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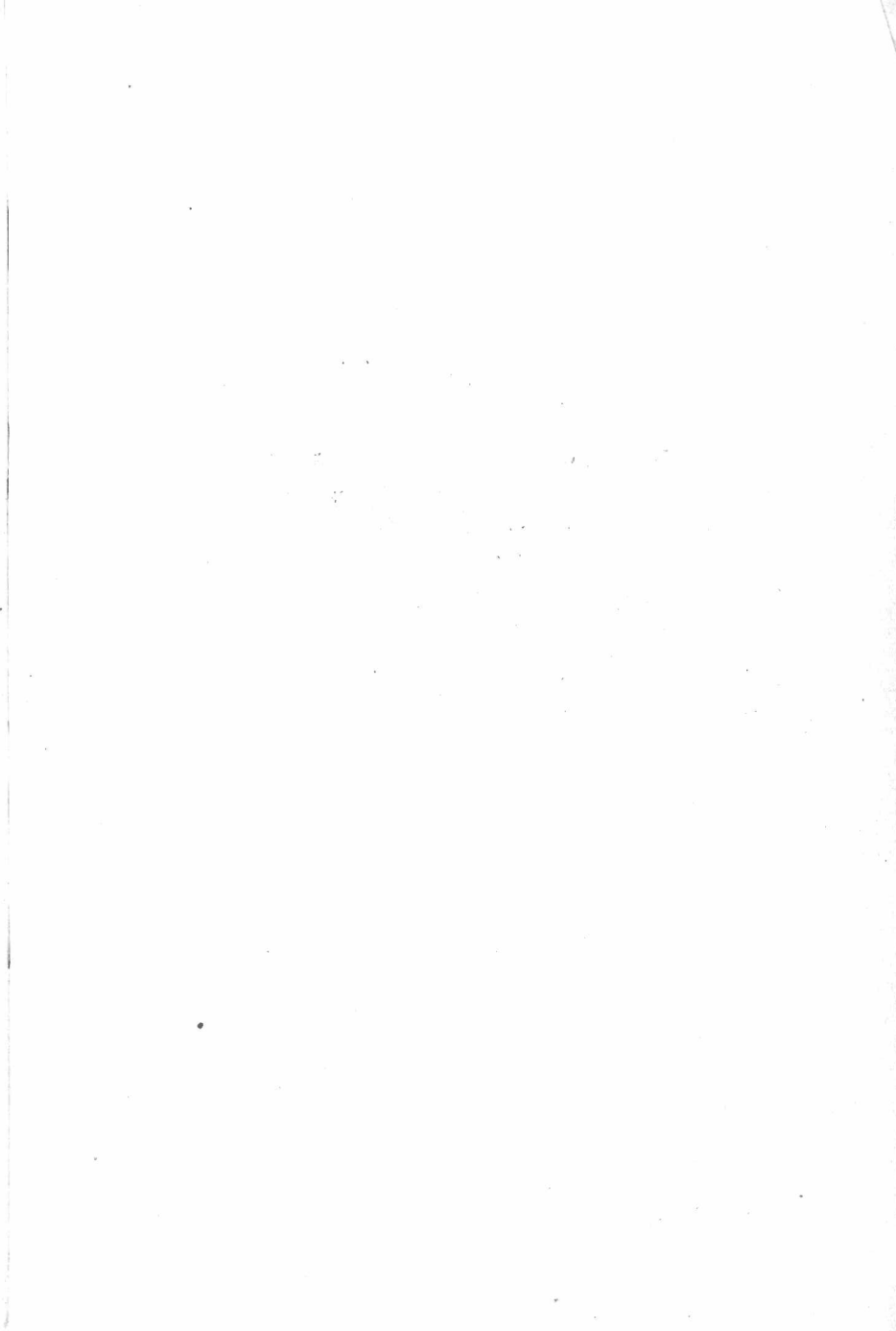
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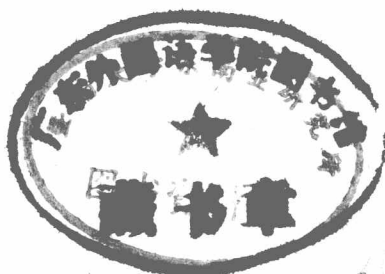
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

THE "Undeclared War" waged by the U.S.A. against the South Vietnamese people has lasted two years. Under the anti-communist signboard, the U.S. authorities have sabotaged the implementing of the 1954 Geneva Agreement on Vietnam, schemed to partition Vietnam for ever and set up south of the 17th parallel a neo-colony, a military base, threatening peace in Indo-China, South-East Asia and the Pacific area; they are turning South Vietnam into a testing ground for tactics and means to repress the national-liberation movements.

From intervention, the U.S. imperialists have gone so far as to invade South Vietnam. Crime after crime, they have used airplanes to spray noxious chemicals over many regions in South Vietnam, doing much harm to crops and vegetation and killing a number of people and cattle. Together with Lord Bertrand Russell, mankind is condemning these indefensible criminal acts of the U.S. authorities.

The persistent patriotic struggle of the South Vietnamese people in extremely hard conditions under the banner of the South Vietnam Liberation National Front

is a just war to safeguard the peace, independence, sovereignty, national unity and territorial integrity of Vietnam as stipulated in the Geneva Agreement. At the same time it also contributes to the defence of peace in Indo-China, South-East Asia and the world, and to the struggle movement for national liberation throughout the world. It is also partly due to the ever increasing support of world opinion that the struggle of the South Vietnamese people has grown mightier and mightier.

This booklet comprises a number of official documents of the South Vietnam Liberation National Front and of opinions from abroad to introduce the reader to the line, guiding principle, measures, etc. of this Front and the growing movement of just struggle of the South Vietnamese people. These documents also voice the profound gratitude of the Vietnamese people to the countries, people's organizations and peace and justice-loving personalities over the five continents who have wholeheartedly supported the just and certainly victorious struggle of 14 million of our compatriots south of the 17th parallel.

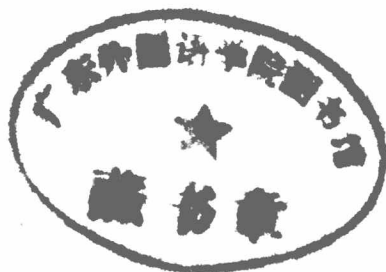
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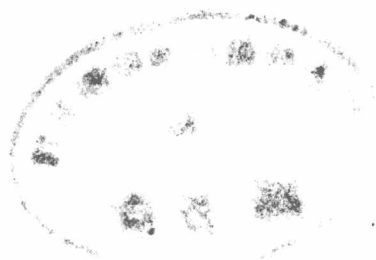
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PART ONE

DOCUMENTS OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM
LIBERATION NATIONAL FRONT

MANIFESTO
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MANIFESTO

Compatriots in the country and abroad!

During nearly a hundred years our Vietnamese people have repeatedly risen up to fight against foreign aggression for the independence and freedom of the Fatherland. In 1945, the people throughout the country surged up in an armed uprising, overthrew the Japanese and French domination and seized power. When the French colonialists invaded our country for the second time, our compatriots — determined not to be enslaved again — shed much of their blood and laid down many of their lives to defend their national sovereignty and independence. The solidarity and heroic struggle of our compatriots during nine years led the Resistance War to victory. The 1954 Geneva Agreement restored peace in our country and recognized “the sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity of Vietnam”.

Under these circumstances, our southern compatriots would have been able to live in peace, earn their livelihood in security and build a decent and happy life.

However, the American imperialists, who had in the past helped the French colonialists to massacre our people, have now replaced the French in enslaving the southern part of our country through a disguised colonial regime.

They have been using their stooge — the Ngo Dinh Diem administration — in their downright repression and exploitation of our compatriots, in their manoeuvres to divide our country for a long time and turn its southern part into a military base for war preparations in South-East Asia.

The aggressors and traitors, working hand in glove with each other, have set up an extremely cruel dictatorial rule. They persecute and massacre democratic and patriotic persons, and abolish all human liberties. They ruthlessly exploit the workers, peasants and other labouring people, strangle the local industry and trade, and poison the minds of our people with depraved foreign culture, thus causing decadence of the national culture and traditions and upsetting our morality. They feverishly increase their military forces, build military bases, use the army as a tool for repression of the people and for serving the U.S. imperialists' scheme to prepare an aggressive war.

Never over the past six years have gun shots massacring our compatriots ceased to resound throughout South Vietnam. Tens of thousands of patriots here have been murdered and hundreds of thousands thrown into jail. Various sections of the people have been living in a stifling atmosphere under the iron

heel of the U.S. - Diem clique. Countless families have been disunited and scenes of mourning are seen everywhere as a result of unemployment, poverty, exacting taxes, terror, massacre, drafting of manpower and pressganging, usurpation of land, forcible house removal, and herding of the people into "prosperity zones", "agricultural settlements" and other forms of concentration camps.

High anger with the present tyrannical regime is boiling among all strata of the people. Undaunted in the face of barbarous persecution, our compatriots are determined to unite and struggle unflaggingly against the U.S. imperialists' policy of aggression and the dictatorial and nepotic regime of the Ngo Dinh Diem clique.

Among workers, peasants and other toiling people, intellectuals, students and pupils, industrialists and traders, religious sects and national minorities, patriotic activities are gaining in scope and strength, seriously shaking the U.S. - Diem dictatorial regime.

The attempted coup d'état of November 11, 1960 in Saigon in some respects reflected the boiling anger among the people and army men, and the rottenness and decline of the U.S. - Diem regime. However, there were among the leaders of this coup political speculators who, misusing the patriotism of the army men, preferred negotiation and compromise rather than to overthrow Ngo Dinh Diem. Like Ngo Dinh Diem, they persisted in following the pro-American and traitorous path, and also used the anti-communist signboard to oppose the people. That is why the coup

was not supported by the people and large numbers of army men and so ended in failure.

At present, our people are urgently demanding an end to the cruel dictatorial rule, demanding independence and democracy, enough food and clothing, and peaceful reunification of the country.

To meet the aspirations of our compatriots, the SOUTH VIETNAM LIBERATION NATIONAL FRONT came into being, pledging itself to shoulder the historic task of liberating our people from the present yoke of slavery.

The SOUTH VIETNAM LIBERATION NATIONAL FRONT undertakes to unite all sections of the people, all social classes, nationalities, political parties, organizations, religious communities and patriotic personalities, without distinction of their political tendencies, in order to struggle and overthrow the rule of the U.S. imperialists and their stooge — the Ngo Dinh Diem clique — and realize independence, democracy, peace and neutrality and advance toward peaceful reunification of the Fatherland.

The SOUTH VIETNAM LIBERATION NATIONAL FRONT calls on the entire people to unite and heroically rise up as one man to struggle in accordance with the programme of action summarized as follows :

1. To overthrow the disguised colonial regime of the U.S. imperialists and the dictatorial Ngo Dinh Diem administration — lackey of the U.S. — and to form a national democratic coalition administration.