EVERYONE MUST CONTRIBUTE TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY


The anti-U.S. national salvation resistance of our people has won extremely great victories.

After more than seven years of prosecuting their war of aggression in South Vietnam and more than three years of continuous bombing and strafing of North Vietnam, the U.S. imperialists have been unable to achieve their insidious scheme and have suffered heavy defeats. United with one heart and struggling bravely, our people defeated an important phase of the limited war waged by the U.S. imperialists in South Vietnam and virtually defeated their war of destruction against North Vietnam.

In the South Vietnamese theatre, in early 1967, after the serious defeat of their second "dry season strategic counteroffensive," the U.S. imperialists were forced to gradually change from strategic counterattacks to a posture of strategic defensiveness throughout the theatre.

During the summer and fall of 1967, the people's warfare movement developed vigorously throughout South Vietnam, driving the U.S. imperialists deeper into a position of defensiveness, and consolidating and developing the attack initiative of the South Vietnamese army and people throughout the entire theatre.

Beginning with this winter and spring, in a departure from previous winters and springs, the U.S. imperialists were unable to launch a "strategic counteroffensive;" on the contrary, they had to desperately react to the offensives of the brave South Vietnamese army and people.
On 30 January 1968, punishing the U.S. aggressors and
their lackeys for violating the military cease-fire orders of
the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam (NFLSVN)
for the traditional Tet holiday of the people, the South Viet­
namese army and people launched a general offensive and upris­
ing from Quang Tri to Ca Mau. This early spring general offen­
sive and uprising of the South Vietnamese army and people struck fatal blows against the U.S. imperialists and the lackeys. It
wiped out and disintegrated an important element of the puppet
army, paralyzed and disrupted the puppet regime at all echelons,
smashed into large pieces the "strategic hamlet" network of the
enemy, and overturned and weakened the principal supports of
the U.S. imperialists in carrying out their new colonialism in
South Vietnam. It wiped out part of the U.S. troop strength,
inflicted heavy blows on the aggressive war installations of
the United States, and brought about a serious decline in the
mobility and fire power of the U.S. expeditionary troops. It
struck a powerful blow against the morale of the U.S., puppet,
and satellite troops.

During the early spring general offensive and uprising,
the South Vietnamese army and people liberated many additional
vast rural areas comprising 1,600,000 people and situated pri­
marily in strategic areas and along important communications
routes and seized control in many neighborhoods. The revolu­
tionary forces in South Vietnam developed by leaps and bounds.
The People's Liberation Armed Forces with the three types of
troops developed rapidly. The political forces developed vig­
cuously, liberation organizations developed everywhere, other
patriotic organizations were founded, the united national front
against the United States was enlarged, and new forms of al­
liances were born. As for morale, the South Vietnamese army
and people are very enthusiastic and confident and are seething
with the revolutionary zeal of attack and with a very high de­
termination to fight and to win.

Through this early spring general offensive and uprising
the initiative on the battlefield of the South Vietnamese army
and people was further strengthened. The U.S. imperialists and
the lackeys plunged deeper into strategic defensiveness. The
balance of forces in the South Vietnamese theatre changed to our
advantage and to the disadvantage of the enemy. The early spring
general offensive and uprising of the South Vietnamese army and
people rapidly collapsed the enemy army and inaugurated a new
situation, very favorable to us.

Our great victory and the heavy defeat of the enemy at
the beginning of spring prove that through the combination
of the three phases of military struggle, political struggle,
and enemy proselytizing, our army and people will definitely de­
feat the U.S. imperialists militarily and politically. The anti-
U.S. national salvation resistance of our people is entering a new period. The U.S. imperialists have suffered heavy losses but they have not yet resigned themselves to abandon their scheme of invasion against our country; they do not bear defeat easily but are using the most barbarian tactics in the hope of rescuing their desperate situation. A contest between our people and the U.S. pirates is entering its most decisive period.

The new form of the anti-U.S. national salvation resistance is opening up for our people very beautiful expectations and presenting us with heavy and urgent duties: We must mobilize all of the party, military, and people to make the maximum effort and to charge forward under the impetus of victory to win greater victories.

Our North Vietnamese people must strive to properly carry out the following most important things:

First, strive to support South Vietnam, to protect North Vietnam, and to resolutely defeat the aggressive U.S. pirates. North Vietnam must mobilize its manpower and materiel to the maximum extent in order to support the liberation war of the South Vietnamese compatriots; at the same time, it must defeat the war of destruction waged by the U.S. imperialists at its most ferocious intensity and must actively prepare to defeat the U.S. pirates if they foolhardily expand the limited war to the rest of the country. It must consolidate and strengthen the armed forces, firmly maintain order and security, and combat the espionage war and psychological war of the enemy.

Second, strive to carry out the 1968 state plan and to accelerate agricultural and industrial production. Endeavor to meet the norms for the production of grains and foodstuffs; fully prepare for and overcome every difficulty caused by nature and by the enemy. Accelerate the development of local industry and bring many local industrial enterprises into production; at the same time, firmly maintain and develop central industry according to priorities; endeavor to attain the stipulated norms for the production of electricity and coal. Guarantee passable communications and transportation in all circumstances, especially along the strategic routes.

Third, effectively organize the material and spiritual life of the people, struggle to alleviate the difficulties created by the war in the lives of the people, and properly execute the various policies guaranteeing combat requirements, combat support requirements, and front line support requirements, especially the policies relating to families of military personnel, to wounded and sick military personnel, and to the families of men killed in action.
All of the activities must be carried out with extreme aggressiveness and urgency and with the maximum effectiveness. All the party, military, and people must struggle to carry out the slogan enunciated by the party: "Everything in order to defeat the aggressive U.S. pirates!"

Our North Vietnamese army and people must emulate the brave South Vietnamese army and people, accelerate production and combat, and fulfill the duty of the great rear area to the great front line.

The fighters of the people's armed forces who have already fought valiantly must fight more valiantly, down many more U.S. planes, wipe out and capture many more U.S. pilots, and sink many more U.S. warships.

Workers must uphold the vanguard role of their class, display heroism, not be intimidated by hardships or sacrifices, stand ready with a hammer in one hand and a gun in the other, strive to produce and to fight, guarantee communications and transportation, protect and develop central industry according to priorities, accelerate the construction and development of local industry, strengthen the economic and defense potential, and resolutely defeat the aggressive U.S. pirates.

The collectivized peasants must march forward more vigorously, stand ready with a plow in one hand and a gun in the other, aggressively develop agricultural production -- especially the production of grains and foodstuffs -- strive to consolidate and improve the management of cooperatives, struggle to attain the goal of five tons of paddy per hectare each year and an average of two pigs per hectare, guarantee that our army and people will have "enough to eat in order to win."

Mental labors must enlist all of their energies and talents in the service of the people, the service of the Fatherland, and the service of production and combat; they must actively contribute to the anti-U.S. national salvation and socialist construction cause.

Youth, the brave generation growing up under the new system, solicitously educated by the party and Chairman Ho, must further accelerate the "three readiness" campaign, uphold the assault role in combat and production and in guaranteeing communications and transportation, and be ready to go anywhere and do anything required by the Fatherland.

Women must further intensify the "three responsibility" movement, further elevate their courage, perseverance, industriousness, and total dedication in production and combat, and
develop the heroic traditions of the Vietnamese people in order to prove themselves deserving of being nieces of Mrs. Trung and Mrs. Trieu.

The elderly "who become more zealous as they advance in years" must contribute to the defeat of the aggressive U.S. pirates and mobilize offspring to emulate in producing, fighting the pirates, and saving the nation.

Children "who are high in zeal though small in years" must, as their strength permits, participate in labor and in fighting the pirates, earning the right to be the nephews and nieces of Uncle Ho.

All of our compatriots, old and young, male and female, have the duty to contribute to the defeat of the aggressive U.S. pirates and to the building of socialism.

Our immediate tasks are very heavy. In order to successfully carry out those tasks, all our party, military, and people must undergo a powerful evolution in thought and in action.

Each cadre, party member, each fighter of the people's armed forces, and each citizen must fully and profoundly comprehend the new situation at the present time. Each person must recognize that the anti-U.S. national salvation resistance of our people has progressed to a new stage, that the balance of forces between the enemy and us on the battlefield is changing to our advantage, that the U.S. imperialists are plunging deeper into strategic passivity and defensiveness and are suffering heavy defeats and stalemate, and that our people are on the offensive, are winning great victories, and are shooting forward under the impetus of victory to win greater victories.

Each cadre, party member, fighter of the people's armed forces, and citizen must fully and profoundly understand the new duty in order to further elevate his determination to fight and to win and expend all of his force to support South Vietnam, to protect and consolidate North Vietnam, and to defeat the aggressive U.S. pirates.

Each branch, locality, unit, and person must clearly understand what is to be done and how it is to be done in order to help achieve the determination of the entire party, and all our military and people to defeat the aggressive U.S. pirates.

In order to successfully complete the tasks and remain strong in every situation, each of us must further elevate his absolute confidence in the leadership of the Party Central Committee and Chairman Ho, in the great force of the masses, and in
the ultimate victory of the anti-U.S., national salvation cause. We must further elevate patriotism and love of socialism and deepen our hatred for the aggressive U.S. pirates and their henchmen. Each of us must further elevate his independent and autonomous spirit, increase the sense of self-sufficiency, elevate the concept of organization and discipline, and increase the spirit of overcoming difficulties, completing duties, not fearing long and arduous fighting, and not fearing hardships and sacrifices in order to successfully complete every task assigned by the party and people.

On the basis of a clear understanding each branch, each locality, each production installation, each combat unit, and each person must enthusiastically charge into revolutionary action with a vigorous zeal creating a seething, ubiquitous, and constant full-blown anti-U.S. national salvation movement. Determination to defeat the aggressive U.S. pirates must be manifested through revolutionary actions in emulating to produce and to fight and to support the fighting; in building and consolidating the people's armed forces; in military recruitment; and in guaranteeing communications and transportation, preserving order and security, and punishing counterrevolutionary elements and so forth.

In carrying out political education and mobilization designed to create a powerful evolution in thought and action throughout the party and military and civilian population, we must combine education within the party with broad mass mobilization; combine mass mobilization with mass education; combine ideological mobilization with action organization. Political education and mobilization must be carried out rapidly, systematically, and effectively with concentration on the principal requirements.

In order to guarantee that the national political mobilization activity achieve practical results in accelerating the anti-U.S. and socialist construction undertaking, we must strengthen supervision over the implementation of the duties set forth. After effectively resolving the problem of the ideological understanding we must attach importance to organizing actions and to finding measures to overcome difficulties in order to vigorously move forward. On the path to victory in the anti-U.S. national salvation and socialist construction cause, each branch, locality, agency, and unit will meet difficulties (difficulties relating to materials, relating to life, difficulties caused by nature and by the enemy, and so forth). These are difficulties on the way to maturity, temporary difficulties which can be overcome.

When confronted with difficulties we must not be passive
and ineffectual but take the initiative to resolve the difficulties in a revolutionary way. Cadre must adhere to the mass line and hold discussions with the masses in order to overcome difficulties and complete the tasks. They must respect the masses' right to control their own destiny. They must concern themselves with the life of the masses, effectively organize the life of the masses during wartime, and find ways to limit and reduce difficulties caused by the war in the lives of the masses. They must effectively discharge the distribution activities, they must strive to practice economy and combat waste and corruption. Each branch, locality, agency, and unit must develop a spirit of self-sufficiency and rely on the masses in order to overcome difficulties. Under the unified leadership and supervision of the Party Central Committee and the government, all branches and localities must increase their sense of socialist cooperation, overcome regional and parochial attitudes, closely coordinate with one another, assist one another, and work together to defeat the aggressive U.S. pirates.

We must build "four good" party chapters and basic party organizations. We must improve the daily activities of the party chapters and basic party organizations by way of elevating the political content of the periodic activities of the party chapter and basic party organizations. The daily activities of the party chapter and basic party organizations must ensure that all party members study and research problems related to the situation, to the line and policy of the party, and to the guidelines and measures for implementing the decisions of the party within their areas of responsibility; make sure that party members understand the situation and the aspirations of the masses within their area of authority; guarantee that party members practice self-criticism and criticism in accordance with the principles of the party. The party chapter and the basic party organization must really be a political organization and a leadership organization in the installations.

The anti-U.S. resistance of our people is developing advantageously. In South Vietnam, our army and people are continuously attacking and uprising and constantly winning victory. In North Vietnam, our army and people have shot down 2,800 airplanes of the U.S. pirates. The enemy is confused and stalemated. Just as Chairman Ho said: "Nothing can save the U.S. pirates and their henchmen from total collapse!" The more troops they send in and the more stubbornly they pursue their aggressive war in our country the heavier and the more painful defeat will be for the U.S. imperialists.

Our people are very patriotic, have a spirit of perseverance, have a stubborn will to fight, and have been trained for a long time in revolutionary struggle. The U.S. imperialists
cannot intimidate our people no matter what modern weapons they employ! None of their fraudulent arguments for "peace negotiations" can deceive our compatriots!

All our party and military and people are constantly conscious of the words of Chairman Ho:

"There is nothing more precious than independence and freedom."

"On behalf of the independence of the Fatherland and because of the obligation to the peoples who are fighting the U.S. imperialists, all our people and troops are united as one, unafraid of sacrifice and hardship, and determined to fight until complete victory."

The sacred anti-U.S. national salvation appeal of Chairman Ho constantly rings in our ears:

"In the face of the new situation we are determined to work with one heart and with one mind to overcome every hardship and sacrifice and are resolved to complete the proud historic task of our people to defeat the aggressive U.S. pirates."

Under the leadership of the party, headed by Chairman Ho, all of our troops and people are determined to fight and definitely will complete the proud task which history has entrusted them: to defeat the aggressive U.S. pirates, to protect North Vietnam, to liberate South Vietnam, to progress toward peace and national reunification, to help protect the socialist camp, to accelerate the national liberation movement, and to protect peace in Asia and in the world.