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~~A seething revolutionary atmosphere prevails throughout the country. Military feats and achievements have elated our people. In the light of the resolution of the 20th VWP Central Committee Plenum, let all our party, army and people devote all their efforts to advancing our sacred resistance toward complete victory. Forward! Total victory shall be ours!~~

DRV GOVERNMENT ISSUES STATEMENT ON U.S. WAR ESCALATION

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[Text] Hanoi VNA April 11--The Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam today issued the following statement regarding the U.S. imperialists' new extremely serious move of war escalation against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam:

"Since April 6, 1972, on orders of President Nixon hundreds of U.S. aircraft including B-52's, and tens of U.S. warships of the 7th Fleet have launched unceasing attacks against Vinh Ling regions, Quang Binh and Ha Tinh provinces, and Vinh city. The U.S. aggressors have wantonly dropped bombs on villages and urban centres, causing many civilian casualties, destroying many houses of the people.

"U.S. Defence Secretary Melvin Laird has insolently stated that the United States would intensify and indefinitely prolong the attacks on the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. The White House spokesman has even stated there was no limitation on the air bombing of the north, and threatened to attack Hai Phong harbour.

"This is a new, extremely serious move of war escalation of the U.S. imperialists, a very crude encroachment on the sovereignty and security of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, an act trampling underfoot the 1954 Geneva agreements on Vietnam and all elementary principles of international law, a very brazen violation of the U.S. Government's pledge to stop completely and without condition the bombardments on the entire territory of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. This is an extremely insolent U.S. challenge to the broad segments of public opinion in the world and in the United States, which are firmly urging the Nixon administration to stop at once the war of aggression in Indochina and bring all U.S. troops home, to stop forthwith using the puppet administrations to carry out neocolonialism in South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

"To conceal their criminal acts of war escalation, the U.S. ruling circles have put forward deceitful contentions, calling black white.

"They have rehashed shop-worn contentions about 'North Vietnam aggression [against] South Vietnam', 'North Vietnam violating the 1954 Geneva agreements', etc. Public opinion is well aware of the fact that the 1954 Geneva agreements on Vietnam have recognized the fundamental national rights of the Vietnamese people, viz, independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity. Vietnam belongs to the Vietnamese. Vietnam does not belong to the United States. The U.S. imperialists should not encroach on any inch of Vietnamese territory. But they have systematically sabotaged the 1954 Geneva agreements on Vietnam, have conducted the most cruel colonial war in history in an attempt to turn South Vietnam into a new-type colony and a military base of the United States, and to perpetuate the partition of Vietnam. The so-called 'Tonkin Gulf incident' and the 'secret papers' of the U.S. Defense Department have laid bare the odious U.S. distortions, and revealed part of the truth about the U.S. imperialists' crude intervention and aggression in Vietnam. Wherever there are U.S. aggressors on Vietnamese territory, all Vietnamese have the right and the duty to fight against them to defend the independence and freedom of their fatherland. This is the sacred and inalienable right to self defence of the Vietnamese people just as of all people on earth.

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"The U.S. ruling circles have also fabricated the myth of the so-called 'understanding' between the United States and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Public opinion is well aware of the iron-like will of the Vietnamese people to fight until there remains not [one] single U.S. aggressor on Vietnamese soil. The valiant, undaunted Vietnamese people, who have been victoriously fighting against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, will never allow them to trample underfoot their sovereignty and territory freely and with impunity. The U.S. imperialists have invented the story of 'North Vietnam violating the understanding' to have a pretext for pursuing and stepping up the war against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam in defiance of the October 1968 commitment of the United States to stop completely and without condition the bombing of North Vietnam.

"The U.S. ruling circles have also claimed that they are bombing the north 'to protect the lives of the American soldiers in South Vietnam'. The only way to protect the lives of the American soldiers is for the Nixon administration to put an immediate end to the war of aggression, and rapidly bring home all American troops. Had the Nixon administration seriously responded to the reasonable and logical seven-point solution presented on July 1, 1971, by the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam, all U.S. troops including the captured U.S. servicemen, would have had the possibility of going home in 1971. The fact is that the Nixon administration is more interested in the consolidation of the Saigon puppet administration as an instrument of U.S. neocolonialism in South Vietnam than in the fate of the U.S. troops. That is the reason why it has caused and will cause an increasing number of young Americans to die a useless death, and the list of captured U.S. servicemen to lengthen day by day.

"By undertaking a new military adventure against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Nixon administration is attempting to save the 'Vietnamization' plan which is being seriously threatened with collapse. This is further evidence of the fact that 'Vietnamization' is not designed to end the war of aggression, but only to prolong, intensify and expand it. 'Vietnamization' is not designed to 'end the U.S. involvement in Vietnam' but will only make the United States sink ever deeper in the bog in Vietnam, Indochina and Southeast Asia.

"However, the U.S. bombs have failed, and will never be able to subdue the heroic Vietnamese people. The Nixon administration should remember that in the past the U.S. imperialists mobilized very big air, naval and ground forces, to conduct a local war in the south and a war of destruction in the north, yet they sustained a humiliating defeat. Now the more hysterical and truculent the Nixon administration, the heavier its defeats, and the more it unmasks its aggressive, obdurate and bellicose features. The Vietnamese people are firmly resolved to fight and to win, and they are sure to completely defeat all new military adventures of the United States, and the 'Vietnamization' policy. No brute force, no insolent threat could shake the Vietnamese people's determination to fight for the independence and freedom of their fatherland!

"The Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam calls on the entire army and people to close their ranks, to carry out with all their forces the testament of the venerated President Ho Chi Minh, to persist in and step up the resistance, to fight so that all U.S. aggressors are withdrawn, and the puppet army and administration topple, to liberate the south, defend and build the socialist north, to proceed to the peaceful reunification of the country, let them closely unite with the fraternal peoples of Laos and Cambodia, and resolutely strive to completely defeat the 'Nixon doctrine' in Indochina.

"The Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam warmly commends the army and people of the north

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glorious feats of arms, shot down many U.S. aircraft, sunk or damaged many U.S. warships. Countrymen and fighters of the north, constantly enhance your vigilance and combat readiness, bring into play your victorious elan with the firm resolve to smash all new acts of war escalation of the U.S. imperialists, at the same time, boost up production, strive hard to build a solid north, to fulfill the duty incumbent on the great rear vis-a-vis the great forefront in the south, and the internationalist duty towards the peoples of Laos and Cambodia!

"The Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam warmly hails the extremely glorious feats of the people and fighters of the heroic south on all southern theatres of operations, it warmly welcome the people and fighters of the heroic south from the mountain areas to the plains, from the countryside to the towns, who are rushing forward in the flush of victory, combining offensive and uprising, wiping out many enemy effectives and war materials, smashing the U.S.-puppet 'pacification' plan with the determination to completely defeat the 'Vietnamization' policy, to win even greater victories for the patriotic fight against U.S. aggression.

"The Government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam calls on the governments and peoples of the fraternal socialist countries, the peace-and justice-loving countries, the international organizations, the peoples of the world and the American people to take timely actions to check the U.S. aggressors' hysterical move of war escalation, to extend even stronger support and assistance to the just patriotic fight of the Vietnamese people, and of the peoples of Laos and Cambodia as well, until total victory.

"The U.S. imperialist aggressor will be defeated!

"The Vietnamese people will win!"

BATITSKIY SUPPORTS VIETNAM IN DRV MOSCOW EMBASSY SPEECH

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[Text] According to information from a South Vietnamese LPA reporter stationed in Moscow, in a speech at a cordial meeting held on 5 April by our embassy to the Soviet Union, Batitskiy, member of the CPSU Central Committee, Soviet deputy minister of defense, and head of the Soviet military delegation which recently visited North Vietnam, pointed out that the new victories scored by the army men and civilians of Quang Tri and Thua Thien as well as Cambodia and Laos indicated the might of the liberation armed forces, and are a heavy blow to the U.S. imperialists' "Vietnamization" policy.

Comrade Batitskiy strongly condemned the United States for its new criminal activities against the people of both North and South Vietnam, its encroachment on the sovereignty of the DRV, its trick of playing a false-peace scheme, and its real sabotage of the Paris conference. He pointed out that the Vietnamese people's heroic struggle is aimed not only at defending their national rights but also at contributing to the consolidation of the socialist camp and the national liberation movement.

Comrade Batitskiy expressed the opinion that the Soviet army men and civilians will do their best to fulfill their international obligation of supporting the Vietnamese people and rendering support for the seven-point proposal of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam.