

THOUSANDS PROTEST IN DAR ES SALAAM

(PAS WIRE) "Nixon and Thieu are Through," "Hail Victorious Indochinese Patriots," and "Indochina is the Graveyard of Imperialism!" were just a few of the descriptive placards carried in a massive march on May 11 protesting Nixon's escalation of the United States' war of aggression in Vietnam. But this was not a march in New York, San Francisco, or Washington. This was a march in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and the 20 to 30 thousand African workers, peasants, students, and freedom fighters made this the largest demonstration ever held on the African continent against U.S. imperialism in Vietnam. And they also waved placards in the national language, Kiswahili: "Uhuru za Vietnamese," "Umoja Na Uhura Kwa Vietnamese Sasa," and "U.S. Imperialism Bado Bila Shaka!"

The angry and spirited crowd not only protested the aggression, but also demonstrated their total solidarity with the Vietnamese peoples' right to self-determination and independence.

The marchers strongly condemned the barbaric blockade unleashed by the United States against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and demanded the immediate, total, and unconditional withdrawal of U.S. troops from Indochina.

The TANU Youth League (TYL) and the Dar es Salaam Ad Hoc Committee Against United States Aggression in Indochina organized the demonstration to denounce the U.S. Government's genocidal policies and new escalation in Vietnam, and to expose U.S. support of racists and colonialists in Southern Africa. TANU, the Tanganyika African National Union, is the leading party in the country, and the one which led the fight for independence, and the Ad Hoc Committee has as its members, the South West Africa Peoples' Organization, the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique, the People's Movement



for the Liberation of Angola, the Front for the Liberation of Zimbabwe, and Pan African Skills, as well as TYL.

The procession wound its way through the nation's capital from the TYL headquarters to the U.S. Information Services Center and finally to the U.S. Embassy. There, the Second Secretary in the Embassy, Mr. L. Heyniger, representing the Ambassador who is currently on a trip to Europe, refused to come out and meet the wrath of the demonstrators.

A three-man TYL delegation, led by the league's Secretary General, Mr. Michael Baruti, entered the Embassy and read a statement by the Ad Hoc Committee to Mr. Heyniger in his office.

The statement described the illegal involvement of the United States in Vietnam, who, despite the brutality of their actions, have met many defeats.

It continued, "Despite the aggressor's gigantic efforts to make Indochina a safe place for international monopoly capitalism, they have met complete and unfaltering resistance from the anti-imperialist, anti-capitalist, innocent peoples of Indochina, whose love for peace has not stood in the way of their determination to control their own destiny."

Vietnam is not the only place where U.S. imperialism has run amuck, as the statement explains, "The current supply of arms and capital to the minority and reactionary fascist regimes of Portugal, South Africa, and Rhodesia is part of the U.S. imperialist global strategy to safeguard its sphere of exploitation and plunder. It would be utter hypocrisy to fail to connect the intensification of the American aggressive war in Vietnam with the recent bombing raids of Guinean, Tanzanian, and Zambian villages by one of their most faithful, toothless lackeys—Portuguese imperialism."

In conclusion, the statement proclaims, "The TYL, workers and peasants



of Tanzania, the liberation movements of Africa, the progressive youths and citizens of the imperialist nations themselves..." strongly condemn the U.S. acts of aggression, demand immediate and total withdrawal, demand that the U.S. stop aiding with the "minority reactionary cliques" in Indochina, call upon the peace-loving people of the world to stand up against Nixon's double-faced tactics and to support the Indochina peoples' struggle, express strong solidarity with the peoples of Indochina and the oppressed and exploited peoples of the world.

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