

COMMENTARY RAPS ACTIVITIES OF ROSS PEROT

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[Commentary: "Another Ridiculous U.S. Farce About the Aggressor Pilots' Problem"]

[Text] In the past few days, the Nixon administration again set up a new psychological warfare farce to stir public opinion about our army's and people's arrest and detention of U.S. aggressor pilots who committed crimes in North Vietnam. Recently American millionaire Ross Perot chartered three planes to transport nearly 100 newsmen, cameramen, photographers, and U.S. aggressor pilots' dependents to Saigon. First he craftily visited various centers where the U.S.-puppets have detained South Vietnamese patriots, then noisily stated to everyone that his act was fully humane. Next, Perot and his party went to our embassy in Vientiane and demanded that he be authorized to enter the north to visit the captured U.S. aggressor pilots.

Who is Perot? To our people, this news is not new or special. He is a Texas millionaire well-known for his talent in amassing fortunes. He now wants to gain political capital by cajoling Nixon. He is the president of a reactionary organization supporting Nixon's policy of prolonging the aggressive war in Vietnam. This organization is named "United, We Stand." Perot himself in December 1969 chartered two planes to transport foodstuffs, medicines, and letters to Vientiane where he demanded that our government authorize him to personally carry gifts to the U.S. aggressor pilots captured in North Vietnam. His act then was aimed at sabotaging our government regulations concerning the sending of gifts to the U.S. aggressor pilots.

Perot's new farce is only part of a fairly noisy new campaign being stirred by the Nixon administration about the captured U.S. aggressor pilots. At one of the recent sessions of the Paris conference, the U.S. representative repeatedly argued stupidly about the so-called problem of U.S. prisoners in North Vietnam. Rogers, Laird, and Nixon have also repeatedly raised their voices, feigning concern over the fate of the U.S. aggressor pilots detained in North Vietnam. All the arguments and tricks of the Nixon administration about this problem aim at achieving a dark goal to slander and distort the humanitarian policy of our government and people toward the U.S. aggressor pilots, while disorienting U.S. and world public opinion which is resolutely condemning the Nixon administration for seeking to prolong the aggressive war in Vietnam, brazenly escalating the aggressive war in Laos, and openly sabotaging Cambodian independence and neutrality.

Concerning the captured U.S. aggressor pilots, our government and people have many times clearly expressed their stand and attitude. They are air marauders who, on U.S. Government orders, bombed and strafed the DRV--an independent and sovereign country--and who were caught redhanded while perpetrating crimes. They are not entitled to enjoy the provisions on the treatment of POW's as stipulated in the 1949 Geneva convention, as the U.S. authorities have frequently clamored. They are only culprits who are under the jurisdiction of the current DRV law.

But basing itself on our regime's humanitarian policy, our government so far has treated them humanely and generously. They have been allowed to exchange letters with and receive gifts from their families. The wounded and sick have been cared for carefully. They have been allowed to celebrate holidays in accordance with their national customs. A number of them who have been released and returned to their families have thanked our government and people for their humanitarian treatment.

This time, after coming to South Vietnam and staging the trick of visiting the U.S.-puppet prisons, Perot lavishly praised the U.S. lackeys' fascist regime and shamelessly stated: "If I were to become a prisoner of war, I would like to be a prisoner of war in South Vietnam." These brazen words of a trader who is familiar with U.S. advertising methods cannot cover up the towering crimes of the U.S. aggressors and the Saigon puppets against our patriots who are detained in South Vietnamese prisons called bells on earth, such as Chi Hoa, Tan Hiep, Thu Duc, Con Dao, and so forth. Details of these crimes by the U.S.-puppets have been denounced by U.S. Representative Conyers in a report entitled "A Horrible Story Told With Sincere Words". This report, although incomplete, has bared the fascist and extremely cruel attitude of the U.S.-puppet (colique) toward our incarcerated southern combatants and compatriots. It has so strongly moved U.S. public that the U.S. Congress had to publish it in its congressional records on 8 July 1969.

The fact that Perot and his group came to Vientiane and applied for permission to visit captured U.S. pilots in North Vietnam and give them gifts is only a trouble making plot. Our embassies in foreign countries have many times (?explained) our government's policy toward captured U.S. pilots to U.S. families who came to ask for news from their husbands and sons. Recently, Mrs (?David)--after being received by our embassy in Vientiane--admitted that she had been politely received. Perot himself was received by our embassy in Vientiane and clearly explained our government's policy and stand toward captured U.S. pilots. Yet he came to Vientiane again to create trouble for our embassy. It is crystal clear that Perot's action does not reflect his concern for the interests of the captured U.S. pilots and their families. In fact, it is aimed at materializing a psychological warfare scheme of the Nixon administration to excite public opinion and slander our government's humanitarian policy toward U.S. pilots. But such tricks will surely encounter ignominious defeat. As for Perot, he will draw no profit from this ridiculous trick, except (?the anger) of public opinion.

PAPER POINTS OUT FAILURE OF U.S. PACIFICATION PLAN

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[Text] Hanoi VNA April 10--The Hanoi daily QUAN DOI NHAN DAN (PEOPLE'S ARMY) in a recent article reviewing the U.S. puppet "pacification" effort in the first three months of this year said that in spite of the huge amount of men, money and energy thrown into the project, the enemy has not moved any nearer to his goal while his "pacification" force continues to be depleted by the liberation forces and people.