



THE WORLD AND THE GREAT VICTORY OF VIETNAM

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[Text] During the historic days of May when progressive mankind was commemorating the anniversary of the great victory over the fascists 30 years ago, the new feat of arms of the Vietnamese people of totally defeating the neo-fascists, the U.S. imperialists, shook the hearts of everyone on all continents.

Over the past several decades, the people of the world have frequently applauded and enthusiastically cheered the victories of our army and people, cheered the victory of Dien Bien Phu, praised the Mau Tan Tet offensive and uprising in 1968, and cheered the 1972 offensive and uprising in South Vietnam and the feat of arms of the "Dien Bien Phu of the sky" which smashed the "prestige" of the American air force in North Vietnam, forced the warmongering, obstinate, and crooked imperialists to sign the Paris Agreement, and so forth. Today, our joy and the joy of the people of the world reached unprecedented heights when our people's war of resistance against the United States for national salvation won total victory. Our brothers and friends on the five continents are using beautiful words and selecting the most worthy phrases to praise the brilliant victory of the war of resistance against the United States for national salvation of our people, whose soul is the great President Ho Chi Minh.

From the events which occurred in Vietnam in the spring of 1975, everyone in the world has drawn new conclusions. In the face of the defeat and panic of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, a great song of celebration of the great victory won by Vietnam is arising from all corners of the world. The victory of Vietnam is not the victory of only one nation. This victory is of international stature, it is of an epochal nature, it is the victory of progressive mankind. In a congratulatory message to Le Duan, Comrade Brezhnev, the General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union stated: the victory of Vietnam is "the common victory of all nations struggling for peace, freedom, and independence, it is the victory of anti-imperialist forces, a great contribution to the struggle for peace and security in Southeast Asia, on the Asian continent, and in the world..."

The message from the leaders of the Chinese Communist Party to the leaders of our party read in part: "Your victory, which has ushered in the new age of liberated Vietnam, is of great historical and international significance. Your victory has very strongly inspired all oppressed, struggling nations and peoples and set a brilliant example for the anti-imperialist revolution of the people of the world."

In the atmosphere of joy and enthusiasm of the Cuban people over the victory of the Vietnamese, Fidel Castro had the following words of praise: "Vietnam is an example of unity, an example of the immortal heroism of a nation. We say that the victory of the Vietnamese is one of the most brilliant feats of arms of mankind and one of the greatest defeats of imperialism."

In a congratulatory message to President Ton Duc Thang and Premier Pham Van Dong, the Cambodian chief of state, Norodom Sihanouk, said: "The total victory won by you over the imperialists is the most beautiful page in the several thousand year history of the nation of Vietnam which is rich in patriotic exploits. This victory

of Vietnam is also the victory of the nations in our Indochina and the victory of all the nations of the Third World."

Prince Savanavong, the Chairman of the Lao Patriotic Front, stated: the victory of Vietnam has directly reinforced and inspired the people of Laos in their struggle to scrupulously and fully implement the Vientiane Agreement and protocols and, at the same time, is a source of strong inspiration for the struggle for peace, national independence, democracy, and social progress of the people of the world."

The victory of Vietnam is the result of sacrifice, bravery, and the thinking "there is nothing more precious than independence and freedom." As a Peruvian paper stated, they cannot invent bombs to combat bravery, combat the love of independence and freedom. Therefore, the victory of Vietnam is one of the most beautiful pages in the history of the progressive forces of the world and has given the nations and forces struggling for independence and freedom both pride and confidence. It proves that the people of all countries, even small countries, can, if they dare to rise in struggle, are unafraid of sacrifices, and have the correct leadership line, definitely win final victory.

The president of Guinea, Sekou Toure, said in his congratulatory message to President Tong Duc Thang: "This historic and decisive victory will always be a symbol of the unshakeable will of a nation determined to throw off the yoke of domination of a foreign country for national independence and sovereignty in peace. This victory is also a brilliant example for all the oppressed nations in the world who are waging a just struggle against oppressive foreign powers."

The president of Mali, Colonel Moussa Traore, stated: "This glorious victory has written one of the most beautiful pages in the history of the progressive forces and is an incomparable symbol of the unyielding struggle and victory of freedom, justice, and democracy."

The general secretary of the Puerto Rican socialist party, (Juan Ma-ri Bo-rat) said: the victory of Vietnam is "a victory of a strategic nature of mankind in their struggle against oppression and inhumanity, represented by the rotten U.S. imperialists."

The victory of Vietnam is the victory of the correct, intelligent, and creative revolutionary line and method of struggling on all three fronts, the military, political, and diplomatic, of the Vietnam Lao Dong Party, which was founded and trained by President Ho Chi Minh; this line assembled and highly developed each domestic as well as foreign force to resist the common enemy, the U.S. imperialist aggressors. It is the victory of the strength of the unity of the nation of Vietnam, the combined strength of the three revolutionary currents in the world: the socialist revolution and socialist construction in the socialist countries, the national liberation movement, and the communist and worker movement in the capitalist countries.

The message sent by the Central Committee of the Italian Communist Party to the National Liberation Front and Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam read: "Your victory is not only the fruit of revolutionary heroism which has been and is making everyone respect and admire you, but it is also the fruit of the remarkable intelligence in your policy line which has always created around itself, during each period of the struggle, the common sympathy of the people, in Vietnam as well as each place in the world, and the ability to accurately evaluate the conditions in and outside the country controlling the development of this line."

Jacques Marseilles, the General Secretary of the French Communist Party, said in a speech during a ceremony to celebrate the victory of our people: the victory of Vietnam is "the victory of the clearheadedness and determination which the Vietnam Lao Dong Party and the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the National Liberation Front, and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam have displayed in every case. It is the victory of all the forces in the world who have supported and helped the Vietnamese over the past several decades."

The resolution sent by the representatives of the immigrants to the 17 countries of Latin and North America to the ambassador of the Republic of South Vietnam in Havana congratulating the people of Vietnam for their victory also stated: "For many years, Vietnam has always been the place which all revolutionaries in the world have faced. The struggle of the Vietnamese against a powerful enemy is an example of what a small nation can do once it is determined to win victory--Vietnam has shown

the strength of unity not only of the socialist camp, but of all the other peoples of the world, including the American people."

The revolutionary forces in practically all countries, not just a few, see in the total victory of Vietnam things which prove the truth of the age and allow them to move forward in their struggle for peace, national independence, democratic freedom, and socialism. The people of all countries consider Vietnam to be a symbol of the conscience of the age, the intelligence and dignity of man. Therefore, the victory of Vietnam has become a goal, a source of great inspiration and of confidence in the victory of oppressed nations. Mr. Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, emphasized in a message offering congratulations to our people on the occasion of their victory: "Your victory over the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys has given us even greater confidence and encouraged us to continue and step up our struggle and follow in your footsteps until we achieve the goal you have achieved. The defeats of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys in Vietnam confirm that the defeat of the United States and their Israeli expansionist lackeys in Palestine is inevitable."

The president of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Salim Rubay' 'Ali, stated in a message to Chairman Nguyen Huu Tho: "Your heroic struggle and victories are a source of profound inspiration for the patriots in the world and have ushered in a new era for the struggle of nations against their enemies for liberation and progress."

President al-Asad of Syria stated: "The great victory of the liberation of South Vietnam is the fruit of the long, determined struggle, the noble sacrifices, and the resolute stand of the people of both North and South Vietnam. It is a significant event of widespread importance to the liberation movement in the world and is irrefutable proof of the historic inevitability of the victory of those nations who are firmly confident in their struggle and sacrifices to secure their national rights."

The great victory of the Vietnamese people in the spring of 1975 has clearly revealed to everyone in the world many problems of which they have not been fully aware for a long time; at the same time, it has forced our enemies to think differently and draw new conclusions.

When the U.S. aggressors were finally lifted off the roof of Martin's residence by helicopter that rainy night, U.S. President Gerald Ford declared with a sigh of relief: "This action concludes a chapter in the American experience." This experience was recognized by both ruling parties of the U.S. financial magnates and militarists, namely, that the United States can no longer jump into Vietnam style wars. The U.S. press observed: "This is a profound change (in both the realization and attitude of the U.S. imperialists) compared to the inflexible line" which was followed until the time of the total and tragic defeat in Vietnam. U.S. Senator Mansfield said: this marks the conclusion of the post World War II era and a new period is opening. This "concluding chapter" and "end of the era" about which the president of the United States and Senator Mansfield spoke has been stated by world public opinion in clearer words: the period of the U.S. imperialists' dream of being the international gendarme is a thing of the past.

The almost unanimous agreement of a number of leaders in the U.S. government and world public opinion concerning the new weakened position and situation of the U.S. imperialists has caused everyone to review the course of history over the past 3 decades. Following World War II, while mankind was cheering the victory over the fascists, the cruelest assault force of imperialism, the U.S. imperialists made their appearance in the international arena and became the number one enemy of the forces of revolution and progress and the national liberation movement. Possessing great military and economic power and having become very rich in the war, they stated that "a new era" had begun in which their ambition was to lead the capitalist world, push back the forces of the revolution, smash the national liberation movements, and become the ruler of the world. In fact, however, the new era following World War II has been the era of the constantly developing three revolutionary currents which, from their offensive position, gradually repulsed and overturned each part of the global counter-revolutionary strategy of the U.S. imperialists and ultimately totally defeated this strategy. The realities of the past 30 years have proven the shining truth of Marxism-Leninism concerning analyzing the special characteristics and goals of the age, evaluating the enemy of mankind, evaluating the balance of power between the revolution and counter-revolution, and establishing the line and methods of the revolution in the new age.

Vietnam has won total victory. The U.S. imperialists were forced to flee from Vietnam and Indochina and have been driven back at many other places at a time when the U.S. military budget is the highest in the world: 94 billion dollars. The powerful U.S. fleet with its huge aircraft carriers, the U.S. Air Force with its "unimaginable" power, formidable U.S. Marine units, emergency meetings of the National Security Council convened by the U.S. President and Commander-in-Chief; all this simply to carry out the worst "emergency evacuations" ever in the face of an enemy who entered the arena carrying nothing more than bamboo sticks at a time when the American imperialists had the A-bomb and the H-bomb!

Reviewing the realities of today, the French bourgeois press has also expressed confusion and sadness when rereading "for the 100th time" the preliminary Vietnamese-French agreement of 6 March 1946 in which France recognized Vietnam as a free country in the French federation; but, France then went on to break this agreement and unleash a war of aggression. In 1954, this war brought about the decline of the French imperialists; it was continued until 1975 when it brought about the fall of the U.S. imperialists. The people of Vietnam spent 30 years defeating French colonialism and American imperialism.

The acceptance of the "harsh reality" by the colonialist and imperialist circles has attached even greater importance to the "Dien Bien Phu" blows which mortally wounded and brought about the unavoidable fall of old-style colonialism and neo-colonialism in Vietnam and imbued our people with even greater pride in the imposing feats of arms of an epochal nature they have performed for the sake of their own national liberation and the revolutionary cause of the people of the world.

Throughout the several decades of difficult struggle, the boundlessly revered President Ho and our party constantly taught our cadres, party members, and people about their historic destiny and their glorious national and international obligations. President Ho and our party pointed out and constantly nurtured and developed the factors insuring gradual victories and final victory. They were the correct and creative leadership of the party; the spirit of patriotism, tradition of stubbornness, and revolutionary heroism of our people and the fighting unity of 1 million people as one on each front in the rear and on the frontlines; our people's armed forces with their determination to fight and win and their spirit of absolute bravery, resourcefulness, and creativity; the increasingly widespread support and assistance of our brothers and friends throughout the world. In the resolutions of the Party Central Committee and the teachings of Uncle Ho, international support and assistance were always named as one of the basic factors insuring the victory of the Vietnamese revolution. And, each time we recorded a feat of arms and were wholeheartedly praised by our brothers and friends, our party and people expressed their deep gratitude--gratitude to the fraternal socialist countries, the international communist and worker parties, the national liberation movements, the nationalist countries, the progressive forces struggling for peace, independence, democracy, and social progress, and each and every individual who in any way, through words or deeds, opposed the U.S. imperialists and supported the just cause of Vietnam.

Through the various stages of our glorious victory and on the day of the nation's triumphant return, when the entire world is looking for things to further illuminate the truth arising from the realities of Vietnam and wholeheartedly singing the praises of the historic victory and noble qualities of the nation of Vietnam, we have been and are very aware of the responsibility to maintain and constantly enhance one of the most valuable assets of every nation, namely, being loved and respected by all. President Ho constantly advised us: we must fulfill our task; we must live together, live with our brothers and friends in a manner which conforms with reason and sentiment. This teaching is a very simple one; however, it is a truth which displays communist qualities and maintains the purity of Marxism-Leninism. Our nation, under the leadership of the party, has always fulfilled its national task and international obligation. In our relationship with our brothers and friends, we have always acted in a manner conforming with reason and sentiment.

Our victory has ushered in a new era in our nation's 4,000 year history. The Vietnam fatherland has been joined together, our people possess spirit and energy, strength and talent, and our country has rich natural resources. A civilized, prosperous and powerful Vietnam is a not too distant prospect. A new brilliant period has opened for Vietnam, one which coincides with a brilliant period for the world revolution.

Becoming prosperous and powerful, although it is very important, is not the most important thing for a nation. Of importance, together with becoming prosperous and powerful, is continuing to maintain the title of being one of the vanguard nations and having the respect and sympathy of progressive mankind. The praise and encouragement of the people of the world over the past several years and during these glorious days in our history are a noble prize for us.

We sincerely thank our brothers and friends on the five continents for this noble prize and promise to always be worthy of it.

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