

NIXON THREATS AGAINST CAMBODIA SHOW FAILURE TO LEARN FROM PAST

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[Station commentary: "Can the United States Really Draw a Lesson From Cambodia and Indochina?"]

[Text] Being forced to end the bombing in Cambodia on 15 August, the White House immediately issued a warlike statement full of slanders and threats in preparation for new U.S. acts of intervention.

In this statement, Nixon voiced his regret for being forced to end his specialty, that is, his reckless armed aggression against Cambodia and all bombing to massacre the innocent Cambodian people. Nixon angrily cast the blame on the U.S. Congress for the fact that peace cannot yet be restored in Cambodia. More brazenly, Nixon uttered slanderous and threatening words against the DRV. According to AFP, in its 15 August statement the White House warned North Vietnam of an eventual new U.S. reaction should another offensive occur in Indochina.

Along with this arrogant statement, the Nixon administration is gearing up its war machinery aimed at continuing its aggression against Cambodia. Indeed, on U.S. orders, the Saigon administration has secretly introduced scores of thousands of troops, disguised as Vietnamese volunteers of Cambodian origin, into Cambodia.

According to the Manila Radio broadcast on 15 August, some 10,000 of these troops have been landed on Pochentong airfield. Moreover, 15 cargo planes--C-123's--have been handed over to the traitorous Lon Nol clique by the United States. The Thai troops along the Thai-Cambodian border have been placed on the alert, ready to intervene in Cambodia. It is obvious that the United States has set the greenlight for an entire war machinery.

People have long been aware of this way of working of the Nixon clique, which is but an act of a thief who cries "stop thief." U.S. journalist Joseph Kraft, on 10 August, correctly commented on the Nixon administration as follows: What is deplorable is that Nixon and his entourage's policies have been based on deceit. They deceived the Congress and American people about the U.S. bombing of Cambodia in 1969 and 1970. They brazenly told lies and have persisted in telling lies, and as a result the American people have gradually lost confidence in the Nixon administration.

This is what an American has said. How then can people trust the Nixon administration's explanations and Nixon's ignominious slanders? How can people trust Nixon's boasts about his efforts and goodwill in seeking a solution to the Cambodian issue?

The United States has had to end the bombing of Cambodia. This is obviously a bitter defeat for Nixon, and yet he is still planning to intervene in and impose neocolonialism on Cambodia as well as on Laos and South Vietnam. This is a fact that is known and condemned by the people worldwide. With their criminal and bloody hands, the aggressive ringleaders can never cover up their crimes, nor can they conceal the new aggressive acts they are carrying on in Cambodia.

How will the war proceed in Cambodia? This depends entirely on Nixon's plots and acts in the days ahead. Nixon should not expect to evade his responsibility for the new military adventures in Cambodia by his slanders against the DRV and Vietnamese people.

Pursuing a behavior he was displayed for several years now, Nixon again resorted to slanders and threats to cover up his aggressive acts. Yet Nixon's threats and all reckless acts by the United States have always received proper answers. Our people in both parts of the country and the Lao and Cambodian peoples have countered every one of the frantic war escalation steps by the Nixon clique and forced it to resign itself to defeat and to gradually deescalate the war of aggression. Yet the Nixon clique has always remained bellicose. Far from learning from its painful setbacks, the Nixon clique still intensively organizes its invasion and intervention in Cambodia in every form and still resorts to insolent slanders and threats.

However, the Indochinese people are not at all impressed and upset by these insolent threats. On the contrary, Nixon's outcries and the aggressive intervention that the United States and its henchmen are carrying out in Cambodia can only increase the indignation of millions of Vietnamese, Cambodians, and Laotians.

The Cambodian people are bravely fighting the enemy to protect national territory, independence and freedom, and will certainly deal vigorous counterblows to the land-grabbers and countrysellers. Nixon can by no means slander the patriotic struggle being conducted by the Cambodian people under the leadership of the NUPK and the RGNUC, nor can he slander the correct stand of the DRV Government and the PRGRSV regarding the Cambodia issue.

Faithful to the statement by the Indochinese People's Summit Conference, the Vietnamese people are determined to stand shoulder to shoulder with the fraternal Cambodian people in their just struggle until the objectives set forth in Samdech Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk's statement on 23 March 1970--which were solemnly reaffirmed by the Cambodian nationwide congress held from 19 to 21 July 1973--are fully achieved.

We severely warn the Nguyen Van Thieu clique against deliberately colluding with the United States and forcing tens of thousands of Vietnamese troops to die in the place of the U.S. aggressors in Cambodia, thus perpetrating hideous crimes against the Cambodian and Vietnamese peoples.

The White House top leaders and the U.S. lackeys in Saigon, Bangkok, and Phnom Penh have not yet learned from the realities of some 20 years of war in Indochina. Consequently, they must bear the serious consequences arising from their acts of escalating the war and intervening in Cambodia.