

THANKS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN THE WORLD

GREAT SUPPORT STRONG ENCOURAGEMENT

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THE victories recorded by the Vietnamese people in their struggle against the U.S. aggressors are closely linked with the great, all-sided support and assistance in the moral, political and material fields given by the Soviet Union, China and the other brother socialist countries. It is closely associated with the valuable support of the national liberation movement, the working class and the people all over the world. This ever-increasing support and assistance is an important factor of success for our people. Our success is also that of international solidarity.

ONCE again, the mighty strength of international unity on December, on the occasion of the 7th founding anniversary of the South Viet Nam N.F.L. The brother countries have strongly manifested their will to strengthen solidarity with the Vietnamese people and their determination to support them in their fight against the U.S. aggressors till complete victory. The Vietnamese people are deeply impressed by the sincere, warm and great support and assistance of the fraternal Soviet people. In a solemn atmosphere at the ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Great October Revolution in the Kremlin on November 3, 1967, comrade L. I. Brezhnev pointed out: "The Soviet Union is fully resolved to give maximum aid and support to the fraternal Vietnamese people in their struggle for a just cause. This aid will continue until the U.S. imperialists cease their criminal and dishonouring adventure and get out of Viet Nam. The Vietnamese people are fighting for a just cause and will be victorious. There can be no doubt about it."

In their message to Lawyer Nguyen Huu Tho, greeting the 7th founding anniversary of the South Vietnam N.F.L. comrades L. I. Brezhnev, N. V. Podgorny and A. N. Kosygin pointed out: "The Soviet people express their admiration for the courage of the South Vietnamese patriots, and their solidarity with the latter's just struggle against armed intervention of the U.S. imperialists. Experience of history has demonstrated that no force can subjugate a people who are ready to put all their energies in the struggle for the freedom, independence and prosperity of the Fatherland."

The Vietnamese people are deeply moved by the energetic, strong and wholehearted support given by the Chinese people. In his message to President Nguyen Huu Tho, Chairman Mao Tse-tung warmly welcomed the victories of the people of South Viet Nam and Viet Nam as a whole, and pointed out: "By their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation the Vietnamese people have set a brilliant example for the oppressed peoples and oppressed nations the world over in their struggle for liberation. We firmly support you. We are neighbouring countries as closely related as the lips and the teeth. Our two peoples are brothers sharing weal and woe. The fraternal South Vietnamese people and the entire fraternal Vietnamese people can rest assured that your struggle is ours. The 700 million Chinese people are a powerful mainstay for the Vietnamese people, the past expanse of China's territory is their reliable rear."

At the grand meeting held in Peking, Premier Chou En-lai also emphasized: "In the common struggle, the Chinese and Vietnamese peoples support and co-operate with each other and have forged unbreakable militant friendship... In their march forward, even though fraught with great danger and hardship, the 700 million Chinese people armed with Mao Tse-tung's thought, are resolved to pool their efforts with the Vietnamese people to defeat vicious U.S. imperialism."

The people of South Viet Nam and of Viet Nam as a whole are highly elated at the Chinese Government's decision to consider the Permanent Representation of the N.F.L. as an official diplomatic mission equal in rank to foreign embassies in come given by the Chinese Party, Government and people to the South Vietnamese people's delegation during its visit to China on the occasion of the N.F.L.'s founding anniversary.

In their messages to President Nguyen Huu Tho, the Party and State leaders of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Cuba and the other fraternal countries have warmly praised the brilliant victories recorded by the Vietnamese people in their sacred resistance war against U.S. imperialism, clearly shown the will of the peoples of socialist countries to unite closely with the Vietnamese people and increase support to them so as to defeat the U.S. aggressors. They have asserted total support to the N.F.L. Political Programme and the stand of the D.R.V.N. Government on the settlement of the Viet Nam issue. Over recent years, the movement against U.S. imperialism and in support of Viet Nam has been seething continually, broadly and in varied forms and has taken deep roots in the daily life of the peoples of socialist countries. The commemoration of the N.F.L.'s founding anniversary offers occasion for the struggle of the people of fraternal countries united with the Vietnamese people in opposing U.S. imperialist aggression. In their capital cities and all over their countries, these people have held grand meetings, exhibitions, socials, and collections of material aid and organized extra work days in support of Viet Nam, etc. By so doing, they have expressed heartfelt sentiments to the Vietnamese people, warmly welcomed their victories as their own, and voiced high determination to stand shoulder to shoulder with the Vietnamese people and devotedly support them.

ON the front against the U.S. imperialist aggressors — their common enemy — the solidarity among the Indo-Chinese peoples has been enhanced day after day. In his message to President Nguyen Huu Tho on the N.F.L.'s anniversary, Cambodia's Head of State Norodom Sihanouk has once again assured the South Vietnamese people of his fraternal solidarity. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk stressed: "The Khmer people's unreserved support to the South Vietnamese people has been clearly affirmed and will never change."

The message of the Neo Lao Haksat Central Committee expressed the joy of the Lao people — the close neighbour and friend sharing weal and woe with the Viet Nam people in the national salvation struggle against the common enemy — at the South Vietnamese people's great victories. Its message pointed out: "The Lao people are resolved

to wipe out more enemy troops, in order to support the just struggle of the South Viet Nam people and to achieve common success for both our peoples."

Together with the people of the socialist countries, the Communist parties, international organizations and progressive people in all countries have shown warm support to the struggle of our people against the U.S. imperialists and for national salvation on the occasion of the 7th founding anniversary of the South Viet Nam Front for Liberation.

The message from the Japanese Communist Party highlighted the determination of the communists, working class and people of Japan as a whole to strengthen their solidarity with our people against the U.S. war of aggression in Viet Nam and demand that the Sato government give up its policy of tailing after the U.S. in opposing the Vietnamese people.

In their messages, the French and British Communist Parties expressed full militant solidarity with our people and pledged themselves to step up the movement of support to Viet Nam among the French and British people.

The World Federation of Trade Unions has issued an appeal to the working people and trade unions of all countries to promote the movement of support in all forms to Viet Nam against the U.S. imperialists.

The Asian-African and Latin American People's Solidarity Organization has issued a statement "reaffirming the militant solidarity of the revolutionaries and peoples of Africa, Asia and Latin America with the heroic South Vietnamese people."

Many meetings welcoming the South Viet Nam N.F.L. anniversary were held in Japan, Burma, Algeria, Congo (B) etc. On these days of December, many anti-U.S. demonstrations to support Viet Nam took place in Britain, France, West Berlin and West Germany, Switzerland, Norway and Australia... In the United States, though the Johnson clique resorts to slanders in the hope of blurring the just nature of our people's victorious struggle and uses every way and means to check and suppress it, the movement against the war of aggression in Viet Nam has broadened with every passing day. This month, the American people have organized the "Stop the Draft—End the War" week throughout the United States, and the N.F.L. flag was carried aloft again by thousands of American demonstrators in front of the draft centre in New York.

During recent days, in their action to support Viet Nam against U.S. aggression, the people all over the world have displayed slogans demanding that the U.S. imperialists stop their war of aggression in Viet Nam, cease the bombing of North Viet Nam and withdraw all their troops from South Viet Nam. They voiced support for the N.F.L. Political Programme and urged recognition of the Front as the only genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people, and support for the 4-point stand of the D.R.V.N. The prestige of the N.F.L. has further increased. The justice of our cause is blazing more and more all over the five continents.

THE strong and diversified manifestations of international solidarity and support toward our people on the occasion of the 7th founding anniversary of the South Viet Nam N.F.L. have proved that the world people are unanimous in assessing that our patriotic struggle is an integral part, the focus and the front line of the revolutionary struggle of the working people and oppressed nations in the world against U.S. imperialism, for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress. The people in all countries consider our victory as that of the revolutionary forces all over the world, and in fact, they have gathered into a front supporting Viet Nam against U.S. aggression. The more the U.S. feverishly steps up and expands the war, the more the people of the socialist countries and the world increase their support to us.