

# ON RECENT ACTIONS BY VIETNAM

In recent weeks and months, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has carried out a number of actions and policies which run completely counter to the interests of socialism, of the Vietnamese people, of the other peoples of Indochina, and of the whole world revolution.

In particular, Vietnam has launched several massive invasions of neighboring Democratic Kampuchea and has plotted to overthrow the socialist government there through a coup d'état. It has also initiated a wave of persecution and harassment of the more than one million people of Chinese descent living in Vietnam. This persecution, which includes forcible expulsions, has caused more than 140,000 Chinese to flee Vietnam and return to China.

It is with the deepest regret that we look on these incidents and call them to the attention of our readers. We wish these things were not happening—but subjective wishes and material reality are two entirely different things.

Our movement has a long history of solidarity with the Vietnamese people. The glorious record of Vietnam in standing up to and defeating the U.S. imperialist giant is something which has given inspiration to revolutionaries everywhere.

But the Vietnamese leaders are now following a course at odds with this great revolutionary legacy. In fact, Vietnam today is apparently going all out to sabotage the revolution in Kampuchea and to attack socialist China.

The present course of developments is directly related to the growing Soviet role in Vietnam. Several thousand Soviet troops and advisers are stationed there and the long strings of social-imperialist “loans” and “aid” are wrapping themselves around the Vietnamese economy. Just last month, Vietnam joined COMECON, the economic organization which is designed to foster Soviet economic hegemony over its member countries.

Soviet intentions towards China as well as Kampuchea are well-known. Opposing every genuine socialist country and every country that insists on its national independence, the USSR is obviously trying to encourage Vietnam in the direction of attacking China and Kampuchea.

The Vietnamese people have not fought their long war of liberation only to exchange French and American masters for Soviet ones.