

Secret Order Reveals Red Invasion Goal

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SAIGON — (CDN) — Two secret Communist directives, which in effect, are a blueprint of objectives for the current North Vietnamese offensive in South Vietnam, have been obtained by the Chicago Daily News.

The documents were issued by the Central Office for South Vietnam (COSVN), the Communist co-ordinating body for all military, political and psychological warfare in South Vietnam.

They explain why U.S. officials predicted an offensive to coincide with President Nixon's trip to the People's Republic of China but do not shed any light on why the offensive was delayed until the end of March.

They show the offensive is designed to force President Nixon to change his Vietnam policies if he wants to win re-election later this year and suggest both Vietnamization and pacification programs, which they describe as failures, are in fact seriously hampering the Communist effort in South Vietnam.

Summaries

Intelligence sources made available summaries of the two documents, which are known as COSVN Directives 42 and 43.

The first document, issued early last December, lists the "objectives of the combined military-political campaign in the spring of 1972."

A summary of the document says the current offensive is designed to:

- Combine Communist military and political capabilities to attack the Saigon government's pacification program in areas controlled by Saigon, areas controlled by the Communists and contested areas, and to defeat the U.S. Vietnamization program.

- Undermine President Nixon's political influence and render his visit to Pek-

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ing in February, 1972, a political farce.

- Shift the balance of power between Communist forces and the government and expand the influence of Hanoi and the Viet Cong by inflicting heavy losses on U.S. and government forces.

Main Targets

"The main theaters of war during this campaign will be the Saigon government's Military Region III and the Mekong Delta," the directive says.

Action will be concentrated, according to the document, in the provinces of Tay Ninh, Binh Long and Binh Duong north and northwest of Saigon and in the Mekong Delta provinces of Dinh Tuong and Kien Hoa.

Fierce fighting already has broken out in Binh Long Province and the provincial capital, An Loc, is the focal point of the biggest battle of the offensive currently.

To a lesser extent fighting

also has erupted in Binh Duong and Tay Ninh Provinces.

There already have been stepped up Communist attacks in the two Delta provinces but nothing yet that could be described as a major military drive.

"By drawing the bulk of government forces to these provinces," the directive continues, "the other provinces will be left vulnerable to counter-pacification attacks."

"The campaign will have three phases.

"The preparatory phase is to be completed by the end of January. The action phase will commence in early February, although the specific date is not yet firm, and may continue for one or two months.

"The final phase will consist of a review of our accomplishments during the action phase and a continuation of counter pacification efforts."