VICTORY TO THE INDOCHINESE!

BY THE REVOLUTIONARY STUDENT BRIGADE

The Vietnamese victories in the present offensive in possibly the final defeat for the U.S. imperialists in their drive to make southern Vietnam a colony for profits and plunder. Above, Vietnamese anti-aircraft crews shoot at U.S. planes. Right, 1973 rally in S.F. demands U.S. sign Peace Treaty and get the hell out of Indochina.

"...the enemy is in a precarious situation in the face of our people's surging revolutionary tide. Seize every opportunity to master your own destiny and contribute your strength to toppling that enemy's shaky, contemptible position. Spring to exerting you to advance..."

--Vietnamese Courier of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam

A major offensive by liberation forces in Vietnam is marching on to one victory after another--almost as quickly as they can march. Provinces and capital cities, which for years have been the scenes of major battles, are now being completely liberated by the Provisional Revolutionary Government. The "Saigon zone" of South Vietnam has been split in half and every day brings larger gains for the enraging People's Liberation Armed Forces (PLAF). Meanwhile, the Saigon army raked with a desertion rate of over 24,000 a month is continuing to do what they've historically been best known to do--running straight back to Saigon--with the Rockefeller's, Mellons, and DuPont's dollars running down the drain every step of the way.

These overwhelming defeats of the U.S. puppet Saigon army are possibly the last final defeat for the U.S. imperialists in their 20 year drive to maintain South Vietnam as a colony for their profits and plunder. This was a drive in which an unbridled campaign of terror was launched on the Vietnamese so that their land and labor could be plundered for the riches and pleasures of the Rockefellers, Fords, and the rest of the corporation and bank owners who live high off the hog from the labor and sweat of working people all around the world. This drive was defeated time after time by the peoples' war of the Vietnamese--no matter what strategy the U.S. imperialists attempted.

"Special war", the policy of sending U.S. advisors to guide the puppet Saigon troops, was decisively defeated in 1965. "Americanization", massive intervention of U.S. ground air and naval forces, was decisively defeated in the 1968 TET offensive and the troops began to be pulled out slowly after the failure of the 1970 invasion of Cambodia. "Vietnamization", the attempt to build up an effective puppet army, was defeated in the 1971 failure of the Laos invasion and the 1972 liberation forces' spring offensive.

Paris Peace Treaty: A Victory

It was those heroic victories of the Vietnamese over the largest military invasion in the history of the world, along with the support for this fight from millions of people all around the world--including millions of Americans--that forced the U.S. to withdraw its armed troops from Vietnam and sign the Paris Peace Agreement of January 23, 1973. It was an historic victory for the Vietnamese people and oppressed and working people all around the world, and an historic defeat for the bloodsucking parasites who rule this country. The treaty publicly recognized Vietnam as one country, called for the people of southern Vietnam to decide

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Vietnam. The Thieu army, the 4th largest and best equipped in the world, was being battered by a new spirit of resistance in its attempt to militarily conquer Vietnam. The U.S. still didn’t totally abandon their designs of maneuvering through Thieu to maintain a major presence in southern Vietnam for thier colonial rule and profits. The ink on the treaty was barely dry when Nixon publicly insisted that the U.S. would still continue to recognize only Thieu as the “sole legitimate representative of the Vietnamesen” and would continue to pour massive military aid into Saigon to prop it up. The $3.2 billion in military aid, bombs and missiles along with 20,000 “civilians” advisors that, the U.S. has given in aid since the treaty, has been the only reason that the hated Thieu has been able to maintain his rapidly declining power.

Two weeks after the Treaty was signed Thieu went out and publicly proclaimed that anyone who refused to fly Saigon’s toilet paper “national flag” is a “suspected communist sympathizer” or whoever tries to move to “Communist controlled” villages or areas would be shot on sight.

Thieu and his US masters know they are hated and despised for the destruction and plunder they have continued to bring to Vietnam. They stand in desperate fear of the people who live in and around the cities so they’ve continued to violate the Paris Peace accords every step of the way. Many newspapers and rallies in the Saigon area have been totally banned. Not one election has been held since the Treaty was signed—every village official has been personally appointed by the fascist Thieu. Two hundred thousand political prisoners have still not been released from tiger cage prisons. The numbers of land grabbing operations to maintain his power.

Bach For Retreat

So the Saigon regime is teetering on the brink of total defeat more than ever before. But they are still not through in trying to hang onto some area for the fascist dog Thieu to control. Right this minute these massive saturation bombings and house to house ransacking of people’s homes are uprooting the millions of people that the Saigon puppet troops are attempting to bomb and machine gunning. This is nothing new for the disgusting US-Saigon clique which has always tried to forcibly move people out of the way and alter longer control.

Through the last decade millions of Vietnamese have been forced to shift their homes annually and sometimes monthly as the US desperately tried to hang on and avoid defeat. Right now, the so-called “March of Tears” that Thieu is so glowing up to gain sympathy for Thieu is being used by the rapidly retreating Saigon army, as they hide within the ranks of the civilians, so that they are not completely wiped out as they run their asses off down the road. But this disgusting play by the US-Saigon clique will work and will actually backfire on these monsters of death and destruction, the “Saigon Zone” can hardly afford and inflict on a large number of people as their economy, distorted and geared solely to the needs of US profits is already reeling with over unemployment and an annual inflation rate of over 300%.

Vietnam is not the only country where the rich are richer, the poor get richer, and the working people are getting kicked out on their butts along with their dollars and profits. In Cambodia the US puppet sits in Phnom Penh like a trapped turtle in a jar—with the liberation forces rapidly closing the lid.

Victory to the Cambodian People!

It was back in March 1970 that a coup forced the then neutral ruler of Cambodia, Prince Sihanouk into exile. The liberalized regime was set up—a puppet government for US capitalist interests that was solely backed by US military fire power. The coup was quickly followed in May by the invasion of Cambodia by US and Saigon troops attempting to clear out these areas that had already been liberated from Lon Nol’s control and the popular peoples’ army that was beginning to form. The US Army hit the Cambodian front in a nest ploy, gaining control or an entire nation and taking a step towards surrounding the sanctuary to Vietnam and looked ripe for long years of imperialist plunder and puppet governments.

It looked so ripe that the Soviet Union which often tries to use the revolutionary flag of socialism to cover its plunderous deeds openly recognized the fascist Lon Nol regime as the legitimate representa- tive of the Cambodian people and went out to get in on the profits being made there, GOSSTRAH, the Soviet state insurance agency, immediately started to insure the multi-million dollar US arms shipments to Lon Nol that were being used against the liberation forces.

But this big valuable gold rock the US thought they were picking up has fallen right on their feet. Five years into the war the government has been liberated from US puppet control and the flames of the Cambodian people’s revolutionary war stands at the gates of Phnom Penh. The US has been defeated, the US war is over. The US war is over and the ship is getting abandoned mighty fast. Foreign embassies are being evacuated, the US embassy is burning its files, and chances are better than ever that Lon Nol will be spending his summer in the Philippines or Switzerland (not if the Cambodian people can get their hands on him first). The last remnants of US plunder and rule in Cambodia, Phnom Penh, is now totally cut off from land and sea supply routes. Desperately the US is trying to carry out an airlift of arms and food to save the dying regime. But the liberation forces are rapidly closing in and the people of Phnom Penh are rising in anger calling for Lon Nol’s overthrow. Even the food the US brings in cannot reach the people, as the generals in their nurses are handing it and selling it at exorbitant prices in the drive for last minute profits.

Last Flight Out

Defeat for the US capitalists and puppets is written all over the face of the “pitiful, helpless giant” as the bloodsuckers’ victories of yesterday are reduced to claims of whether the last airport is open or not. Of course, the US is desperately trying to carry out it’s imperialist beat, claiming that Cambodia is a “civil war” and that the US has really never had any interests in this war. But the reality is that the US backed coup and billions of dollars of guns, bombs, etc. that enabled Lon Nol to breathe one minute more than to the Cambodians. Or they try and create the “mysterious aura” of the Khmer Rouge, (Cambodian Reds) as if they are some vague and faceless fighters who don’t have the support of the Cambodian people. In fact, the liberation
forces, the National United Front of Cambodia, have clearly stated their aims of throwing Lon Nol and US imperialism out of Cambodia—a cause and struggle that the vast majority of Cambodian people are actively supporting and participating in. As defeat comes closer and closer, the newspaper, the television and radio networks, the mouthpieces of monopoly capitalism, all paint the "horrors" of war and try to put the blame on the people fighting against foreign aggression and plunder. In fact, it was the goddam US imperialists, their coup, their fascist puppet who has brought pain and suffering to the Cambodian people—as well as a revolutionary movement that's kicking its ass right out of the country.

Ford, seeing the desperate situation of puppets Thieu and Lon Nol, has asked for an additional $522 million to try and somehow save these countries for US profits. This has been "debated" for the past few months in Congress and it appears that a smaller amount of "aid" (around $300 million) will be going to the bankrupt regimes.

This "debate" did not develop because there is a section of Congress that has suddenly recognized that Thieu is a fascist and that the US has no more chance of a war of aggression in Indochina. Rather, these congressmen "dissenters" are worried about the skin of the capitalist class: this is an attempt to stop the US puppet regimes are headed for sure defeat, and that the US capitalists were the targets of hatred from people all around the world for the military onslaught they launched. As much as they hate to do it—they're willing to take the loss of Vietnam and Cambodia for now. They are well aware that $522 million to a regime that's headed straight for defeat and that the American people hate—during times of severe economic crisis and when the American people are getting fed up with the way things run around here, will only expose this goddam decadent profit sucking system that much more.

Of course history has taught us not to rely on any of these bought off political big wigs and front men for monopoly interest to bring about social change, justice, and revolutionary change. This rotten system that gives Rockefeller millions and gold lined toilets always has its aminos in other people's lands protecting their profits and plunder. Right now the US has a special fleet heading straight to Indochina and marching in the Philippines on a "special alert" for South East Asia. We must demand that those fleets and troops get the hell out of there! Cut off all the aid to the puppets Thieu and Lon Nol! Victory to the Indochinese!

The People Will Never Be Defeated

In the long run, even if the US gives more aid and weapons to its fascist puppets they will be throughly smashed and defeated. For the Indochinese people have shown that it is indeed the masses of people who decide victory or defeat. The heaviest military assault in the history of the world could not defeat a people who were determined to drive the US aggressors out on their asses. Despite the dispatch of over 500,000 ground troops, the entire 7th fleet, tens of thousands of aircraft, the dumping of nearly 8 million tons of bombs and a cost of nearly $250 billion in direct military expenditures, the United States could not force the Indochinese to surrender. After a tonnage of bombing runs equivalent to hundreds of Hiroshima-type atomic bombs—it is the Vietnamese who stand and counter the robot barons stand covered and defeated. Still to this day, an average of 118 tons of bombs a day are dropped on Vietnam by the US run puppet air force. Yet it's Thieu's regime that totters on total defeat, while the-liberation forces stand stronger than ever.

People Are The Real Makers of History!

It was back in the early 60's that the US imperialists set out to teach the people of the world a lesson. They wanted to crush the Vietnamese war of liberation, keep Vietnam a colony and intimidate people throughout the world from rising up against their plunderous rule. But the whole damn thing backfired on these dinosaurs of dooms, and it was the Vietnamese people who brought otu many lessons for working and oppressed people throughout the world. Lessons of struggle, determination, spirit, revolution, and independence from foreign aggression—they stand and are strong. The people, indeed, are the real makers of history.

We Won't Fight in Your Imperialist Wars

When the US tried to put out the flames of revolution in Vietnam, it was like putting gasoline on a fire—it not only didn't stop the fire, it helped spread it. And the storms of protest that rose throughout the world were the result of the Vietnamese people—contributing to expose the US rulers as war-mongering capitalist profiteers and helping to force the US to sign the treaty and end its military offensive.

Throughout the world, millions of people angrily fought against US aggression and supported the Vietnamese just war. For instance, the weeks before the Paris Peace Treaty was signed, workers from South Vietnam in Australia and Italy boycotted all US shipping until the terror bombing was stopped and workers throughout the world were considering plans for a joint boycott.

In the US rebellions against the war flew up throughout the country, rallies of hundreds of thousands, and even some of us demanded that the US end its war of aggression. Campuses turned into literal battlefields as students fought hard in support of the Vietnamese people while exposing the true nature of this rotten system. When the US invaded Cambodia, student demonstrations went on strike and militantly attacked the imperialist rulers for their heightened acts of aggression. GI's mutinied in huge numbers and the war and often refused to go into combat as the rulers found it harder and harder to field an army to carry out the drive to genocide. Vietnamese people grew to hate the war. It showed millions what US imperialism is all about—a murderous system in which the owners of the military factories will attempt anything to maintain their decadent wealth and power.

The press likes to say Vietnam was an unpopular war. It sure as hell was—and the truth came out from the millions of people who marched and fought against the war and the system that brought it about.
We Won't Fight in Your Imperialist Wars!

We are the revolutionary student brigade, a nationwide organization of students of all nationalities, working and calling for nationwide demonstrations on April 18 in Chicago and San Francisco, and on April 18 in NYC, to fight against these threats of war and to take our stand with the struggle of oppressed people all over the world, both at home and abroad, who are facing just wars against this imperialist dinosaur. At the same time, we are going to tell the imperialists that if they go to war with each other, we'll take advantage of the situation to send them all to the bottom of the sea!

Demonstrate —— Superpowers! Out of the Mideast—Victory to the Palestinian People! Victory to the Indo-Chinese People—No Aid to Thieu & Lon Nol! Implement the Peace Agreement!

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