Vietnamese troops continue to carry out blatant acts of aggression and incursions into Chinese territory, despite repeated warnings of the Chinese government.

Vietnamese units stationed at Lao Cai fired with heavy machine guns and sub-machine guns into Chinese territory at Hekou in Yunnan Province Jan. 14. They hit at the county's hospital, post office and residential area.

That same day a dozen Vietnamese troops invaded and occupied three Chinese hills and set up light machine guns.

The Vietnamese attacks have been mainly aimed at the Chinese frontier provinces. In the past month in one province there were over 500 instructions by armed Vietnamese personnel and over 20 Chinese people wounded.

These attacks are part of the Vietnamese designs to annex the territory of her neighbors and control all of South East Asia. They have been accompanied by persecution of Chinese nationals in Vietnam, the forcible relocation of Vietnamese into Chinese territory, false claims on China's territory, and most recently the massive invasion of Kampuchea by Soviet-backed Vietnamese troops.

The USSR is supporting Vietnam's anti-China campaign. According to the Chinese press, "Both feel the need to create difficulties for China... Both want to... impede its advance towards the four modernizations."

But China, while it has so far limited its response to the diplomatic front, recently warned that "there is a limit to the Chinese people's restraint."

"We wish to warn the Vietnamese authorities," stated a Dec. 25 editorial in People's Daily, "that if they count on Moscow's support to seek a foot after gaining an inch and continue to act in an unbridled fashion, they will decidedly meet with the punishment they deserve."

Belgium communists celebrate

The Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Belgium (PCMLB) celebrated the 15th anniversary of its founding on Dec. 22, 1978. The PCMLB of Belgium is the fraternal party of the CPML.

At the anniversary celebrations, the Belgian Party made public its successful merger with another important communist organization, Lutte Communiste (Communist Struggle), marking a significant breakthrough in the struggle to unite Belgium's Marxist-Leninists.

A special congress will be held in the immediate future in order to further consolidate the unity. The newspapers of the two organizations, Corteo and Lutte Communiste, have also merged and have been replaced by a new central organ of the PCMLB, La Voix Communiste (Communist Voice).

Summing up the unification process in a statement on the merger, the PCMLB noted: "In the course of a long process, during which both of the two organizations showed themselves capable of examining their errors, correcting them, and strengthening and developing their correct positions, the two Marxist-Leninist organizations have understood the necessity of political and ideological unity, which is what enabled them to reach organizational unity."

The CPML of the United States greeted the PCMLB on its fifteenth anniversary in a message to comrade Fernand Lefebvre, First Secretary of the Party Central Committee. The CPML message stated in part:

"Having fought since the day of its birth against imperialism, social-imperialism and revisionism, the PCMLB has defended Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought, and has sought to apply it to the concrete conditions of proletarian revolution in Belgium. It has worked to defend and deepen the unity of the international communist movement... to the fight for a socialist Belgium. As well, it has fought for the unification of all the Belgian Marxist-Leninists.

"It relentlessly works to expose the danger of Soviet social-imperialism and its agents, while at the same time firmly fighting against the economic and political hegemonism of U.S. imperialism."

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