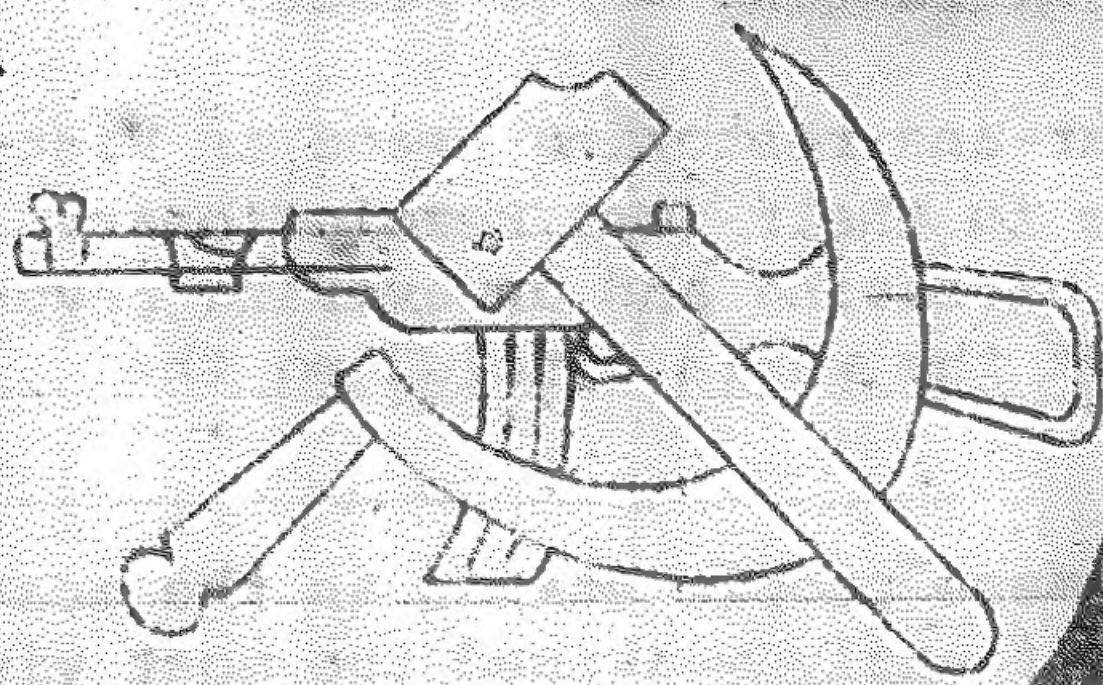


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STATEMENT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE AGREEMENT ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIETNAM

We welcome the agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam signed by the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam, the United States and the Saigon puppet government on January 27, 1973 in Paris.

This agreement constitutes a great victory of the Vietnamese people in their struggle for national liberation and national salvation against U.S. aggression. It reflects the futility of U.S. intervention and aggression in Vietnam as well as reaffirms the 1954 Geneva Agreement so callously sabotaged by U.S. imperialism.

By virtue of their resolute revolutionary struggle, the Vietnamese people have effectively and victoriously asserted their right to self-determination. They have waged the most heroic battles and made the most astounding sacrifices in fighting for their noble cause of liberating the south, defending the north and reunifying their great Fatherland.

The inevitable result is that U.S. imperialism is now obliged to cease its aggressive actions against south and north Vietnam immediately, withdraw its aggressor troops and dismantle its military bases within sixty days, and perform other acts necessary for paving the way to genuine peace in Vietnam and the whole of Indochina.

Moreover, U.S. imperialism is now obliged to recognize the sacred aspiration of the Vietnamese people to reunify their great Fatherland. In this regard, it recognizes the temporary character of the demarcation line at the 17th parallel and the existence within south Vietnam of two administrations, two armies, two zones of control and three political forces.

Henceforth, the people of south Vietnam as well as the entire people of Vietnam should be truly left alone by U.S. imperialism to settle their own problems. The formation of the National Council for National Reconciliation and Concord is an appropriate initial step for the people of south Vietnam to settle their own problems.

However, there should be utmost vigilance regarding the negative attitude openly shown by the Saigon puppet government towards the agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam. This party to the agreement maintains a counterrevolutionary intransigence based on the scheme of U.S. imperialism to continue supplying it with "unlimited economic aid" and "military equipment replacement".

So long as U.S. imperialism maintains military bases and troops anywhere in Indochina and in neighboring countries, like the Philippines, Thailand and other Asian countries, it is necessary for the Vietnamese people to be always alert to its capacity and proclivity for making trouble and disrupting world peace.

In the light of the agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam, the Vietnamese people have entered a new stage in their just revolutionary struggle. In this regard, they are assured of the unceasing and unwavering revolutionary support of the anti-imperialist peoples of the world, including the American people.

The revolutionary armed struggle of the Vietnamese people stands as the most brilliant of its kind in recent history. It has profoundly weakened the most virulent scourge of the world, that is U.S. imperialism, and has resoundingly demonstrated to the world that *the people of a small country can certainly defeat aggression by a big country, if only they dare to rise in struggle, take up arms and grasp in their own hands the destiny of their country.*

The Filipino people are inspired by the heroic example of their brother Vietnamese people. This brilliant inspiration is of acute significance to us in the face of the emergence in the Philippines of a fascist dictatorship that is shamelessly in the service of the world's common enemy, U.S. imperialism.

Long live the Vietnamese revolution!

Long live the heroic Vietnamese people!

Long live the unbreakable unity of the Filipino people and the Vietnamese people!

For the CENTRAL COMMITTEE

COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES

Amado Guerrero, Chairman

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