

with all progressive anti-imperialist people in the western world, especially the black power movement in the United States. In the main, we address ourselves to the anti-imperialist forces and appeal for genuine support, and not sham support which in reality is betrayal.

"IZWE LETHU" (our Land)

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THE PASSING OF UNCLE HO

HO CHI MINH, President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, beloved "Uncle" of the revolutionary people of the world, is no more! In paying tribute to his memory, we can do no better than

convey to our people the monumental moral lesson of ~~Uncle~~ Ho's mission in life vividly expressed by the Vietnamese people on the occasion of his 79th birthday last May as follows:

"In this month of May, when President Ho Chi Minh is having his 79th birthday, the Vietnamese people, in both North and South, are happy to see him standing at the helm, as always deeply human, sensitive to all the aspirations of the people, as always firm and unyielding concerning the nation's fundamental rights, as always clear-sighted, able to adapt himself to the ~~most~~ complex realities, and to practice with great ingenuity that art of the possible which makes great statesmen.

"For the Vietnamese people, the person of Ho Chi Minh evokes even more than the age-old aspiration to national independence.

"When a Vietnamese thinks back along the centuries, he hears the unbroken clamour of hungry and oppressed crowds.

"With Ho Chi Minh, the Vietnamese people have understood that to get rid of the foreign occupier would be a fruitless enterprise if that combat did not open up new social prospects.

"The landless peasant, the slave-worker, the 'coolie' in the scornful words of the colonialists, the intellectual held in bondage, the highlander looked down upon as a sub-human being --- all have found in the course charted by Ho Chi Minh the way to their own liberation.

"Every man's destiny is now closely bound to that of the fatherland. Independence and freedom are welded into an indissoluble block against which the American war machine has crashed.

"In these days when the fight against American aggression is entering a decisive stage, the Vietnamese people, in both North and South, turn to their President and, to wish him a happy birthday, simply tell him: 'We shall fight on until victory!'"

And now he is no longer with us. He has joined the immortals. A sad loss for the Vietnamese and for us all. Let us make it an occasion for re-dedication to the struggle for national salvation and social liberation which was so dear to Uncle Ho's heart.

We send our deeply felt condolences to the fraternal people of Vietnam, North and South and to say with them, Let us fight on until victory!!!

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