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### BANNER HEADLINES

Reds' scheme to attack Saigon is foiled (Thoi Dai Moi, Duoc Nha Nam).

Eight NVN ships with weapons aboard are sunk (Tin Song, Dan Chu Moi, Cap Tien).

RVN units pulling out of Dambe clash with Communists (Dan Chu Moi).

Cambodia may be split, Senator Dinh predicts (Cong Luan).

U.S. outpost defending Qui-Nhon seaport is infiltrated by Red sappers (Chinh Luan).

Will automotive vehicles circulation taxes increase at beginning of 1972 ? (Tin Song).

Mme Nhu goes on the air and criticizes U.S. (Hoa Binh).

Servicemen to be granted Tet bonus (Xay Dung).

U.S. urges UN Security Council to meet on Indo-Pakistani issue (Tieng Vang).

### OTHER HEADLINES

#### UNITED STATES

Condemning U.S. "insolent" language and "thoughtless" actions, Hanoi accuses U.S. of sabotaging Paris talks and seeking military victory. USSR blasts UN nations and Sino-American rapprochement (Chinh Luan).

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Sihanouk condemns U.S. bombing of Laos (Thoi Dai Moi).

ASIA

Senate Defense Committee Chairman recommends quick action and fast pullout from Cambodia to dodge enemy scheme (Chinh Luan).

Sihanouk incites Lon Nol to fight back against RVN (Song Than).

BUDDHIST EVENTS

VNQT will have new leaders soon. An-Quang asks police help to evacuate a fasting man. Buddhist and Catholic monks publish resolution demanding permanent ceasefire in Indochina (Chinh Luan).

An-Quang invites Archbishop Binh to attend Buddhist Congress (Hoa Binh).

Big Minh will attend Buddhist Congress opening ceremony. Peace proclamation expected on closing day. Major trouble arises at VNQT following Duc-Nghiep and Minh-Thanh ouster. Grenade discovered at Buddhist Cultural Center on Cong-Ly street (Cong Luan).

Armed elements come to "ask for monks' blood". Do authorities know that? Lady Kieu-Mong-Thu asks (Cong Luan).

Buddhists will no longer amuse Communists by taking to the street. An-Quang monks determined to oust Thien-Minh (Tin Song).

STUDENTS

Students urge release of sixty one mates on Christmas occasion (Cong Luan).

ECONOMIC NEWS

Rice costs drop, PX supplies sold at low prices (Hoa Binh).

Councillor Gia raps new economic measures, attributes taxes collection failure and dishonest trade to lack of anticipation by authorities (Tieng Vang).

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Grain traders are tricky enough to bypass control agents (Tin Song).

#### LABOR NEWS

Battery workers' strike following decision of Umpires Council is legal. Employer denies access to inspecting team (Xay Dung).

Trilambretta workers' spokesman raps councillors' indiscriminate statements (Cong Luan).

#### IRREGULARITIES

Phu-Tho Technical School conflict enters new stage. Teachers accusing corruption are ousted pending examination by Inspectorate. Two artillery battalion commanders in Danang are accused of corruption and recalled for investigation (Chinh Luan).

"Wet" rice issue in Danang becomes more and more mysterious (Hoa Binh).

Inspectorate reduces assignment to inspecting officers (Xay Dung).

Ninh-Thuan residents protest against police repression (Cong Luan).

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND COURT

Having to keep his promise, Deputy Ly-Quy-Chung only quits post to return later. Deputies prepare to demand wages boost and Tet loan (Chinh Luan).

Lower House lavishes: thirty million piasters spent for furniture, automobiles, and buses (Xay Dung).

Deputy Vo-Long-Trieu's gun is seized (Cong Luan).

Lower House cuts down expenses, including travel fees for Deputies each year. "Progressive" Bloc submits teachers' bill (Cap Tien).

#### OTHER NEWS

Due to need to settle many problems, city and province councils chairmen will meet to prepare for councillors' nationwide congress (Chinh Luan).

Requests for war damages compensation will be satisfied within six months (Chinh Luan).

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Firm actions will be taken against squatters between Phuoc-Tuy and Bien-Hoa (Chinh Luan).

Ex Senator and Deputy accuse application of strange policy by Ethnic Minorities Development Ministry (Xay Dung).

Congo Republic renamed Zaire Republic (Tieng Vang).

EDITORIAL COMMENTIT'S NECESSARY TO SET DEFINITE CONDITIONS  
FOR THE UNITED STATES AND CAMBODIA

TIN SONG, Dec. 14 -- "... Even though we are conscious that a collapse of the incumbent anti-communist government in Phnom Penh will cause serious difficulties to the security situation of South Vietnam, we must frankly and correctly pose the problem to both U.S. and Khmer governments. Of course, we don't see the lifting of (communist) pressure from Phnom Penh as a form of mercenariness.

"We have time and again made it clear that the Cambodian war has forced our commitment because of binding factors which are connected with the anti-communist policy of the two nations as well as with their mutual interests and neighborhood sentiments. However, to reach the common targets, it is more than ever necessary that the problem of mutual assistance be clearly posed on a practical basis by both America and Cambodia. In other words, the nations animated with the same objectives must reconcile their interests through (formal) agreements, for any ambiguity and 'economic pressure' will bring no good and can but delay the common struggle."

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A POMPIDOU SOLUTION FOR VIETNAM

TIN SANG, Dec. 14 (byline -- Deputy Ho Ngoc Nhuan):

"... If Mr. Nixon is not stubborn and imbued with out-of-place self-pride, the most rational way for him now is to follow the course chartered by the late President De Gaulle and reiterated by the incumbent President Pompidou. That course is neutralization of the whole of Southeast Asia including Indochina, and total withdrawal of foreign troops to warrant the stability in the area.

"The seven-point peace package offered by the other side one year ago remains unanswered. Maybe Mr. Nixon fears a loss of face if in his capacity as President of the most powerful nation in the world he has to deal with the peasants living in the jungle. For this reason, he talks about diplomatic efforts at the summit level and hints at the settlement of the Vietnam war. It is hoped that Mr. Nixon and the American ruling clique now wake up and admit that the French peace proposal is reasonable and beneficial to both parties..."

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THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM'S DILEMMA

CONG LUAN, Dec. 14 (byline -- Ton That Dinh):

"... President Thieu is facing a dilemma: He cannot go to the rescue of Phnom Penh under the present political circumstances, but he also cannot sit idly by to watch the Cambodian battlefield collapsing. This dilemma has become even more complex after the battle of Dambe in Cambodia. With the developments of that battle during the weekend, military circles must realize that the Cambodian battlefield at the end of 1971 is no longer that of 1970. The Communists have made a strong concentration of firepower and have prevented the South Vietnamese forces from opening sudden sweeps.

"An advance of troops deep into the Cambodian territory will bring up many hard tactical problems.. But should we make no movement of troops and abide only by self-defense tactics at a moment when the enemy is expanding its belt closer and closer to the Vietnamese frontier? Defense of the Vietnamese-Cambodian border area can be efficient only if in Cambodia, Cambodian and allied troops can contain the Communists. If we let the military situation there collapse, as the case is now in north-eastern Cambodia and at Phnom Penh, the RVN will have much difficulty to assure the efficiency of its efforts, and our leadership need think immediately of other measures to maintain security in our national territory."

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AN EQUILIBRIUM ACT OF THE AMERICANS

DUOC NHA NAM, Dec. 14 (byline -- Viet Lang Quan):

"U.S. foreign policy enters the most critical phase. Like a tight-rope walker, the Americans must keep their balance between Russia and Communist China to either move forward or turn the situation to the best account... The United States announced its neutral position in the face of (the India-Pakistan conflict) with the secret intent of making the two communist nations tear each other to pieces. But, in fact, it is not neutral at all, because it took sides with Communist China at the UN Security Council, and opposed the Russian proposal there...

"In the diplomatic field, the United States offered Peking the most valuable gift -- the support of the bulk of world opinion... In the military field, the (U.S.-sponsored) stop-fighting-and-withdraw-troops resolution will be a means to save Pakistan's life and face if it is implemented... The Americans have another purpose in mind -- an immediate purpose concerning the Indochina problem. They have urged Peking to prevail upon North Vietnam in the POW issue. Now that they back up the Chinese in the India-Pakistan conflict they hope for the latter's help in that issue. Their target has been unveiled in last week's Paris meeting, when Ambassador Porter announced his decision to 'go on strike' next Thursday...

"Mr. Nixon's equilibrium act is difficult to perform in that if he leans toward Communist China he will meet at once a strong reaction from Russia... In any case, if the United States succeeds in foiling the Russian plan to set up a Bangla Desh autonomous nation, Communist China must pay it compensation as it desires."

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TO PRINT MONEY FOR INVESTMENTS!

DUOC NHA NAM, Dec. 14 (byline -- Nam Dinh):

"A seminar on economic development was held at the National Defense College. According to Dien Tin daily in its Dec. 12 issue, 'on the fourth day of the seminar, there were among the chairing members five persons including an American who graduated from U.S. schools'...

"It is certain that these people advanced new theories to lead our people toward perfection. They are men who know how to look at the national situation to redress errors and to save the country -- especially, with an American sitting at the chairing desk...

"Of course, U.S. universities form people with an unanimous thinking...

"In his briefing, the Deputy Minister in charge of Trade Affairs said: 'Those who have initiatives but lack funds may come to the government. The government will use the funds of the Industrial Development Bank to give them loans, thus creating capitalists'...

"The recent economic and financial measures have made commercial and industrial capitalists go bankrupt. Now 'the government stands up to financially support investments' by the means of printing more currency for loans!

"The American advisors are really cute to 'create capitalists' with currency printing machines. To Occidental powers, the United States demands that they increase the value of their currency for it to sell them its goods; as to the RVN, the United States wants a decrease of the value of the piaster to profit development of the dollar...

"If we want to become self-sufficient, we cannot adopt an investment policy suiting only the requirements of the foreigners and covertly directed by the foreigners.

"Therefore, it is necessary to end the war first of all, before posing the problem of creating capitalists and of making investments...

"In the present economic and financial situation of the country, there is no sense at all to discuss the problem of investments at the moment when the government is sending our troops on adventures without any promise of return, when the police force is placed on a round-the-clock duty schedule for the protection of security in the capital, and when robbers and burglars do as they please in Hue, Da Nang and Saigon. There is no sense for an under-developed and ruined nation to print more banknotes in order to 'create capitalists.'"

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