aid to the Phnom Penh puppet administration. Such an allegation is in the same line as Ford's contention that if Washington stops assisting the Lon Nol clique, its satellites will lose their confidence in the U.S. This is really aimed at bringing pressure to bear upon the U.S. Congress to approve the request for 222 million dollars of additional aid to Phnom Penh."

Commenting on the Thai paper's claim that the common border of Thailand and Cambodia is being "infiltrated," NHAN DAN says: "This is also an old falsehood used by the U.S. and the Thai reactionaries. It is a well-known fact that it was the Thai reactionaries who sent troops to South Vietnam and Laos to help the U.S. in its aggression."

"The evil scheme of the DAILY TIME decidedly cannot deceive the Thai people who are demanding that the U.S. withdraw all U.S. troops and dismantle its military bases from Thailand."

## FATHERLAND FRONT GREETES NUPC ON CAMBODIAN CONGRESS

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[Text] Hanoi VNA March 8--The Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee today sent a message to the Central Committee of the National United Front of Kampuchea, warmly greeting the fine success of the second national congress of Cambodia. The message said:

"The success of this historic congress, shown in its communique of paramount importance, is an epitome of the great victories recorded by the heroic people of Cambodia in their anti-U.S. struggle for national salvation over the past five years. This is also a demonstration of the Cambodian people's iron will.

"On this occasion, the Vietnamese people once again reaffirm their unswerving stand to support the Cambodian people's just struggle until final victory."

## NHAN DAN ACCUSES THIEU OF LOOTING PEOPLE'S RICE

Hanoi VNA in English 0722 GMT 10 Mar 75 BK

[Text] Hanoi VNA March 10--NHAN DAN today vehemently denounces the Nguyen Van Thieu regime for looting the people's rice in order to carry on the war in South Vietnam and feed the U.S. mercenary army in Phnom Penh.

The paper notes that millions of people in South Vietnam are leading a wretched life due to the shortage of rice. Meanwhile, Thieu and his gang have over the past few months, made all-out efforts to seize rice from the people in the course of their so-called "economic survey". On December 16, 1974, Thieu chaired a meeting of bigwigs of the puppet administration and army to discuss ways and means to intensify pressganging and rice looting. Following this meeting, Saigon's Vice-Premier Nguyen Van Hao led a "delegation" including many security men to Can Tho Province to boost the rice-grabbing campaign in the Mekong Delta. A large sum of money was spent on building grain storages in the area and a transport network has been set up to ship the stolen rice to Saigon as quickly as possible.

Apart from extorting rice from the people, Saigon troops in their "pacification" and land-grabbing operations with armoured support have at the same time destroyed thousands of hectares of ricefields in the ripening stage. Saigon artillery ploughed up hundreds of other hectares of paddy fields. In many places, people were forced to contribute 80 to 95 percent of their crops to the Saigon administration in a great variety of taxes and levies.

The paper points out that apart from robbing rice for "domestic use", the Thieu clique are scheming to export 200,000 tons of rice. Far from finding any measure to provide food for millions of hungry people, the Thieu clique have arrested hundreds of young people engaged in the relief campaign for hunger-stricken people and brutally repressed the People's Front Against Famine. As for the so-called "rice exports" these are nothing but the daily airlift of hundreds of tons of rice to the Lon Nol clique, the paper notes. "All this puts in a more lurid light the war-like nature of Thieu an obedient stooge of U.S. imperialism to carry on the war with a view to imposing neo-colonialism both on South Vietnam and Cambodia," the paper says.