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VIETNAM ALLIANCE DELEGATION WELCOMED IN PEKING

Visit Made on Invitation

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[Text] Peking, September 5 (HSINHUA) -- Lawyer Trinh Dinh Thao, president of the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces and vice-president of the Advisory Council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, and the delegation of the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces he is leading, arrived here by air today for a friendly visit to China on invitation. The members of the delegation are Le Van Hao and Lien Hoa Ngo Thi Phu.

The delegation was welcomed at the airport by Li Hsien-nien, vice-premier of the State Council; Pei Shih-chang, Shih Liang, Chuang Hsi-chuan and Hu Tzu-ang, members of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress; and leading members of the organizations concerned Han Nien-lung and Lu Wei-chao. Also present were Nguyen Van Quang, ambassador of the Republic of South Viet Nam to China, and members of the embassy; and Bui Tan Linh, counsellor of the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in China, and his wife.

Li Hsien-nien Gives Banquet

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[Text] Peking, September 7 (HSINHUA) -- Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien gave a banquet here this evening warmly welcoming the delegation of the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces led by lawyer Trinh Dinh Thao, president of the Central Committee of the Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces and vice-president of the Advisory Council of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam.

Attending the banquet on invitation were Nguyen Van Quang, ambassador of the Republic of South Viet Nam to China, and members of the embassy; Bui Tan Linh, counsellor of the Embassy of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in China, and his wife. Kuo Mo-jo, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, was present.

The banquet was filled with a warm atmosphere of fighting unity between the people of China and Viet Nam.

In his speech Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien extended, on behalf of the Chinese people and government, the warmest welcome to the distinguished South Vietnamese guests from the front of the struggle against U.S. aggression. He praised the Vietnamese people as a dauntless heroic people.

He said: "Encountered with brutal aggression by U.S. imperialism, the most ferocious imperialism in the world, the 14 million South Vietnamese people, led by the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Viet Nam, have followed the Vietnamese people's great leader President Ho Chi Minh's teaching 'so long as there remains a single aggressor on our land, we still must fight on to sweep him away'. Displaying dauntlessness and revolutionary heroism, the entire nation has risen in struggle."

"They have formed the broadest national united front, persisted in waging people's war, resisted over one million U.S.-puppet and satellite troops, smashing the enemy's military attacks and political schemes one after another and winning brilliant victory. In this way they have set a brilliant example for the world that 'a weak nation can defeat a strong, a small nation can defeat a big'. The Chinese people feel immensely proud of having such heroic brothers and comrades-in-arms."

Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien said: "The situation in the Indo-Chinese region today is becoming more and more favourable to the people of Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos who were fighting the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation and unfavourable to the U.S. aggressors and their running dogs. In South Viet Nam, the Nixon government's scheme to 'Vietnamize' its war of aggression against Viet Nam is going bankrupt with each passing day. Everywhere in the cities and countryside, the U.S. aggressors were badly battered. In Laos, the people's armed forces have grown in struggle, the liberated areas have been constantly expanded, and U.S. imperialism and the rightist clique have met with one defeat after another. In Cambodia, under the leadership of Head of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and the National United Front of Kampuchea, the people's armed forces have grown rapidly and the situation of the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation has developed at a very great speed. In just four months and more, two-thirds of the country's territory was liberated. U.S. imperialism is now encircled ring upon ring by the people of Indo-China and the rest of the world and it has never been in such a predicament and isolation as today."

The vice-premier expressed confidence that the people of Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos who are closely united under the fighting banner of the summit conference of the Indo-Chinese peoples, supporting each other, fighting shoulder to shoulder and persisting in protracted people's war, would surely win complete victory in the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation.

Vice-Premier Li Hsien-nien said: "In their common struggle against U.S. imperialism, the destinies of the peoples of China and Viet Nam are closely linked. Tempered in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, the Chinese people, armed with Mao Tsetung Thought, have consistently and resolutely followed the great leader Chairman Mao's teaching: 'The 700 million Chinese people provide a powerful backing for the Vietnamese people; the vast expanse of China's territory is their reliable rear area.' They regard the struggle of the Vietnamese people as their own and give all-out support to the Vietnamese people and to the three Indo-Chinese peoples in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation until the U.S. aggressors are completely defeated".

Lawyer Trinh Dinh Thao pointed out in his speech that the Vietnamese people were winning ever greater victories in their just struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. The Viet Nam Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces was now struggling for the noble cause of the Vietnamese nation -- liberating the south, defending and building up the socialist north and proceeding to achieve the peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

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He said that the victory of the Vietnamese nation in the struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation was obvious. U.S. imperialism was doomed to failure. But it was still obdurate and cunning. After having suffered heavy defeats in both South and North Viet Nam, it intensified its special warfare in Laos and flagrantly invaded Cambodia, thus extending the war to the whole of Indo-China in an attempt to turn Indo-China into its military base for aggression against other Asian countries.

The more U.S. imperialism was desperately floundering, the more it would meet with utter defeat, he pointed out. The people of the three Indo-Chinese countries were now united more closely than ever. Their unity was as solid as a bastion of iron. Faithful to the well-known joint statement of the summit conference of the Indo-Chinese peoples, they were advancing triumphantly and winning ever greater brilliant victories.

Lawyer Trinh Dinh Thae thanked the Chinese people for their tremendous support for the Vietnamese people in their struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. "This support", he said, "helps us grasp the meaning of these immortal words of the Vietnamese people's great leader President Ho Chi Minh: 'Profound is the friendship between Viet Nam and China, who are both comrades and brothers.' Our current visit to China has enabled us to understand better the meaning of these words from Chairman Mao, the great leader of the Chinese people and close comrade-in-arms of the Vietnamese people: 'The 700 million Chinese people provide a powerful backing for the Vietnamese people; the vast expanse of China's territory is their reliable rear area'."

In conclusion, Lawyer Trinh Dinh Thae said that the Vietnamese people were determined to unite still more closely with the people of Cambodia and Laos and go all out to defeat the U.S. imperialist aggressors, achieve the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of the people of the three Indo-Chinese countries and make real contributions to the cause of the struggle of all nations against imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism and to peace and social progress.

Present at the banquet were: Members of the standing committee of the National People's Congress Pei Shih-chang, Shih Liang, Chuang Hsi-chuan and Hu Tzu-ang; and leading members of Chinese Government departments, the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee and the China-Viet Nam Friendship Association including Han Nienlung, Chung Yu-yi, Ting Hsi-lin, Chen Jung-kue, Li Chi-huang, Chang Jui-yun, Chuan Chih-pang, Chen Chieh and Yu Li-chun.