

INDOCHINA DEVELOPMENTS

AVRN PANIC PUTS QUI NHON, TUY HOA, AND NHA TRANG INTO COMMUNIST HANDS

April 1 (IPS)--A UPI dispatch today reports that the panic among government troops (AVRN) has put the South Vietnam coastal cities of Qui Nhon, Tuy Hoa, and Nha Trang into communist hands. Nha Trang is 200 miles northeast of Saigon. In addition, AVRN troops are panicking in Cam Ranh and Phan Thiet while Americans are being evacuated from these coastal cities. Phan Thiet is only 100 miles east of Saigon.

PRG TO OFFER NEW POPULARLY-SUPPORTED GOVERNMENT IN VIETNAM

April 3 (IPS)--PRG Foreign Minister, Nguyen Thi Binh, yesterday released a seven point policy declaration in Paris calling on all South Vietnamese to join the communists for economic reconstruction in the newly liberated areas of South Vietnam.

FASCIST DEMS PLAN ASSAULT ON CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, April 4 (IPS)--A group of former government officials, CIA-allied academics, foundation officials, and political backers of the Cold War Humphrey-Jackson wing of the Democratic Party, which identifies itself loosely as the Coalition for a Democratic Majority (CDM), revealed in an IPS interview yesterday that it intends to lead the Rockefeller assault on Congress, focussing on the "loss of Indochina."

FORD RETAILS ROCKY POLICY

April 4 (IPS)--In a press conference in San Diego yesterday, President Ford mouthed the line that Congress was responsible for the communist victory in Indochina and the subsequent loss of U.S. credibility in the eyes of its allies. Ford's attack on Congress is only the first in what will be an escalating campaign to coerce Congress into approving massive increases in U.S. defense spending and potential military confrontation--the latter signalled by Ford's insistence that the U.S. would "back up its allies."

ROCKEFELLER'S PRESS CALLS FOR THE TITOIZATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

April 5 (IPS)--The major Rockefeller press today uniformly changed their red scare line on Southeast Asia, and instead called for a policy of "non-alignment" for the area, obviously hoping to pressure the PRG and Khmer Rouge away from a pro-Soviet position.

Earlier this week, Roger Hillsman, a State Department specialist in the "non-aligned" politics, confirmed to IPS that the "titoization" of Southeast Asia is the only reasonable option for U.S. Southeast Asian policy.

SUPPORT FOR PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN THE EAST BLOC PRESS

April 5 (IPS)--The Soviet press has begun to discuss the situation in South Vietnam with increasing sharpness in the last several days. Pravda, the party daily, reported for the first time on April 2 the statements of the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) calling for an end to the forced evacuation of civilians.

Other strong coverage in the East German press includes articles in yesterday's Neues Deutschland, the party paper, reporting "deportation ships" of the Saigon regime carrying refugees to "islands of death."

PRG ANNOUNCES STABILIZATION POLICY FOR LIBERATED AREAS

April 5 (IPS)--The Provisional Revolutionary Government announced last night a ten-point program for economic stabilization of the newly liberated areas of South Vietnam according to Radio Hanoi. Significant points of the program include: the institution of democratic liberties, the protection of industrialists and shopkeepers having no financial connection with Saigon, and the rapid improvement of culture and health service in the country. Specific provisions were made for the aid of orphans and other handicapped people. At the same time, the PRG has denounced the U.S. airlift of Vietnamese orphans into the United States, calling it an act of "sabotage, trickery and hypocrisy."

LON NOL TROOPS COLLAPSE, EAT KHMER ROUGE CADRE AND OWN OFFICERS

April 6 (IPS)--Last week on the site of Rockefeller's biggest foreign policy disaster, starving Lon Nol soldiers who have not been paid for months, began eating the dead communist soldiers. Today's Washington Post reports that the soldiers have begun to turn on their own ranks, citing the case of a government pay-master: "The infuriated (Lon Nol) troops...turned on the paymaster and shot him in the head. Then they fell on his body with knives, cutting open his chest and abdomen and tore out his heart, liver and lungs....They cooked and distributed the flesh among themselves and ate."

GENERAL BROWN FIRES FROM THE HIP AGAIN ON U.S. INTERVENTION

April 7 (IPS)--The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General George Brown, told reporters in Jakarta, Indonesia today that U.S. military intervention into Vietnam is being "actively discussed" in Washington.

NORTH VIETS PRAISE VICTORIES IN SOUTH, ATTACK U.S. ON INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

April 7 (IPS)--The North Vietnamese Communist Party newspaper Nhan Dan ran an editorial on the international situation in which it charged President Ford's comments at his recent news conference

together with the mission of U.S. Chief of Staff General Weyand to South Vietnam "to show that the U.S. is stubbornly maintaining its commitment and its interference in South Vietnam's affairs."

The editorial characterized Walt Rostow's proposal to send two Marine Divisions to North Vietnam as "stupidity coming from the mouth of a mentally abnormal person."

ORPHAN AIRLIFT A PROPAGANDA SHOW; DENOUNCED BY NORTH VIETS

April 7 (IPS)--Opposition politicians in South Vietnam have revealed a letter from a top Saigon official to U.S. Ambassador Graham Martin in which Martin is quoted as calling the airlift of Vietnamese orphans a propaganda show for the benefit of U.S. public opinion.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PHNOM PENH

April 7 (IPS)--Reports from Reuters indicate that high-level negotiation efforts are underway between Cambodian Acting President Sautham Khoy and the Khmer Rouge communist forces. Further reports from the New York Post indicate that Khoy is offering unconditional capitulation in the discussions with the communists. Meanwhile Washington Post sources report that Indonesian Foreign Minister Adam Malik has been approached by the Khmer Rouge to mediate the negotiations.