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P R E F A C E

It is a truth universally acknowledged by the world's revolutionary people that "A single spark can start a prairie fire". It has again been proved to be true when great successes have been won by the Thai patriots. It is the law of development independent of man's will that things always grow from being small to big, and weak to strong. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of Thailand, the people's revolutionary forces, though small and weak, have been growing, and the flames of revolution kindled by the C.P.T. have been spreading throughout our country.

At the time when we founded the Patriotic Front of Thailand two years ago, we foresaw with confidence that our future would be bright. Now when we celebrate the 2nd anniversary of our Front, the morning sun has already risen on the top of Mt. Pu Pan, and its brilliant rays will soon shine all over our beloved motherland. There will soon be a high tide of revolution that will wash away from Thailand the U.S. aggressors and traitorous Thanom-Prapas clique. As Chairman Mao Tse-tung has puts it,

"It is like a ship far out at sea whose mast-head can already be seen from the shore; it is like the morning sun in the east whose shimmering rays are visible from a high mountain top; it is like a child about to be born moving restlessly in its mother's womb."

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SIX-POINT- PROGRAMME OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT OF THAILAND

Adopted on January 1, 1965.

1. Fight for national independence.

Abolish the military, economic and technical "assistance" treaties between the United States and Thailand and all other treaties which the United States has employed to place fetters on Thailand, and drive all imperialist troops and aggressive forces out of Thailand so that Thailand may achieve independence and put an end to its present status as a new type colony of U.S. imperialism.

2. Fight for the people's democratic rights.

Overthrow the fascist dictatorial administration which is subservient to U.S. imperialism, abrogate the martial law, free political prisoners and other people unwarrantedly arrested and imprisoned by the traitorous government, annul the constitution which is being used by the lackeys of U.S. imperialism to curb the people's right to freedom, establish a government of patriots and democrats and promulgate a constitution laying down and

guaranteeing the rights to freedom to the whole nation so as to ensure a genuine democratic system for Thailand.

3. Pursue a policy of peace and neutrality.

Withdraw from the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, cease intervention in the affairs of the neighbouring countries, refrain from joining any military bloc, live in amity with the people of all other countries, especially those of neighbouring countries, develop friendly relations with the countries which treat us as equals, support other peoples in their struggle for national independence and progress, cooperate with all peace-loving forces in the world, oppose the warmongering policies of U.S. imperialism and strive for world peace.

4. Develop the national economy.

In order to promote agriculture, build water conservancy works, take preventive measures against various natural calamities, ensure the peasants reasonable prices for their agricultural produce and help the poor peasants; assist and protect national industry and commerce, abolish unreasonable taxes and all bureaucratic monopoly set-ups, restrict foreign capital aimed at grabbing profits from Thailand, and establish an independent and self-reliant national economy.

5. Improve the people's livelihood.

Suppress and mete out severe punishment to embezzlers, government officials and corrupt elements who abuse their power and influence and oppress the people; distribute land to the peasants to enable them to earn a living, and suppress the crimes of encroaching upon and seizing peasants' land; adjust and guarantee the wages and salaries of workers and junior functionaries, civil servants, teachers, armymen, policemen and professional workers to ensure that they can make ends meet.

6. Develop education and public health service.

Oppose the corruptive culture of imperialism and promote a fine national culture, provide adequate school premises for students, cut down tuition fees, abolish extortionate payments for enrolment in schools, extensively develop public health and sanitary service beneficial to the people, and take measures to prevent and root out diseases that prey upon the people, especially the rural inhabitants.

WAGE A COMMON STRUGGLE FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF OUR COUNTRY

****Message of the Patriotic Front of Thailand
on the occasion of the 2nd Anniversary
of its founding****

January 1, 1967

Dear Compatriots,

Today is the second anniversary of the founding of the Patriotic Front of Thailand. During the past two years, we have used every possible means to struggle against and to expose the domestic and foreign enemies so that the people can see through their true reactionary nature of betraying and plundering our country and people and their efforts to reduce Thailand more and more to the status of a new-type colony of U.S. imperialism. They have inevitably risked pushing our country down the abyss of the war in Indo-China that is being plotted by U.S. imperialism, all at the expense of the lives and property and suffering of the Thai people.

Consequently, our Patriotic Front of Thailand have waged resolute struggles against the evil forces represented by the Thanom-Prapas traitorous clique and its

policy of permitting our motherland to become the battlefield. We are glad to report that in the short span of the past two years we have set up organizations of various kinds all over the country and have developed other organizations to wage armed struggles in a number of provinces in the northeast as well as in the south. During the past two years, more and more patriotic individuals, groups and organizations have worked in cooperation and joined in the Front. It can be anticipated that our organization will get more support from the people of the whole country and will grow stronger daily and that our declared Six-Point-Programme will gradually and undoubtedly be realized.

During the two years, the Thanom-Praphas autocratic administration have not for a single moment ceased to carry out its traitorous, dictatorial and rapacious policies, but has exacerbated its evil-doing. In foreign affairs, it has long tried to hide from the people the fact that Thailand has become a new-type colony of U.S. imperialism, but this scandal has been a matter of public knowledge. One of the things that U.S. Senator Fulbright admitted openly was that "The United States is following a policy of neo-colonialism vis-a-vis Thailand". This is a downright betrayal of our country, and our people will certainly settle this account sooner or later.

After the Manila Conference between the United States and its vassals, Thanom has been ordered by Lyndon Johnson to supply the South Vietnam puppets with 100,000 tons of rice annually on credit to help lighten the economic burden of the United States. In the military field, he has sent two warships, several hundred marines and an air force contingent to take part in the war in South Vietnam, and will soon go on to send

ground forces there. All this is helping the United State to expand the war and will involve Thailand in a large-scale catastrophic war.

U.S. imperialism already wields over-all control of Thailand, and Americans are to be found in virtually every department and at all levels of military and civil organs. U.S. imperialism has already succeeded in converting Thailand into a huge U.S. military base in South-east Asia and a second battlefield of the Vietnam war. For instance, all major Thai airfields are being used as bases for bombing Thailand's neighbouring countries such as Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam; more than 60,000 U.S. troops are occupying Thailand, and Thai territory is used as storage ground for ammunition, food and war materiel and as the G.I.'s haven for recuperation. Thailand is thus being used to support the war in Vietnam and Laos and in preparation for a large-scale war of aggression against the People's Republic of China. The Thanom-Praphas clique has servilely offered Thai lives and property as sacrifice to the U.S. policies of aggression.

At home, it adopts a policy of deception to divert the attention of the people on the one hand, and on the other, has launched armed violence to brutally intimidate and suppress the people. Behold its actual deeds! It has sent men to the remote regions ostensibly to develop these places and show concern over the welfare of the impoverished peasants, but, in fact, they are agents to spy and hunt down and cruelly suppress the people. It has preached patriotism but has allowed foreign troops to occupy all our cities and towns. It has preached democracy, but for almost ten years now, martial law and Article 17 of the "Provisional Constitution" have been enforced, while the constitution itself has not been pro-

malgated and universal suffrage has been denied during this entire period. It has nominally forbidden corruption, but the fact is that the puppet officials have pocketed millions upon millions of baht. It pays lip service to the maxim of sticking to morality and honesty, but it has done nothing good and honest and has only indulged in betraying and robbing our country and people and in arresting and killing people by the thousands.

As regards **economy and people's livelihood**, because Thailand has been reduced to a new-type colony, U.S. imperialism has taken advantage of its position and subjected the country to increased plunder and extortion in economy, trade and investments in various forms. The policy of war preparation and suppression of patriots which call for huge budget appropriations, and the embezzlement of state funds by the Thanom-Prphas dictatorial clique are the chief factors aggravating the economic crisis in the country. The national expenditure has increased year after year and reached the present level of almost 20 billion baht. The state is buried in debt and there is an unfavourable balance of trade every year. People's incomes are declining while prices are soaring and their purchasing power is dropping. Inflation is daily becoming serious and heavy taxes weigh down on the people. Life is miserable for people of various strata especially workers, peasants, low-ranking civil servants, the poor in the towns and countryside, petty entrepreneurs, merchants and factory owners and they find it harder and harder to get on and cannot find a way out. As a result, there constantly emerge high tides of struggle in many different forms, ranging from petitions, protests and strikes to taking up weapons and waging armed struggles.

In the educational and cultural fields, U.S. imperialism intends to occupy Thailand permanently as a colony. Therefore, it has tried hard to indoctrinate Thai youth with pro-American thinking to corrode their spirit of patriotism, enthusiasm, sacrifice and unity for national salvation. To this end, U.S. imperialism has despatched so-called specialists in education to keep this domain under its strict control, and has called in its Peace Corps men, distributed loans and relief fund, and has encouraged the exchange of teachers at different levels, thereby facilitating the spread of their decadent culture and corrupting the Thai people with the American way of life. After the influx of the more than sixty thousand U.S. troops into Thailand everybody can see how morally depraved they are and no one can tolerate them. U.S. soldiers often hug, kiss, molest and drag Thai women in the streets and even commit rape, manslaughter and other shameless sex orgies. Bars, night clubs, massage and bath houses, hotels and motels are to be found everywhere. Even according to police statistics, there are at present 479 such setups in Bangkok alone.

In these circumstances, when our motherland is trampled upon, occupied and undermined by U.S. imperialism in collusion with the dictatorial Thanom-Prphas clique, the Thai people can never remain indifferent and leave it to fate. In our history, whenever our motherland was attacked and trampled upon, whenever our independence was lost, and chaos and darkness loomed large, patriotic heroes have always emerged in great numbers and stepped out to save our motherland. It is the same now. The Thai patriots have clearly seen the catastrophe of aggression and occupation by foreign troops and discerned the true features of the Thanom-

Praphas traitorous clique. Hence, they are uniting to wage heroic and staunch struggles, rallying all forces and setting up various kinds of organizations in order to drive U.S. imperialism with its troops out of Thailand and to overthrow its lackey, the dictatorial Thanom-Praphas clique. This is the only way to recover the lost independence, sovereignty and dignity of Thailand.

Patriotic compatriots, unite still more closely, and do your utmost to support the struggles of the people in the Northeast and the South. In this life-and-death and tit-for-tat struggle, we people of Thailand must, on no account and at no time, take the enemy lightly or indifferently, but must be careful and prudent as well as courageous, steadfast and fearless of the enemy. We are firmly convinced that final victory belongs to the people and it is the people who will be the victors. There can be no doubt about it, as this will be the inevitable outcome of the development of history.

Long live the people's victory!

**Central Committee of
the Patriotic Front of Thailand**

The First Afro-Asian-Latin American Peoples Conference convened in Havana

from January 3 to 12, 1965.

1. Strongly condemns U.S. imperialism who occupies Thailand and turns Thailand into its neo-colony and that in coordination with Thanom-Praphas traitorous clique arrests, suppresses and persecutes Thai Patriots and democrats by using police and military armed forces.
2. Strongly condemns the establishment of fascist dictatorship by Thanom-Praphas clique, and its barbarous violations of human rights.
3. Demands Thanom-Praphas government to release patriots and democrats as well as political prisoners who are unreasonably arrested and imprisoned.
4. Strongly condemns U.S. imperialism use Thailand as its military base for launching aggressive war in Viet Nam, Laos and threatening Cambodia as well as those countries in South East Asia.
5. Demands that U.S. imperialism must withdraw all its military bases, all its aggressive troops and aggressive Headquarters of SEATO out of Thailand.
6. Supports the just and right armed struggle and other various forms of struggle of the Thai people.

The Afro-Asian Writers' Emergency Meeting held in Peking

from June 27 to July 9, 1966.

1. Strongly condemns U.S. imperialism for turning Thailand into a new-type colony, occupying Thailand with its aggressor troops, paralysing the minds of the Thai people and undermining the fine culture of Thailand by disseminating the decadent imperialist culture, helping the lackey Thanom regime to suppress the patriotic Thai people and then taking a direct part in the suppression;

2. Strongly condemns U.S. imperialism for using Thailand as a military base in its aggression against Vietnam and Laos, and stepping up its menace to Cambodia in accordance with its plan of expanding the war in Indo-China and threatening the revolutionary movements of the people of Southeast Asia;

3. Strongly condemns the Thanom government for its fascist dictatorship, encroachment on human rights and savage suppression of the people and deprivation of their freedom through martial law, anti-communist regulations and other fascist decrees; and demands that the Thanom government immediately put an end to its vicious acts mentioned above, immediately restore freedom to the imprisoned Thai patriots and those people who cherish democracy and restore all democratic rights

to the Thai people, including the restoration of the freedom of writing and publication to the Thai writers and journalists;

4. Strongly condemns the Thanom government for dispatching Thai troops to take part in the aggressive war the United States has launched against Vietnam and Laos in flagrant violation of the 1954 and 1962 Geneva Agreements, serving the reactionaries of "Malaysia" in suppressing the Malayan people's movement for national liberation, supporting the U.S.-directed "Free Khmers", intensifying its threat to Cambodia according to the U.S. plan for expanding the Indo-China war; and demands the Thanom government immediately stop the above-mentioned crimes;

5. Demands that U.S. imperialism dismantle all its military bases and withdraw all its military personnel from Thailand, including Headquarters of the aggressive Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, and immediately halt its actions of trampling underfoot Thailand's sovereignty and independence, and all its infiltration into the latter;

6. Supports the Thai people's armed struggle and all other forms of struggle against U.S. imperialism and the fascist traitorous government.

A Direct and Practical Support to the South Vietnamese People

—President Nguyen Huu Tho's Message

On the occasion of the 2nd Anniversary of the Founding of the Patriotic Front of Thailand, the Central Committee of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation wish to convey to you its warmest congratulations.

The South Vietnamese people are very elated at the ever greater successes won by the Thai people and the Thailand Patriotic Front in the struggle against the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen Thanom-Praphas Kittikachorn.

The reactionary authorities of Thailand who are selling out Thailand to the American imperialists, trampling underfoot the Thai people's aspiration for independence and peace, are at the same time those who have, on the order the U.S. imperialists, sent aircraft, warships and mercenary troops to participate in the war of aggression in South Vietnam and let the United States use Thailand as a springboard to launch aggressive attacks against Vietnam and Laos, to carry out provocations and sabotages against Cambodia and to sabotage peace and security in Indo-China and Asia. Your patriotic struggle for independence and freedom constitutes an important contribution to the cause of peace and freedom of the peoples in Indo-China and Asia, a direct and practical support to the South Vietnamese people's resistance war against the U.S. aggressors and for national salvation.

Tying themselves closely with the brotherly people of Thailand in the struggle against the common enemy, the South Vietnamese people sincerely wish you achieve greater successes. The South Vietnamese people will always stand shoulder to shoulder with their Thai comrades-in-arms, fight unremittingly to defeat the U.S. aggressors and their henchmen in South Vietnam, thus actively contributing to the common struggle of our two nations.

We are convinced that the just cause of the Vietnamese and Thai Peoples will certainly achieve final victory and that the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen are surely to be defeated.

May the friendship and militant solidarity between the Vietnamese people and Thai people be ever consolidated and developed.

South Vietnam, December 31, 1966.

LAWYER NGUYEN HUU THO.

The Thai People Will Certainly Triumph in Their Just Struggle

*—Cable of the Central Committee of the
Neo Lao Haksat*

On the occasion of the 2nd Anniversary of the founding of the Patriotic Front of Thailand, we, on behalf of the Laotian people and the Neo Lao Haksat, extend to you as well as the fraternal people of Thailand our warmest greetings.

On January 1, 1965, the Patriotic Front of Thailand was founded. It was an event of great historic significance in the revolutionary cause of the Thai people. In the past two years, the Patriotic Front of Thailand, in struggling for and safeguarding the national independence, sovereignty, freedom and democracy of Thailand, has united and led the patriotic and democratic forces in waging a resolute struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their reactionary lackeys inside your own country and has achieved many important victories. Your influence and prestige have been rising and spreading day by day both in the domestic as well as the international fields.

The relation between the Laotian and Thai peoples has a long history and there exists a profound friendship between them. Today, both our peoples are facing an extremely ferocious and barbarous common enemy—the

U.S. imperialist aggressors. Therefore, the Laotian people and the Neo Lao Haksat are exceedingly happy over the important victories of the Thai people and the Patriotic Front of Thailand. We consider these victories as a strong support for the Laotian people's struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and for national salvation.

The Laotian people and the Neo Lao Haksat are convinced that the Thai people, under the leadership of the Patriotic Front of Thailand, with high patriotism and heroic militant spirit and supported by people the world over, will certainly triumph in their just struggle. The U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys are bound to suffer an ignominious defeat.

May the Patriotic Front of Thailand and the brotherly Thai people achieve new and greater victories in their struggle for national independence, democracy, peace, neutrality and prosperity.

May the militant friendship and solidarity between the peoples of both our countries — Laos and Thailand — be further consolidated and developed in the days to come.

**THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF
THE NEO LAO HAKSAT**

Sam Neua, December 27, 1966.

Proof of the Indefinite Power of People's War

—AAWB's Congratulation

On the occasion of the 2nd anniversary of the founding of the Patriotic Front of Thailand, the Afro-Asian Writers' Bureau extends its warmest and most sincere greetings to the Patriotic Front of Thailand which is the true leading body of the Thai people.

The Patriotic Front of Thailand was born in the flames of revolutionary struggle against imperialism. In the two years since it came into existence, under the leadership of the Patriotic Front of Thailand, the Thai people's patriotic armed forces have been vigorously and unprecedentedly developing in the struggle against U.S. imperialism and its lackey Thanom-Praphas government, and gained brilliant victories which greatly held down the aggressive forces of the most ferocious enemy of the world people—U.S. imperialism and made great contribution to the cause of Afro-Asian people's solidarity against imperialism. The Afro-Asian Writers' Bureau expresses elevated greetings to the heroic people of Thailand.

Every victory of the armed struggle gained by the Thai people is the proof of the indefinite power of the people's war. The frantic counter-attack and sanguinary suppression by U.S. imperialism and the Thanom-Praphas government are but the desperate struggle before the

ever-developing people's forces. We are deeply convinced that the final victory will surely go to the Thai people who dare to struggle and are proficient at struggle.

"The Resolution On Thailand" adopted at the Afro-Asian Writers' Emergency Meeting which was held last June in Peking and attended by 161 delegates from 53 Afro-Asian countries and regions and five Afro-Asian international organizations expressed the firm stand of the Afro-Asian writers in supporting the Thai people's armed struggle and all other forms of patriotic struggle against U.S. imperialism and the fascist traitorous government. The Meeting unanimously considered that the principal task of the Afro-Asian peoples at present is to eliminate completely all forces and influences of imperialism and colonialism in the political, economic and cultural domains and to carry the struggle for national liberation through to the end. The Afro-Asian Writers' Bureau is determined in its future work to continue to hold aloft the great anti-imperialist and revolutionary banner, further consolidate the Afro-Asian writers' movement and make maximum contribution to the cause of Afro-Asian people's solidarity against imperialism.

May the Thai people win greater victories in the just armed patriotic struggle against U.S. imperialism and its lackey Thanom-Prapas government.

**ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL OF AFRO-ASIAN
WRITERS' BUREAU**

(signed) I.Isa

Side With the People of Thailand Against the Common Enemy

— *Vietnam Committee for Afro-Asian
People's Solidarity*

On the occasion of the anniversary of the founding of the Patriotic Front of Thailand, we beg on behalf of the Vietnamese people, to extend to you and the people of Thailand our warm solidarity greetings.

The fact that various patriotic forces of Thailand have united into a common front to wage a heroic struggle against the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys is an important step of the revolutionary cause of the people of Thailand, and a precious contribution to the common struggle of the Afro-Asian and Latin American peoples for national independence, democracy, peace and social progress against U.S.-headed imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism.

The Vietnamese people strongly condemn the savage repression by the reactionary authorities of the patriotic people of Thailand, and their criminal collusion with the U.S. imperialists in the war of aggression against Vietnam and other countries in Indo-China. Condescending themselves to act as lackeys of the U.S. imperialists, thus to oppose the people of Thailand and other countries, the reactionary authorities of Thailand will certainly be severely punished and doomed to ignominious failure.

The Vietnamese people fighting against the U.S. imperialists, for national salvation pledge to constantly side with the people of Thailand against the common enemy. We entirely support your just cause and are convinced that under the clear-sighted leadership of the Patriotic Front of Thailand, closely united and persistent in their struggle, the people of Thailand will certainly win final victory.

**THE VIETNAM COMMITTEE FOR AFRO-ASIAN
PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY**

December 24, 1966 Hanoi

Your Victories Are Also Ours

—South Vietnam's Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee

On the occasion of the 2nd Anniversary of the Founding of Patriotic Front of Thailand, on behalf of the South Vietnamese people and the South Vietnam's Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee we wish to extend to you and through you to the entire brotherly Thai people our warmest greetings.

Over the past few years the Patriotic Front of Thailand, together with the patriotic fighters and the armed forces of Thailand, has heroically struggled against the U.S. occupation in Thailand, which aims at turning Thailand into a U.S. military base to invade Vietnam and other countries in Southeast Asia, and against the present reactionary regime in Thailand, the U.S. loyal henchmen who have sold out independence and national sovereignty of Thailand to the U.S. imperialists, cruelly oppressed and massacred the Thai patriots and mercilessly exploited the Thai people.

The South Vietnamese people who are struggling fiercely against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, follow with a deep sympathy the patriotic struggle and the successes of the brotherly Thai people, and consider them as their own victories. Standing side by side in the same trench at the front against the common enemy, the people and Liberation Armed Forces of South Vietnam will

unite more firmly with the brotherly Thai people and determine to deal deadly blows at our common enemy in order to defeat completely the U.S. aggressors, thus contribute to the National Liberation cause and the safeguard of peace in Southeast Asia and the world.

On this occasion the South Vietnamese people wish the Patriotic Front and the people of Thailand achieve more glorious successes in the struggle for national liberation to win national sovereignty, democracy and to build a new life in Thailand.

May the militant solidarity of the South Vietnamese people and the Thai people be ever consolidated.

South Vietnam, December 24, 1966

**SOUTH VIETNAM'S AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY
COMMITTEE**

PRESIDENT NGUYEN NGOC THUONG

Salute to the Heroic Struggle of the People of Thailand Against the U.S. Supported Thanom- Praphas Regime

— OISRAA* *Statement*

On the occasion of the 2nd anniversary of the establishment of the Patriotic Front of Thailand, on January 1st, 1967, the Indonesian people, now in the thick of struggle against the U.S. backed barbaric fascist regime of Suharto-Nasution, convey the warmest and most militant greetings to the people of Thailand, who, under the correct leadership of the Patriotic Front of Thailand is waging a heroic and glorious armed struggle against the U.S. backed Thanom-Praphas regime.

Despite the help of more than 60,000 U.S. troops, helicopters, weapons, amunitions and planes, the Thanom-Praphas regime will never succeed in suppressing the liberation struggle of the people. On the contrary, of late the people's armed struggle led by the Patriotic Front

* OISRAA — Indonesian Organization for Asian-African People's Solidarity.

have been dealing one blow after another to the puppet regime. The people's armed struggle of Thailand is developing rapidly to a full scale glorious People's War. Each victory won by the peoples' armed struggle in Thailand is a great support and encouragement to the people's struggle in Southeast Asia and the world over, and especially to the people of Indonesia.

U.S. imperialism is at present turning Thailand into a huge military base and B-52 bombers base for its aggression against Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and also preparing it as a springboard in its aggressive plan against the People's Republic of China. Apart from its continuous violations and attack against the territory of Cambodia, the Thanom-Praphas regime has been cooperating with and supporting the Suharto-Nasution fascist regime. It has provided facilities and played a big role in bringing about the cherished dream of the imperialists for ending Indonesia's confrontation against neocolonialist "Malaysia". It has also joined with the Suharto fascist regime in suppressing the national liberation movement in Southeast Asia. The crimes of the U.S. imperialists and its puppets in Bangkok against the people of Thailand, Indonesia and the neighbouring countries will never be forgiven by the peoples of the respective countries. All freedom loving peoples the world over strongly denounce and condemn the barbarous crimes of U.S. imperialism and its Thanom-Praphas puppets.

The Indonesian people strongly supports the armed people's struggle of Thailand and is fully convinced that under the leadership of the Patriotic Front of Thailand the Thanom-Praphas clique will be overthrown, the U.S.

imperialists will be thrown out of Thailand and national liberation will be finally achieved.

**FOR THE OISRAA,
SECRETARY GENERAL,**

I. ISA

January, 1st, 1967.

*Warmest Greetings
from Nguyen Minh Phuong*

I have the honour to extend, on behalf of all the members of the Permanent Mission of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation to the People's Republic of China and on my own behalf, the warmest congratulations to you and to all the members of your Mission, on the occasion of the 2nd anniversary of the establishment of the Patriotic Front of Thailand.

May the Thai people score new and greater successes in the cause of struggling against the U.S. imperialist aggression, the traitorous and dictatorial Thanom Government to liberate their Fatherland.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you our highest consideration.

(signed)

NGUYEN MINH PHUONG

**Acting Head of the Permanent Mission of the South
Vietnam National Front for Liberation**

December 30, 1966 Peking

A Significant Part of the World Struggle Against Imperialism and Modern Revisionism

—*Message from Ceylonese Friends*

On the occasion of January 1st, the second anniversary of the founding of the Patriotic Front of Thailand, we, the Ceylonese living and working in Peking, wish to extend our warmest congratulations of fighting solidarity to the Front and the valiant people of Thailand.

The struggle of the fighting people of Thailand against U.S. imperialism and the Thai reactionaries is a significant part of the world struggle against the imperialist system headed by the United States of America and the capitulationist policies of modern revisionism with the Soviet leading clique at the centre.

To-day the sacred soil of Thailand has been converted into a military base of U.S. imperialism in its aggression against the heroic people of Vietnam, the whole of Asia & the people of the world. The strength of U.S. aggressor troops in Thailand has been increased to 36,000 U.S. imperialism has also stepped up its collaboration with the Thanom-Prphas reactionary clique to conduct an "encirclement and suppression" campaign against the armed forces of the patriotic people of Thailand. But the armed forces of the people under the leadership of the Patriotic Front of Thailand have steady-

ly developed their strength in struggle and have dealt the enemy heavy and decisive blows and throw them into a panic.

On the occasion of the second anniversary, we salute the heroic people of Thailand and wish them greater victories in the New Year.

We condemn U.S. imperialism and its Thailand lackeys for their savage crimes against the patriotic people of Thailand.

We condemn the modern revisionists of the Soviet Union, who sit side by side with the representatives of the treacherous and murderous Thanom-Prapas clique in many a conference, for their collusion with imperialism and their subversion of the liberation struggles of the peoples of the world.

The valiant fighting people of Thailand will certainly win. U.S imperialism and the Thailand reactionaries will certainly be defeated.

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Friends

All Over the World

We have friends in every corner of the world. All those who are engaged in struggle against imperialism, modern revisionism and reaction of various countries are our friends and comrades-in-arms.

Among those present at the reception were: Tran Tu Binnh, Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to China; Le Tung Son, member of the Permanent Mission of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation to China; Samreth Soth, Minister-Counsellor of the Royal Embassy of Cambodia; P.V. Sarma, Chief Representative of the Mission of the Malayan National Liberation League in China; Rashid Said Gerbou, Head of the Mission of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Peking; Madame Quinim Pholsena, President of the Laotian Women's Federation; Djawoto, Secretary-General of the Afro-Asian Journalists' Association; Ibrahim Isa, acting Secretary-General of the Afro-Asian Writers' Bureau; Kinkazu Saionji, Japanese Peace Champion; Ahmed Mohammed Kheir, Sudanese Peace Champion, and others.

Lt. Col. Bhayome Chulanond made a speech at the reception. The other speakers were Liao Cheng-chih, Chairman of the Chinese Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity, Robert F. Williams, Leader of the Afro-Americans and Madame Chanit Saipradit, a well-known writer of Thailand.



Lt. Col. Bhayome Chulanond the Representative Abroad of the Patriotic Front of Thailand speaks at the reception.

Liao Cheng-chih, Chairman of the Chinese Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity addresses the reception.



Robert F. Williams, leader of the Afro-Americans, speaks at the reception.

Madame Chanit Sai-pradit, a well-known writer of Thailand is making a speech at the reception.



U.S. Imperialism and the Thanom-Praphas Clique Quicken Their Pace Towards Their Graves

*—Speech of Lt. Col. Bhayome Chulanond, the
Representative Abroad of the Patriotic
Front of Thailand*

**Respected Mr. Chairman of the Chinese
Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity,
Dear comrades and friends,**

Allow me, on behalf of the Mission of the Patriotic Front of Thailand, to express my most sincere thanks to all friends who are present here at this reception to celebrate warmly the second anniversary of the founding of the Patriotic Front of Thailand. I also avail myself of this opportunity to pay sincere tribute and wish ever greater strength and power the Thai people's armed forces and all other patriotic forces who are waging a dauntless and valiant struggle against U.S. imperialism and the Thanom-Praphas traitorous clique. Here I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Chinese Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity, to the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, the Malayan National Liberation League, the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion, the Peace Liaison Committee of the Asian and Pacific Regions, and the other people's organisations of Asia, Africa and Latin America as well as all the peace and justice-loving individuals who are supporting the Thai people in their struggle for national salvation.

Dear comrades and friends,

In the past year, internal contradictions, disintegration, corruption and degeneration have set in more seriously on the side of the international reactionary forces, namely among all the imperialists and their accomplices, the modern revisionists and those who have sold themselves out to the imperialists and serve as their puppets and henchmen.

On the contrary, the socialist forces, the patriotic and democracy-loving forces and the peace and justice-loving forces of the whole world have rallied closely together on the side of the revolutionary forces. It is of particular significance that the great bulwark of all the revolutionary people of the world, the People's Republic of China, under the guidance of the ever victorious thought of Mao Tse-tung, has been gaining magnificent successes in the Great Cultural Revolution; in the field of production and scientific experiment, it has also scored achievements, for instance, it has, for the first time ever in the world, succeeded in synthesising by artificial means biologically active protein, crystalline insulin, and only four days ago it successfully conducted another nuclear explosion soon after the successful launching of the guided missile nuclear weapon. All these brilliant achievements have further enhanced the confidence and courage of the revolutionary people of the world in overthrowing imperialism led by U.S. imperialism and its

henchmen, the Soviet modern revisionist bloc, as well as reactionaries of all descriptions.

U.S. imperialism is the most ferocious enemy of the people of the present-day world. It commits economic, political, military and cultural intervention and aggression everywhere. In the United States itself, it exercises fascist dictatorship to suppress brutally the American people who are fighting for freedom and democratic rights. It uses its armed forces to support reactionaries of all descriptions to frenziedly suppress the Asian, African and Latin American people fighting for national independence. U.S. imperialism has met with strong opposition from the patriotic and revolutionary people of the whole world who have been waging struggles in various forms including the taking up of arms to wage people's wars.

The people's armed uprising waged by the patriotic guerilla forces in Venezuela, Colombia, Peru and Guatemala of Latin America; the people's armed forces in Congo (Leopoldville), Mozambique, Angola, Zimbabwe and other parts of Africa, and the people's armed forces in Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, Malaya, Burma, Indonesia and the Philippines of Asia as well as those in Palestine and other Arab territories all go to show that the revolutionary flames of the people's war are raging all over the three continents. Today, the people's war in Vietnam is the focal point of the whole world's anti-U.S. struggle.

The "peace talks" fraud which the U.S. imperialists plotted with the Soviet revisionists has also failed. Of late, the U.S. brigands have blatantly despatched planes and wantonly bombed the city of Hanoi in an attempt to force the Vietnamese people to accept their fraudulent

"peace talks." But they can never succeed, for the people of Vietnam will never be cowed by U.S. imperialist threats, whatever these may be. The bombing of Hanoi does not show that U.S. imperialism is strong; on the contrary it demonstrates the incapability of U.S. imperialism in face of the Vietnamese people. It is also a manifestation of its deathbed kicks. The more frantically U.S. imperialism engages itself in barbarities in Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand and in threatening Cambodia to extend its dirty war, the deeper will it sink in the ocean of people's war. The Manila Conference, held last October, is as a matter of fact a desperate struggle of this cornered U.S. imperialist beast, which has been dealt telling blows and which has its backbone broken by the people's war in Vietnam and elsewhere in Southeast-Asia. Should U.S. imperialism dare to extend its frenzied war of aggression in accordance with the aggressive plan mapped out at the Manila Conference and the meeting of the advisory group of the aggressive SEATO bloc held in Bangkok in December last year, it would only quicken its pace towards its grave.

Dear comrades and friends,

Since Thailand has become a new-type U.S. colony, the political, economic, military and cultural affairs of our country have been further controlled during the last few years by the U.S. imperialists. In the past year especially, our national economy was so seriously ruined that it was unprecedented in our history. In Thailand, U.S. dollars freely circulate side by side with Thai currency. This has resulted in inflation of the worst type and devaluation of the Thai currency. Maritime transportation and all port authorities were put under control to meet U.S. military needs. In consequence, shipping

business has landed itself in great difficulties; shipping freight costs went up sharply and the prices of both imports and exports soared. But the prices of home produced goods were kept very low and both producers and consumers were heavily exploited. Large quantities of rice, indispensable to our people's daily life, were overtly and covertly collected and exported by the bureaucrat compradors to imperialist markets at low prices. In addition, several hundred thousands of tons of rice were forcibly sent by the U.S. imperialists to their puppet cliques in Saigon and Vientiane and the fascist military clique in Indonesia. As a result, there was a shortage of rice. In the past year alone, the price of rice which was already high was again raised by 100-150%. Numberless people are suffering from hunger and many are dying from starvation. They are in an abyss of suffering. But abusing their diplomatic privileges and on the pretext of sending supplies to their aggressive troops in Thailand, free of customs duties, the U.S. imperialists dump their goods, especially American-made luxury items on the Thai market. The Japanese monopoly capitalists, with the backing of the United States, are also engaged in this dumping. This resulted in a serious economic recession in Thailand. On the other hand, the traitorous puppet government received large sums of loans from U.S. monopoly capital, the published figure of Thailand's national debt reached 20,000 million baht. In order to pay interest on the debts, the puppet Thanom-Prapas government intensified their measures of cruel exploitation against the people through taxation. Graft and corruption are rampant from the Prime Minister at the top and his relatives down to their henchmen at the lowest level, all are corrupt.

In order to instil slavish, capitulationist and anarchist ideas to serve its colonial system, U.S. imperialism with the support and collusion of the Thai traitors is exercising a firm hold over the press, radio and television as well as the educational and religious circles, propagating as well as the educational and religious circles, propagating the "American way of life", various forms of degenerate culture and art and turning people in every strata of society into becoming their willing tools. Criminals and especially juvenile delinquents are multiplying at a shocking rate. Brothels under various guises are cropping up everywhere. This is one of the vilest forms of oppression of Thai women who are being induced, raped and who are even sold as commodities to satisfy the "recreative needs" of the Yankee soldiers. These practices are rampant both in the capital and in the provinces and wherever U.S. troops are stationed.

As Thailand has become a new-type colony of U.S. imperialism, its armed forces of the three services as well as the police are tightly and completely controlled by its U.S. masters. The U.S. imperialists drive the people away from millions of acres of land for the construction of barracks, airfields, ports, arsenals and strategic highways and then they use these military bases to launch a piratical war and commit aggression against the people of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. They are also in league with the Thanom traitorous clique to suppress the Thai people by the mad use of force. In the past year, U.S. imperialism despatched its own troops to take a direct part in suppressing the people of our country. These troops are the Thai-U.S. integrated special combat units, the 606 air commando unit and the he-

licopter units. At present, there are over 60,000 U.S. troops in Thailand. All these are facts which the U.S. imperialists no longer bother to conceal. At the beginning of December, Admiral Ulyses Sharp, commander-in-chief of the U.S. armed forces in the Pacific, said arrogantly in Bangkok that the United States is now taking a direct part in the second guerilla war in Southeast Asia — Thailand.

The members of the ruling clique in Thailand scramble for serving U.S. imperialism, attempting to "cover up a dead elephant with a piece of lotus leaf". In reality, the fact that U.S. imperialism has occupied Thailand as its colony is no longer anything new. This notorious fact well-known throughout the world stinks like a dead elephant. At the end of last October, the members of the ruling clique of Thailand each and all invited Lyndon Johnson, the chief culprit, to make speeches in Bangkok in order to whitewash the U.S. colonialists in Thailand. However, the more fashionable ways they adopted in the banquets they offered to this ringleader of bandits, the clearer it proved that Johnson's Thailand tour only makes it more apparent that he is the boss of the Thai ruling clique and that the latter have sold themselves out to U.S. imperialism and betrayed their motherland.

Seeing that their motherland has been reduced to such a colony, the Thai people can no longer suppress the hatred in their hearts. The patriotic people are rising up and waging struggles in various forms. For instance, in the cities, during the past year the working class defying the martial law enforced by the tyrannical authorities valiantly went on strikes in which over 20,000 workers participated. These struggles were mainly

waged by building workers at the U.S. military bases. The workers have scored great successes in the struggles.

In the rural areas, the peasants have been waging struggles against the requisition of labour force under the pretext of "development", against the increase of land taxes, against the expropriation of their land for building military bases, against the forced reduction of prices of agricultural products and the drastic shrinkage of its marketing, against the heavy exploitation in the form of high interest on loans and exorbitant rent as well as oppression by brute force. As a result, armed struggles in August 1965 (2508) in the rural areas in the North and South of the country have started and spread to the other parts of the country. Large numbers of women, children and the aged, too, have actively joined the struggle for national salvation.

Whenever the people rise up in struggle, the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys invariably resort to counter-revolutionary dual tactics to sabotage it. On the one hand they attempt to deceive the masses of the people on the pretext of "development". But they cannot cover up their true nature. Their measures for requisitioning people's labour power and keeping them under their control and surveillance have been frustrated from the very beginning. On the other hand, they also resort to the armed suppression of the people. From the end of 1965 till the middle of November 1966, the U.S. imperialists and Thanom-Prapas puppet clique put into action their armed forces and police as well as the so-called "Home Defence Volunteers", a para-military organisation equipped with aircraft, cannons, tanks and armoured cars, and under the command and direct participation of U.S. troops, and carried out sanguinary suppression of the

people. From the information received so far, the people's armed force in northeast and south Thailand fought 120 battles against the enemy, including battles against the large-scale dry season "mopping up" operations.

It is now the dry season in Thailand. The Thanom-Praphas clique has launched a large-scale "mopping up" campaign which was plotted at the recent Manila Conference and was under the direct command of Lyndon Johnson who had personally come to Thailand. But this large-scale dry season "mopping up" campaign failed from the very outset. Large numbers of troops, police and para-military forces were killed or wounded. Praphas, chieftain of the suppression against the people, admitted that the situation remained as it had been before the "mopping up", because all the people's armed forces had dispersed and mingled with the villagers and become like one of them. This is a public admission that he cannot cope with the people's guerilla war.

The movement of the Thai people to win and safeguard their independence is a completely righteous cause and therefore enjoys the support of the patriotic forces throughout the country as well as the support of the patriotic forces and the people of the whole world who uphold justice. Meanwhile the people's armed forces, being a revolutionary force which has conscientiously mastered the strategy and tactics of people's war and continuously gained experience in guerrilla warfare, cannot be suppressed by U.S. imperialism and the Thanom-Praphas traitorous clique either with troops, aircraft, cannons, tanks, armoured cars and whatever special weapons, or by their atrocities such as burning all, killing all and carpet bombing. Although the military force used for "mopping-up" the people during the present dry

season was increased to one division, raising the ratio to 5:1, yet they still feel that this is insufficient. All they achieve, as the results in every operation show, is their own destruction, the hatred and curses of the people and the continuous growth of the people's strength. The lackeys of U.S. imperialism in Bangkok revealed at a press conference that the people's armed forces in the northeast region were about 1,000 strong in 1965 and 5,000 in 1966. This is another public admission by the reactionaries that their mopping up campaign has come to nought. This shows that the U.S. and its Thanom puppet are being defeated both politically and militarily.

Dear comrades and friends,

The present extensive development of the Thai people's struggle for national salvation is inseparable from the energetic fight waged by the revolutionary political parties, people's movements and organisations, patriotic groupings and individuals whose common objective is to drive U.S. imperialism out of the country and overthrow the Thanom-Praphas traitorous clique. The struggles of the Thai people at home and the Thai friends abroad including those in China are all directed against the same common enemy.

In the two years since its inception, the Patriotic Front of Thailand has been firmly implementing the six principles proclaimed on January 1st, 1965. In accordance with the present situation, it is now pursuing the objectives of fighting for national independence and democracy by driving the U.S. imperialist troops and aggressive forces out of Thailand, and resolutely overthrowing the fascist dictatorial government which serves as lackeys of U.S. imperialism. Just as the flames of struggle have already been kindled in the northeast and

the south, these sparks will soon be carried by the storm of the revolution and spread all over the country.

The Patriotic Front of Thailand is always ready and willing to cooperate closely with all compatriots, all social strata, organisations, political groupings and parties which share or accept the above views so as to carry on the struggle against our common enemy. We can win national independence and people's democratic rights, pursue a policy of peace and neutrality, and build our motherland into a prosperous and powerful country only by closing our ranks, supporting the people's armed struggle which is growing daily in the northeast and the south and which will spread to the whole country, by using armed force to drive out U.S. imperialism which has forcibly occupied our beloved motherland and turned it into a colony, and by using armed force to overthrow the Thanom-Praphas puppet clique. All forms of struggle, large or small in the countryside or in cities, are part and parcel of the struggle by the entire people of Thailand against our common enemy so long as they are motivated by the firm determination to drive out the U.S. imperialists and overthrow the Thanom-Praphas traitorous puppet clique. We wish to express to them our full support and close cooperation.

Dear comrades and friends,

The people of Thailand are not isolated in their armed struggle, in their bloodshed and sacrifice and in all forms of the current struggle to drive out U.S. imperialism and overthrow its lackeys. The armed struggle of the Thai people is inseparable from people's wars waged by the peoples of Vietnam, Laos and Malaya (including Singapore) as well as from the Cambodian people's struggle for the defence of their country. The Manila Conference

has shown very clearly that U.S. imperialism has integrated its wars of aggression in this area. Therefore, the peoples of Vietnam, Laos, Malaya and Thailand must support one another in their armed struggles and deal effective blows at the common enemy.

The courageous struggle of the American people and the armed struggles of the Asian, African and Latin American people are in mutual support. The Thai people firmly support the American people, the Asian, African, and Latin American people in their struggles against imperialism and all reactionaries headed by the United States.

At a time when the people of the world are rising up to oppose U.S. imperialism and when the latter is being badly beaten by the Vietnamese people through people's war, the situation is favourable for the revolutionary people the world over to form an international united front so as to resolutely oppose U.S. imperialism and its accomplice, Soviet modern revisionism. The Thai people who regard armed struggle, people's war and the movement against U.S. imperialism as part and parcel of the struggle of the oppressed peoples in the whole world, are determined to fight shoulder to shoulder with the peoples of Vietnam, Laos, Malaya (including Singapore), Cambodia and China in their struggle against the ferocious enemy on the same front. At the same time, the Thai people welcome the widest support from friends of all countries for their struggles in all forms. Ultimate victory belongs to the people, defeat and doom await imperialism!

In conclusion, may I propose a toast;

**TO THE SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLE OF
THE WHOLE WORLD AGAINST U.S. IMPE-**

RIALISM AND SOVIET MODERN REVISION-
ISM;

TO THE VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE OF
THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE STRUGGLE FOR
NATIONAL LIBERATION AND DEMOCRACY;

TO THE VICTORY OF THE THAI PEOPLE
IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO DRIVE OUT U.S. IM-
PERIALISM AND OVERTHROW THE TRAITO-
ROUS THANOM-PRAPHAS CLIQUE;

TO THE MILITANT FRIENDSHIP BE-
TWEEN THE PEOPLE'S OF THAILAND AND
CHINA;

TO THE HEALTH OF CHAIRMAN MAO
TSE-TUNG;

TO THE HEALTH OF ALL FRIENDS
PRESENT!

The 700 Million Chinese People Are With You

*—Speech of Liao Cheng-chih, Chairman of the
Chinese Committee for Afro-Asian Solidarity*

In a speech, Liao Cheng-chih said "the year 1967 would be one in which the people of Thailand would undoubtedly win greater victories in their struggle against U.S. imperialism and its flunkey, the traitorous Thanom-Praphas clique, and the people throughout the world would be undoubtedly win greater victories in their struggle against imperialism, headed by the U.S., modern revisionism, with the Soviet revisionist ruling clique as its centre, and all reactionaries."

"In the new year, the Chinese people will hold even higher the great red banner of Marxism-Leninism and Mao Tse-tung's thought in order to make ever greater contributions to the struggle against U.S. imperialism and Soviet modern revisionism."

Meet Force With Force, Violence With Violence

*— Speech of Robert F. Williams, Leader of
the Afro-Americans*

Revolutionaries and patriots:

On behalf of oppressed and revolutionary Americans, I warmly greet the Patriotic Front of Thailand on its second anniversary. I deem it a great honor to represent my people on such an occasion honoring the noble cause of those who heroically struggle for the liberation of Thailand. It is no mere accident that liberation fighters from all corners of the world find ourselves together in the mighty People's Republic of China. China is the world seat of Revolution and great Mao Tse-tung is the architect of people's warfare. It is no mere accident that our struggle complement one another. Our just cause is a common cause because our savage enemy is a common enemy. Yes, U.S. imperialism is the arch-enemy of freedom-loving, justice-loving and peace-loving peoples throughout the world. American tyranny first set out to exterminate the American Indian, then it enslaved and dehumanized African captives and now with its insatiable appetite it has set out to conquer, enslave and plunder the world.

U.S. imperialism is the vilest sort of imperialism. It is a racist imperialism whose brutality, exploitation and extermination of its own citizens are unsurpassed in the entire history of the world. With its so-called Peace Corps, aid programs, military forces and alliances it is struggling desperately to stem the tide of world liberation movements. In heroic Vietnam it is waging a brutal war against a freedom-loving and peace-loving people. Its campaign of violence and savage aggression there exceeds the ruthlessness of Hitler's Germany.

So-called Christian America piously proclaims itself philanthropist to the whole world. Americanism is a vicious imperialist and racist wolf posing as the world's foremost good Samaritan proponent of Christian democracy and "civilizing" western culture. It is nothing more than a devil power cunningly trying to reduce the aspirations of freedom-lovers, peace-lovers and those who seek to build a better world to the dismal level of eternal torment. While racist and imperialist America deceitfully proposes to share her affluency with the underprivileged peoples of the world, she is insensate towards social evils within her own borders. On the home territory of racist America unemployment abounds, hunger stalks the ghetto, police brutality rides roughshod over the people and lynch law is a way of life. By Washington's own admission there are more than 11 million illiterate citizens in the so-called Great Society and mob violence and crime increase faster than any place in the world. The most irrefutable sources in the land reveal that the nation is morally bankrupt. What can such a heathen government offer the decent peoples of the world? What does such a beast know about justice and democracy? Is this the nature of good Samaritans?

Can such a ruthless power offer peace and prosperity? Should charity not start first at home, then spread abroad?

There can be but one sane reply to Washington's insane Johnsonism and the puppet running dogs who serve as its hand maidens. The honorable answer in Thailand is being given by the Patriotic Front. The honorable answer in Vietnam is being given by the patriotic forces. In Asia, Africa and Latin America honorable patriots are replying to U.S. imperialism in the only sound and logical manner it understands. U.S. imperialism, like all other savage beasts, only respects force and violence.

We Afro-Americans have learned that obsequious accommodation and prayers for mercy only tighten the brutal oppressor's noose around our necks. Like our revolutionary brothers throughout the world we have resolved to meet force with force and violence with violence. Being long suffering victims of the U.S. racist and imperialist, and being cognizant of their addiction to the use of violence against defenceless people, we rejoice and take great pride in the scientific achievement of our great Chinese brothers. We hail China's 5th Nuclear explosion as nuclear teeth knocked out of the sagging mouth of the paper tiger intimidator — U.S. imperialism. It is a great leap forward for the revolutionary forces of the world. It is our mighty freedom bomb.

LONG LIVE THE WORLD REVOLUTION!

LONG LIVE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT OF THAILAND!

LONG LIVE MAO TSE-TUNG, ARCHITECT OF PEOPLE'S WARFARE!

LONG LIVE PEOPLE'S CHINA!

Free Ourselves Through Struggle

—*Speech of Madame Chanit Saipradit,
Well-Known Writer of Thailand*

Mr. Bhayome and Mr. Liao Cheng-chih,
Comrades and friends,

Today is the second anniversary of the founding of the Patriotic Front of Thailand, it is also an auspicious occasion for the patriotic Thai people. Moreover today happens to be New Year's Day. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes to all friends present here in the capital which is holding high the flag of revolution, and to all compatriots, including the women of Thailand, who are carrying on dauntless, heroic and unyielding struggles in our country against the U.S. aggressors and the reactionary Thanom-Prapas government.

The Representatives Abroad of the Patriotic Front of Thailand have asked me to express my own feelings on this second anniversary of the founding of the Patriotic Front, I feel first of all that this reception is permeated by an atmosphere of unity, militancy, enthusiasm and cordiality. Our patriots living in Peking are happily gathered here, together with the distinguished guests representing the peoples of various countries in Asia, Africa, Oceania and America to celebrate the second anniversary of the founding of the Patriotic Front of Thailand—a political

organisation of those patriotic people of Thailand who love democracy. They have declared that they will fight, and continue to fight against U.S. imperialism and the reactionary government. This means powerful support for the patriotic and just struggles of the Thai people; it constitutes tremendous encouragement to the Thai people who are fighting against our national enemy. Like all my compatriots here and at home, I feel delighted and inspired.

In the short span of two years after its founding, the Patriotic Front of Thailand has achievements to its credit. It has united the patriotic, democratic and justice-loving elements to overthrow the two sinister forces in our country, U.S. imperialism and the reactionary puppet clique. The Front is able to register success because it has formulated and carried out a correct programme which conforms to the difficult situation and which reflects the justified demands of the people.

At home, public bodies, political organisations and personages that love the country and democracy have co-operated with the front in large numbers. Abroad, the international prestige and position of the Front have been growing day by day. Our friends all over the world who tender active support to our Patriotic and just struggle are a progressive and revolutionary new-born force which is growing in size and strength.

With their own organisations, with a correct political leadership, with the solidarity of the patriotic force, with the people's struggle in which the armed struggle is the main form and with extensive international support, the Thai people can certainly defeat U.S. imperialism, the common enemy of all peoples, and overthrow the reactionary Thanom-Prapas government.

Today which marks the second anniversary of the founding of the Patriotic Front of Thailand is to celebrate the initial victories gained by the Thai people in their struggles in 1966 and to usher in still greater victories for 1967. Over the past year the reactionary Thai clique has more gravely than ever sold out to U.S. imperialism the independence of the motherland and national interests, as already pointed out by the Representative Abroad of the Patriotic Front of Thailand. The Thai puppets have gone even so far as to allow U.S. imperialism to openly declare that Thailand is a U.S. imperialist colony of a new type. These criminal acts of U.S. imperialism and Thanom-Praphas clique have aroused the greatest indignation among the Thai people who have converged into a mighty torrent against their enemy. The Thai Patriotic forces have realised that only by uniting and joining together can they defeat the people's enemy. They have carried out in many forms, struggles for national salvation all of which are beneficial to the revolutionary movement in Thailand.

The patriotic forces have no alternative but to take up arms in self-defence when the enemy is brutally suppressing and slaughtering the patriotic people. For more than a year the patriotic armed forces of the Thai people have been expanding and growing in the northeast and the south, and receiving extensive support and co-operation from the people in accordance with the call of the Patriotic Front of Thailand to all compatriots to give full support and help to the armed forces. However much U.S. imperialism may collude with the reactionary government and whatever modern weapons and cruel methods they may employ in their suppression, the armed forces of the Thai people are able to withstand and grow

stronger through struggles and the enemy has become thoroughly panicky. Indeed, our path is neither straight nor smooth, but our future is bright. We know that our struggle for national salvation is righteous and just. We also know that our struggle against the No. 1 common enemy of the oppressed people of the whole world is to defend lasting world peace. The current international struggle is favourable to our struggle. U.S. imperialism is fighting a last-ditch struggle in Vietnam. The struggle of the Vietnamese people against the U.S. aggression and for national salvation is the greatest people's war of our times. Revolutionary fires are spreading all over Asia, Africa and Latin America and will burn to ashes the imperialists, old and new colonialists and all reactionaries. All reactionaries are oppressors and hostile to the people, hence they can never have the support of their own people. As far as the world's revolutionary forces are concerned they are daily growing in strength. The recent successful guided missile nuclear weapon test and the nuclear test explosion only four days ago by China, and the victory of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution have all significantly contributed to tipping the balance of power in favour of the world people's revolutionary forces. The fate of all imperialists, modern revisionists and reactionaries will be sealed by the powerful international united front consisting of the people's revolutionary forces all over the world.

In our struggle for national salvation, the present-day Thai women, just as they have done before take an active part in the struggles against the enemies. Not a few women have taken up arms against the enemies who have been killing their parents, brothers, and friends in order to revenge their compatriots savagely killed and

bullied and insulted by the enemy. In the course of the struggle, heroines have emerged. Some have valiantly given their lives in hard battle, and for them praises should be sung. Apart from this, the patriotic women of Thailand have also participated in struggles in various other forms. For instance, women workers have gone on strike, peasants women have appealed for justice, the women who earn their living selling goods, have stood up to the police who obstruct them in many ways and prevent them working honestly. The girl students have protested against the unreasonable educational system, etc. Here I pay high tribute to our sisters who are struggling heroically and unswervingly shoulder to shoulder with our manfolk.

Now, the people under the domination of U.S. imperialism and Thanom-Prapas traitors, are in the depths of poverty and suffering unparalleled in history and U.S. imperialism is trying every means to spread vulgar and depraved ways of life and culture to numb the spirit of the Thai people so that they may forget their motherland, forget the struggle for national salvation and so that youth may be corrupted and become degenerate. Quite a number have become hooligans, ruffians, inveterate gamblers and prostitutes. Some cities where U.S. military bases are set up are given the humiliating name of prostitute town. Statistics show that among the countries under the tight grip of the U.S. troops control, Thailand ranks second only to South Korea in the number of syphilitics. Thailand was once known as the land of abundance, yet now people are suffering from hunger and even starvation. U.S. troops ride roughshod over Thailand, despise and humiliate the Thai people, insult and rape Thai women and even go unpunished after com-

mitting murders. In circumstances where life is intolerable and people are seething with resentment, our Thai women despite their love of peace, love independence, freedom and the dignity of their motherland even more. They have no choice but to step out and struggle for the salvation of their motherland and the preservation of her fine culture. They must do this so that their country may not go to ruin, that the coming generations may depart from the road of the degeneration and corruption and that our Thai women may no longer insulted. Chairman Mao Tse-tung has said: "Everything reactionary is the same; if you don't hit it, it won't fall. This is also like sweeping the floor; as a rule, where the broom does not reach, the dust will not vanish of itself". We women can free ourselves from the miserable plight of being insulted and humiliated only when we wage struggles shoulder to shoulder with our manfolk, thereby upholding the dignity and honour of Thai womanhood. I am firmly convinced that in the new year, the patriotic Thai women will certainly take part in the struggle in greater numbers and will certainly be more resolute and staunch. Their heroic deeds together with the movement for independence will be recorded in history.

LONG LIVE THE THAI PEOPLE'S STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRACY!

LONG LIVE THE SOLIDARITY AND CO-OPERATION OF THE PATRIOTIC FORCES OF THE THAI PEOPLE!

LONG LIVE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT OF THAILAND!

LONG LIVE THE MILITANT SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD!

A Revolutionary Song

This song is written in the storm centre of armed struggle in Thailand on the Pu Pan Mountains which extend over the vast northeast where the flames of revolution are roaring high. The music and words of this song were written in the battlefront by a fighter whose heart is filled with patriotism, love for democracy and the cause of national salvation. The song reflects the staunch, brave fighting spirit of the Thai people who hold firmly to their guns to fight resolutely against U.S. imperialism and its running dog the traitorous Thanom-Praphas clique.

The militant strains of this song echo through the Pu Pan Mountains, from peak to peak, from northeast to the south, from the mountain-slopes to the plains, from one patriotic heart to another throughout the motherland.

This song arouses their hearts and inspires them to heroic deeds. Fan the flames of people's war, let them spread stronger and more widely to burn up all the U.S. imperialists and their puppets.

Pu Pan, The Revolutionary Guerrillas' Mountain

Pu Pan, Mt. Pu Pan is broad and high
against the azure sky;

And all about the high wide land

The lofty peaks arise and stand.
Pu Pan, the glory of Thailand.

And on your summit waves the flag
of victory and revolt;

And ever in the wind and rain

Indomitably struggles on
Before the red glowing sunrise.

Oh sunrise, beacon of our time,
That on to victory leads,

Our faith in it is firm and strong,

Unshakable; our faith goes on,
Our belief in the strength of the people.

And we, the fighters in the hills,
Who're of the people born,

Who're staunch, and ready to shed our blood,

Courageously the hardships scorn,
And will die for the people of Thailand.

We scaled your hills and cloud-touched crests,
range upon range to the sky;

Through virgin forests we hacked our way;

We tramped your valleys remote and high;
And still you find us undaunted.

Undaunted, when with thunderous guns
the fields and valleys shook,
And flying bullets poured like rain.
A people's war! So all are brave.
Pu Pan, like you, we'll be fearless.

The mighty people will decide
to whom the victory comes.
And spread with sweeping flames.
The bright red flag is a challenge bold,
Pu Pan, aloft on the mountain.

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