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The answer of Hanoi and our entire country to their new escalation steps is very firm and resolute. Never before have the U.S. aggressors faced such a critical and stalemated situation as the present one. Never before have we been in such good form and been fighting with such a victorious spirit as at present. Never before have both zones of our country won such big victories in such a harmonious way as at present. Our bugle call, inaugurating the "determination to fight and win" winter-spring season, is imposing indeed. Our gunfire, opening the winter-spring season, is powerful and resounding indeed. The U.S. aggressors, no matter how violently they squirm, cannot reverse the situation. The great drama they are facing is that although they have escalated their war to a high level, they still cannot find a way out. Instead, they are suffering heavier and heavier defeats. They are still adventurously and stupidly advancing farther and farther on the path of escalating their criminal war. We must be vigilant before their dark designs and ready to deal them harder blows. We are determined to deploy troops more cleverly, fight better, and carry out the civil defense and evacuation tasks more carefully in order to punish the U.S. aggressors more severely. For the sake of the kith-and-kin south, we are determined to take advantage of our past victories, rush forward, and strike at the U.S. aggressors powerfully, accurately, and cleverly in order to defeat them completely, defend the north, liberate the south, and advance toward national unification.

NHAN DAN PUBLISHES IDENTITIES OF DOWNED PILOTS

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[Text] Hanoi--Hanoi with its battle-hardened people's air defenses, has really become a steel fortress in the confrontation with marauding U.S. warplanes. Compared with preceding periods, the past six months have seen the biggest number of U.S. aircraft downed and the biggest number of U.S. air pirates captured in Hanoi. Among the U.S. planes shot down over Hanoi, one crashed on a downtown street, one in a factory yard, one and another in the Red River. In particular, a rice-field of less than one square kilometer in Gia Lam district on 21 August 1967 became a burial ground for four U.S. warplanes. In fighting back the U.S. aggressors' new step of war escalation, Hanoi has killed or captured many seasoned U.S. air pirates, ranking from captain to colonel. Hanoi tops the lists of North Vietnam localities which have shot down U.S. air pirates of the rank of colonel. Following are some U.S. air pirates shot down by the Hanoi air defenses during the past few days and whose identification cards were printed in NHAN DAN today:

- Edward B. Burdett, born 10 March 1921, service no. 104888, Air Force colonel, Tactical Air Wing commander, Korat USAF Base, Thailand, pilot, service no. 157604, Air Force colonel, Tactical Air Wing deputy commander, Wilson Denver Base, born 22 June 1940, Navy lieutenant, service no. 669207, Claude Douglas Glover, born 30 November 1930, lieutenant (JG), service no. 605476, Theodore Gerhard Steff, born 5 June 1940, Navy lieutenant (JG), service no. 669500, Paul Henry Schulz, born 19 November 1934, (JG), Navy lieutenant commander, service no. 616783, James E. Tedgug, born 23 July 1943, Navy lieutenant (JG), service no. 708540, Walter O. Estes II, born 10 June 1939, Navy lieutenant (JG), service no. 692589.

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