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PLAN, CALLS FOR "PROTRACTED WAR" IN INDOCHINA

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fraud"]

On 7 October, the chieftain of U.S. imperialism, Nixon, fished
out a so-called "new initiative" on the question of Indochina. Before this,
U.S. propaganda machines had vigorously publicized that Nixon would
"take some eye-catching action" and issue "a very important statement."

In fact, this so-called "new initiative" is merely a refurbishing of tricks of political fraud which U.S. imperialism played before with regard to the question of Indochina. It is a clumsy fraud of the Nixon government aimed at fooling the American people and confusing the world's public opinion, and a crafty scheme to vainly attempt to extinguish the Indochinese people's revolutionary raging flames.

One of the main points of this so-called "new initiative" of Nixon is called "ceasefire-in-place." He said, "all armed forces in Indochina" should "cease firing their weapons," should "remain at the positions they now hold," and should stop "all actions characteristic of this war, including bombing and acts of terror." He also said, "the ceasefire should include not only the fighting in Viet-Nam but also the fighting in the entire Indochina." All this is the gangster logic of imperialism.

What "cease firing their weapons!" The people of the three Indochinese countries have not sent a single soldier to the United States to fire with their weapons. It is U.S. imperialism that has sent hundreds of thousands of aggressor troops and its satellite troops and used all kinds of weapons with the exception of atom bombs to slaughter the Indochinese people. If only U.S. aggressor troops and their satellite troops would get out of Indochina, then the firing of weapons between the Indochinese people and the U.S. aggressors would naturally stop. And, under the condition that U.S. imperialism continues to occupy the territories of the three Indochinese countries, the people of Viet-Nam, Laos, and Cambodia certainly have the right to take up arms and strike back at the aggressors.

What "remain at the positions they now hold!" Indochina is thousands of miles away from the United States, why should U.S. imperialism come all the way to Indochina to set up its "positions"? What right does U.S. imperialism have to "hold positions" on the territory of other countries? Is this not clearly trying to keep the U.S. aggressor troops in Indochina to forcibly occupy the territories of the three Indochinese countries forever?

What stop "bombing and acts of terror!" What Nixon referred to here is the revolutionary action of the people of South Viet-Nam and the people of Indochina against the brutal rule by U.S. imperialism and its running dogs. U.S. aggressors and its running dogs have used their barbarous counterrevolutionary forces of violence to carry out wanton bombing in Indochina; and they have raped, burned, and killed, doing every imaginable evil and enforcing sanguinary white terror in the areas

controlled by them. Can it be that the Indochinese people must only be submissive and be slaves, but must not rise up and resist by any means?

What ceasefire "should include the entire Indochina!" The Nixon government has expanded the war of aggression against Viet-Nam and Laos to Cambodia, and then begin to clamor for the realization of a so-called "cease-fire" in the entire Indochina. This in reality is saying that ~~wherever~~ the aggressive tenacles of U.S. imperialism extend, the people there should cease their struggle against aggression. It not only aims to deprive the people of Viet-Nam and Laos of their sacred right to carry on their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation, but also to deprive the people of Cambodia of their sacred right to resist the aggression of U.S. imperialism and overthrow the fascist rule by the Lon Nol traitorous clique, running dogs of U.S. imperialism.

As everyone knows, the key to the question of Indochina lies in U.S. imperialism's aggression. The key to the settlement of this question rests with the immediate, complete, and unconditional withdrawal of U.S. aggressor troops from Indochina. But Nixon has gone so far as to make the "ceasefire" a precondition. In reality, this is an excuse aimed at rejecting an immediate withdrawal of U.S. aggressor troops, persistently carrying on and prolonging the war of aggression against Indochina in a vain attempt to force the three Indochinese peoples to lay down their arms and to surrender submissively.

In his so-called "new initiative" Nixon has the effrontery to talk about the "basic principles" of the 1954 and 1962 Geneva Agreements, and proposed to "call an international conference." U.S. imperialism has long since torn to pieces the Geneva Agreements, making the international agreements all but non-existent. Now, Nixon has gone so far as to come out vigorously saying that the agreements are "still valid." What absurdity and shamelessness! As to the so-called "international conference" trumpeted by Nixon, it is merely a plot which U.S. imperialism has been engineering for a long time to strangle the revolutionary struggle of the Indochinese people through international intervention. He is trying to use this as a means to save U.S. imperialism from its doom in Indochina. It will turn out to be just a fond dream.

Nixon also has talked such nonsense as the "political solution of the question of Indochina should reflect the current relations between the various political forces." To tell the truth, he wants to maintain the fascist rule of the Nguyen Van Thieu-Nguyen Cao Ky-Tran Thien Kiem clique in South Viet-Nam and the Lon-Nol-Sirk Matak in Cambodia. Nixon has clamored that these national scoundrels,

despised by the Indochinese people, must not be "excluded." Is that not a blatant attempt to impose the rule of the puppets of U.S. imperialism on the Indochinese people and to continue to pursue its new colonialism? This is an extreme insult and provocation to the people of the three Indochinese countries!

In order to cover up the ferocious features of U.S. imperialism, Nixon has vigorously played his hackneyed peace tunes, boasting that U.S. imperialism wants to "build a new mansion of peace in the world," to "enable us to let our children" "enjoy a generation of peace," and so forth. He is really shameless. Like his predecessors, the Nixon government, since it came to power two years ago, has adhered to a policy of aggression and war. He talks about "ceasefire," but in reality "sets something on fire" everywhere. He talked about "troop withdrawal" from South Viet-Nam, but shortly afterwards expanded the flames of war to Cambodia. He pushed the so-called "ceasefire" in the Middle East, and in the meantime directed Israeli Zionism to carry out aggression against the Arab countries and instigated the Jordanian reactionaries to wildly massacre the Palestinian people and guerrillas. He advertises that he wants to "maintain peace" in Asia, but steps up the use of Japanese militarism as the accomplice of U.S. imperialism, and continuously intensifies military provocations against the Korean people. The Nixon government not only slaughters the people of other countries, but also opens fire on the white and the black people at home. What the Nixon government has brought to the American people and the people of the world is not "a generation of peace," but disasters for hundreds of millions of people. Nixon is an out and out plague god of war.

Our great leader Chairman Mao in his solemn statement of 20 May this year pointed out: "The Nixon government is beset with troubles internally and externally, with utter chaos at home and extreme isolation abroad." "U.S. imperialism which looks like a huge monster, is in essence a paper tiger, now in the throes of its deathbed struggle."

This so-called "new initiative" dished out by Nixon reflects precisely the difficult situation of U.S. imperialism at home and abroad. On the battlefields of Indochina, the Vietnamese, Laotian, and Cambodian people's war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation is developing victoriously, and the U.S. aggressors and running dogs are badly battered. In Southeast Asia, in the Middle East, in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the whole world, a new high tide is emerging in the struggle against U.S. imperialism. In the United States, the revolutionary mass movement opposing wars of aggression and opposing the reactionary rule is developing rapidly. U.S. imperialism's political, economic, and social crises are further deepening. It is precisely under these circumstances that the Nixon government has played such a dirty trick, trying

to extricate itself from its dilemma and to get votes for the Republican Party of the United States in the off-year Congressional elections which are forthcoming.

As soon as the fraud of Nixon's so-called "new initiative" was dished out, it was promptly and resolutely opposed by the people of the three Indochinese countries. Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia, strongly denounced at a press conference the so-called "new initiative" of Nixon, and indicated that the Cambodian people will continue to fight to liberate their own country from the fascist rule of U.S. imperialism and Lon Nol. The Chinese government and the Chinese people fully support the just stand of the people of Viet-Nam, Cambodia, and Laos. We are firmly convinced that the people of the three Indochinese countries, by uniting closely together, fighting shoulder to shoulder, and persisting in protracted people's war, will certainly be able to drive the U.S. aggressors out of Indochina, and will certainly win complete independence and liberation. The U.S. aggressors and running dogs, persisting in carrying on the war of aggression in Indochina, will certainly meet with complete, ignominious defeat.