Although these circles have deliberately denied the existence of the Japanese military forces, which consist of totally modern armed services with the largest number of troops in 35 years, this country's military industry alone has become a major business sector hoping to make a considerable contribution to the military modernization of the Beijing expansionist ruling circles. Washington is intensively pressuring Tokyo to further increase military expenditures and build up its armed forces, thus posing a threat to peace and security in Asia and the Pacific region and running completely counter to the fundamental, long-term intersts of the Japanese people themselves. The Beijing reactionary ruling circles' efforts to help set the U.S.-Japan military alliance against the Soviet Union and Vietnam are only aimed at opposing peace and independence and encouraging increasingly feverish activities in Japan against the Communist Party and other forces loving peace, democracy and freedom.

Abolishing the U.S.-Japan security treaty, eliminating the U.S. military bases on Japanese soil and refraining from tailing after the United States in the arms race are urgent demands of the great majority of the Japanese people. As the Japanese Communist Party has several times stressed: For the forces of peace, democracy and progress in Japan, to build a really independent, peaceful, neutral, nonaligned and prosperous Japan, there is no other way than to get rid of the U.S.-Japan military alliance, prevent the revival of militarism, defend and expand the democratic system, demand an end to the economic policies which serve the interests of the monopolist capitalists and demand the implementation of economic policies beneficial to the working people. The Japanese people's persistent struggle for these objectives has the growing sympathy and support of all forces of peace, democracy and progress the world over. During these early days of August, all progressive mankind, in deep sympathy with the Japanese people, share the same thought: Let us remember forever the unforgivable crimes of the U.S. imperialists at Hircshima and Nagasaki. Let us intensively unite our actions in resolutely preventing such crimes from recurring on our beautiful planet.

CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE FOR USSR-SRV SPACE SUCCESS

Solidarity Committee Meetings

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[Text] Hanoi, 1 Aug (VNA)--An enlarged meeting was held here today by the Presidium of the Fatherland Front Central Committee to welcome the brilliant success of the space flight manned by Cosmonauts V.V. Gorbatko and Pham Tuan. It was attended by Acting President Nguyen Huu Tho, Vice-Premier Huynh Tan Phat, and many other members of the Presidium of the Fatherland Front Central Committee.

Speaking at the meeting, Xuan Thuy, secretary of the Communist Party Central Committee, vice chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee and member of the Vietnamese party and government delegation just back from a visit to Baykonur in the Soviet Union to witness the blast-off of the Soyuz-37 spaceship, brought out the significance of the flight. He said that this was a victory of the fraternal militant solidarity and all-sided cooperation between the two parties, governments and peoples of Vietnam and the Soviet Union and also a victory of Marxism-Leninism and socialist internationalism.

Another meeting was held here today by the Committee for Friendship and Solidarity With the Peoples of Other Countries and the Vietnam--USSR Friendship Association. Speaking at this meeting, Professor Doctor Nguyen Van Hieu, deputy director of the Vietnam Institute of Science, pointed out that the initial successes of space research in this flight would open a new period for scientific and technological development in Vietnam. He said that together with other countries members of the intercosmos programme, Vietnam would further contribute to the exploration of outer space for peaceful purposes.

1 August Mass Meeting

OWO11713 Hanoi VNA in English 1646 GMT 1 Aug 80

[Text] Hanoi 1 Aug (VNA)--A mass meeting was held at the municipal theatre here tonight to welcome the brilliant success of the joint Vietnamese-Soviet space flight. It was attended by Le Quang Dao, secretary of the Communist Party Central Committee and deputy secretary of the Hanoi party committee; Mayor Tran Vi; and representatives of local offices and mass organizations. Also present was I.A. Ognetov, charge d'affaires a.i. of the Soviet Embassy here.

After the opening speech by Mayor Tran Vi, Professor Doctor Vu Dinh Cu addressed the meeting. He warmly welcomed the brilliant success of the joint Vietnamese-Soviet space flight and congratulated Cosmonauts V.V. Gorbatko and Pham Tuan on the brilliant completion of their mission and their safe return to earth. He also paid tribute to Soviet scientists, technicians, engineers and workers who had contributed to the success of this historic flight.

Professor Vu Dinh Cu said: "The success of this flight is a shining example of the fraternal friendship and a noble expression of the all-sided cooperation between the Soviet Union and Vietnam, and among the fraternal countries in the great socialist family within the Intercosmos programme".

"The success of this flight also reflects the scientific progress of the socialist countries, first of all of the Soviet Union--the mainstay of the world revolution," he further noted.

Addressing the meeting, I.A. Ognetov warmly hailed the success of the joint space flight which he said "(?expression) of the close Soviet-Vietnamese friendship". He expressed his firm belief that the friendship and all-round cooperation between the two countries would be further developed and consolidated in the interests of the two countries as well as of the whole socialist community, peace and progress through out the world.

Also this evening art performances were held at various public places in the city including the Lenin (park) and the botanical garden to welcome this memorable scientific event.

Delegation Departure for USSR

OW021620 Hanoi VNA in English 1558 GMT 2 Aug 80

[Text] Hanoi 2 Aug (VNA) -- A Vietnamese people's delegation led by Nguyen Xien, presidium member of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee, vice chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee, and vice president of the Vietnam-USSR Friendship Association, left here today for a visit to the Soviet Union on the occasion of the successful space flight of the Soviet-Vietnamese international crew.

The visit is made at the invitation of the Union of Soviet Societies of Friendship and Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries, and the Soviet-Vietnamese Friendship Society. The delegation also includes Tran Hoai Nam, secretary general of the Vietnam Committee for Solidarity and Friendship With the Peoples of Other Countries, Central Committee member of the Vietnam-USSR Friendship Association; Pham Cat, father of Cosmonaut Pham Tuan; Nguyen Thi Ngoc Yen, mother of stand-in Cosmonaut Bui Thanh Liem; Lieutenant Colonel Nguyen Duc Soat, hero of the Vietnam People's Armed Forces, comrade-in-arms of Pham Tuan and Bui Thanh Liem.

The delgation was farewelled by Tran Dang Khoa, presidium member of the VFF Central Committee, vice chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee, and vice president of the Vietnam-USSR Friendship Association; Vu Quoc Uy, acting chairman of the Commission for Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries and secretary general of the Vietnam-USSR Friendship Association; and others. Soviet Charge d'Affaires A. I. in Vietnam Igor Ognetov was also present.

4 August Hanoi Grand Meeting

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[Text] Hanoi VNA August 4--A grand meeting was arranged here this evening to welcome the brilliant success of the joint Soviet-Vietnamese space flight. The meeting was called on the inntiatives of the Central Committee of the Fatherland Front, the Peace Committee, the Committee for Solidarity and Friendship With the Peoples of Other Countries, and the Vietnam-USSR Friendship Association. Many ambassadors and charges d'affaires of the member countries of the Intercosmos programme and staff members of the Soviet Embassy and Soviet experts in Vietnam attended.

The presidium of the meeting included Vo Nguyen Giap, Political Bureau member of the Party C. C. vice-premier and head of the Vietnamese party and government delegation which had visited Baykonur and attended the launching of the 'Soyuz-37' spaceship; Xuan Thuy, secretary of the Party C.C. vice chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee, president of the Vietnam-USSR Friendship Association, and member of the Vietnamese party and government delegation back from Eaykonur; Tran Dang Khoa, vice-chairman of the National Assembly Standing Committee, presidium member of the Fatherland Front Central Committee, deputy secretary general of the Vietnam Democratic Party; Hoang Minh Giam, presidium member of the Committee for Solidarity and Friendship With the Peoples of Other Countries, deputy secretary general of the Vietnam Socialist Party; Phan Anh, president of the Presidium of the Peace Committee; Nguyen Thanh Le, head of the Party CC's External Relations Commission; Hoang Bich Son, vice foreign minister; Major-General Vu Xuan Chiem, vice minister of national defence; Prof. Tran Dai Nghia, head of the Institute of Sciences; Prof. Dr. Nguyen Van Hieu, deputy head of the Institute of Sciences, deputy head of the Flight Control Committee; and representatives of mass organizations and heroes and heroines.

Opening the meeting, Vice-premier Vo Nguyen Giap said: "The brilliant success of the Soviet-Vietnamese space flight is an event of historic significance. This event demonstrates the great strength of the Vietnamese-Soviet international solidarity and the great ability of the Vietnamese in the new era.

"On this occasion, we enthusiastically congratulate the USSR-the homeland of great Lenin-the first country which opened up a new era for the advance of the whole mankind to socialism and communism, the first country which opened up a new era for man's flight into outer space. We express our deep gratitude to the working class and people of the Soviet Union, to the Communist Party and the state of the Soviet Union, headed by esteemed Comrade L.I. Brezhnev, a great friend of the Vietnamese people.

"We enthusiastically greet beloved socialist Vietnam--the homeland of great President Ho Chi Minh--the heroic country which defeated big imperialism and aggressive expansionism, and which now, with wholehearted assistance from the Soviet Union, has sent an outstanding son into outer space.

"We sincerely thank our friends on all continents who have followed with keen interest the flight into outer space of a Vietnamese, 'the first Asian,' 'the first man of non-aligned countries,' and his participation in scientific research in outer space, for the happiness of mankind on earth, for peace and friendship among nations."

Addressing the meeting, Xuam Thuy, president of the Vietnam-USSR Friendship Association, congratulated the Soviet-Vietnamese international crew on their safe return to earth after a week of work in orbit, describing it as "a new great success of cosmic science and an important historical event in the development of the Vietnam-USSR friendship."

On behalf of all the participants at the meeting, Xuan Thuy conveyed to the Communist Party, the government and people of the Soviet Union "the deepest gratitude of the party, the government and people of Vietnam for their great and all sided assistance to Vietnam in the recent space flight and for the title and prizes conferred by the USSR Supreme Soviet on Comrade Pham Tuan after he successfully accomplished the flight."

Xuan Thuy went on: "With the success of the joint space flight, the Soviet cosmic science has once again proved clearly its superiority. Only twenty years after the first flight of Yuriy Gagarin, the Soviet space research scientists have succeeded in launching small and then bigger space ships with more modern equipment.

"The recent flight of the "Soyuz-37" provides another evidence of the peaceful and friendly purposes of the Soviet cosmic science. The experiments under the Intercosmos programme conducted by the Soviet Union and the socialist community are all aimed at serving peace and the interests of mankind."

Xuan Thuy noted: "As for Vietnam, Pham Tuan's successful flight on board the Soyuz-37 spaceship has a special significance. For the first time, a Vietnamese citizen, a hero in the patriotic war against U.S. aggression, has become one of the 53 cosmonauts from seven socialist countries and of the 96 cosmonauts from eight countries in the world. This flight is a continuation in outer space of the glorious tradition of our people, a people that has faced many trials and has overcome them all.

"Upon learning of the launching of the spaceship, the press in many countries has emphasized its significance in that Pham Tuan is the first Vietnamese, the first Asian, and the first man of the nonaligned countries, launched into outer space. The press has commented on the relations between Vietnam's cosmic exploit at present and its anti-imperialist exploit in the past, and recalled that Pham Tuan, before flying into outer space, was a hero credited with shooting down a U.S. B-52 strategic bomber. We thank our friends in the world for having once again reserved for Vietnam their love and trust."

Xuan Thuy continued: "Encouraged by the resounding success of the flight and the bright prospects it has opened for our country, we believe more firmly in the tremendous strength of the Vietnam-Soviet solidarity. For decades, following the path of the October Revolution, combining patriotism with Marxism-Leninism and always preserving friendship with our brothers and friends on all continents, first of all with the great Soviet Union, our people have had great strength in defeating the cruel enemies, and winning back independence and complete freedom for our motherland. In the years of peace prior to the war against U.S. imperialism, with assistance from fraternal countries, primarily from the Soviet Union, we, as a backward agricultural country, had built the first foundations of our local industry, science and technology. With the signing of the Vietnam-Soviet treaty of friendship and cooperation in November 1978 and the result of the talks in early last month between Comrade L. I. Brezhnev, secretary general of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and Comrade Le Duan, secretary general of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the relations between our two countries have entered a new stage, one of stronger development in all aspects."

"The recent successful space flight of a Vietnamese youth in the Ho Chi Minh era from the land of great Lenin proves that right in this era, the Vietnamese, with their abilities and noble virtues, and with the devoted assistance from the fraternal Soviet people, are capable of attaining new heights in modern science including cosmic science," Xuan Thuy stressed.

For his part, Soviet Charge d'Affaires ad interim I. Ognetov said: "The conclusion of the flight, the collaboration of cosmonauts L. Popov, V. Ryuain, V. Gorbatko and Pham Tuan on board the "Salyut 6" orbital station provides a clear demonstration of the constant development of the scientific and technical relations between the Soviet Union and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. It is a brilliant proof of the successful collaboration of the scientists of socialist countries in the conquest and use of outer space for peaceful purposes."

"It is highly significant that the space flight of the representatives of two fraternal nations took place in a memorable year when have celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the 110th birth anniversary of V.I. Lenin and the 90th birth anniversary of President Ho Chi Minh, when we are going to celebrate the 35th founding anniversary of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and when the Soviet people are preparing to greet the 26th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

"The recent flight once again demonstrates that today the Soviet-Vietnamese cooperation, based on the unchangeable principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and developed in accordance with the provisions of the treaty of friendship and cooperation, has brought about excellent results in all fields--political, economic, cultural and scientific. "The Soviet people firmly believe that the flight of the delegates of our two fraternal countries will considerably contribute to the development of space research in the world."

I. Ognetov concluded: "We are deeply convinced that the fraternal relations and all-round cooperation between the Soviet Union and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam stipulated by the Soviet-Vietnam treaty will continue to be strengthened and developed in the interests of our two countries and the whole socialist communist, and for peace and progress on earth".

The meeting adopted a message to the Presidium of the Union of Soviet Societies of Friendship and Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries, the Central Committee of the Soviet-Vietnamese Friendship Society, and the Soviet Peace Committee, greeting the brilliant success of the historical flight.

The message says: "The joint flight of two outstanding sons of the Vietnamese and Soviet peoples and the good result of the experiments on board the Salyut 6 orbital complex have an important significance for many branches of science, in service of life and peace. It is a marvellous symbol of the solidarity and friendship between the Vietnamese and Soviet peoples and a new development of the all-sided cooperation between our two countries....

"With boundless joy and enthusiasm at the success of the Vietnam-Soviet space flight, we would like to express the Wietnamese people's sincere gratitude to the party, the government and fraternal people of the Soviet Union.

"We sincerely thank the Soviet scientists, architects, engineers, and technical workers for their participation in the successful organisation of the Soviet-Vietnamese international flight. We sincerely thank the people of Dzhezkazgan Province for their hearty welcome to the Vietnamese and Soviet cosmonauts on their return to earth.

"We wish the Soviet people many more brilliant achievements in the building of the material and technical foundations of communism and in the defence of world peace.

"May the solidarity and friendship beteeen the Vietnamese and Soviet peoples last forever."

Ho Chi Minh City Meeting

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[Text] Hanoi VNA August 3--A big meeting hailing the success of the joint Vietnamese-Soviet space flight was held at the municipal theatre in Ho Chi Minh City on August 1. Present were Vo Van Kiet, secretary of the city's party committee, other Vietnamese officials, and the consul generals of the Soviet Union, Kampuchea, and the German Democratic Republic. Nguyen Vinh Nghiep, executive member of the party committee, warmly hailed Soviet cosmonaut V. Gorbatko and Vietnamese cosmonaut Pham Tuan. He highlighted the whole-hearted contributions by Soviet and Vietnamese scientists and workers to the success of this historic flight.

On the same day, special variety shows were given at many factories and public offices to welcome the success of the space flight.

PHAM VAN DONG CHAIRS MEETING ON EDUCATIONAL REFORM

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[Text] The Central Committee for Educational Reform recently held its fifth session under the chairmanship of Premier Pham Van Dong, member of the party Central Committee Political Bureau and chairman of the committee.