"Bangkok also invokes [its] sovereignty to decline all Kampuchea's invitations to negotiations to settle the 'refugee issue' once for all. And this despite Bangkok's repeated complaints about the 'burden' imposed on it by these people. The fact is that Bangkok wants to maintain the refugee camps and the refugee issue with a view to continuing using the common border to shelter Khmer reactionaries and to supply Chinese food and weapons to Pol Pot remnants and other Khmer reactionaries for opposition to the Kampuchean revolution."

On Thailand's refusal to negotiate with the PRK, the paper says: "The authorities [tend] to forget that although there were no diplomatic relations between the then Democratic Republic of Vietnam and Thailand in 1955, representatives of the two sides met in Rangoon to settle the question of Vietnamese nationals in Thailand, and the talks were successful...

"The Government of the People's Republic of Kampuchea has clearly stated that it sincerely hopes to ensure peace and stability for the two countries to coexist in peace on the basis of respect for each other's independence and sovereignty. Together with Beijing, Bangkok is meddling with the international affairs of Kampuchea in an attempt to overthrow the revolutionary administration there and reimpose the ousted Pol Pot regime. Kampuchea wants negotiations with Thailand, but Thailand wants to do things in the way prescribed by its suppliers of arms and oil."

"By continuing a policy of tension, by stepping up hostile activities against Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos and by threatening peace and stability in Southeast Asia, Bangkok is in fact serving Beijing's expansionist policy," NHAN DAN points out.

UNICEF DELEGATION ARRIVES IN HANOI 25 JULY

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[Text] Hanoi, VNA, July 25--A delegation of the UNICEF headed by its Director General James Grant arrived here today on a visit at the invitation of the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry.

JOINT SOVIET-VIETNAMESE SPACE FLIGHT HAILED

Giap Statement

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[Transcribed report from Baykonur cosmodrome by a group of correspondents of the SRV Radio and Television Commission on the Docking of the spaceship Soyuz-37 with the Salyut-6-Soyuz-36 orbital station--with recorded statements by SRV Sen Gen Vo Nguyen Giap]

[Excerpt] [Passage omitted covering the docking of Soyuz-37 with the orbital station] And now let us return to the earth where at Baykonur cosmodrome, a correspondent of the Vietnam Radio and Television Commission has interviewed Comrade Vo Nguyen Giap, who has been watching every hour and every minute of this historic joint Soviet-Vietnamese flight. When asked about the significance of this joint flight, Sen Gen Vo Nguyen Giap said:

[Begin recording] This flight has a great meaning as it is a vivid and magnificent manifestation of the socialist fraternal solidarity and the all-round cooperation between the USSR and our SRV. This flight is actually a fine result of the rapid implementation of the initiative suggested by Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU and chairman of the Supreme Soviet Presidium, to Comrade Le Duan, general secretary of our VCP, on the occasion of the signing of the treaty of friendship and cooperation.

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This flight into space by a Vietnamese youth of the Ho Chi Minh era from the land of great Lenin shows that the Vietnamese of this generation--given good education and training and the wholehearted assistance of our close Soviet brothers--are physically and mentally able to complete the difficult and complex tasks of space flights. This fact makes us further fortify our belief in the great capabilities in all respects of our youths and the Vietnamese people. We are determined and surely have all the necessary conditions--including valor, intelligence and creativity--to successfully build socialism in our country and to firmly defend our Vietnamese fatherland.

Comrades, as you all know, in this flight the cosmonauts will conduct a number of scientific research projects in support of the intercosmos program of the socailist community. I believe that our two cosmonauts, whom I have just met and talked with and found to be fully determined, in very good spirits and well prepared scientifically and technologically, will successfully carry out their research. Though the universe is immese and vast, it is quite close to us. This scientific research involves some projects that have a direct bearing on the development of our economy, such as a survey of Vietnam's natural resources from space.

I would also like to add this: At present the Olympic games are being successfully held in Moscow, the capital of the USSR, and this is a symbol of the spirit of peace and friendship among the various world nations. Meanwhile, from here, at this cosmodrome in the land of great Lenin, the joint Vietnamese-Soviet flight has been blasted off into space. This is a symbol of the solidarity, friendship and allround cooperation between Vietnam--the land of great President Ho Chi Minh--and the Soviet Union--the land of great Lenin--for peace and friendship between our two nations, for the interests and happiness of our two peoples and for the lofty and pure ideals of socialism. This is a wonderful coincidence.

I avail myself of this occasion to convey, on behalf of the Vietnamese party and government delegation, our sincere thanks to the CPSU headed by Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, a great friend of our Vietnamese people, to the USSR Government, to the Soviet working class and laboring people, and especially to the scientists, cosmonauts, engineers, workers and all those who have taken part in preparing for and carrying out this flight.

I am sure that today is a day of pride for our people, and I believe that this joint Vietnamese-Soviet flight will greatly contribute to the further strengthening of the unshakable solidarity based on Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism between our people and the people of the great Soviet Union. [end recording]

QUAN DOI NHAN DAN Editorial

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[QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 July editorial: "Historic Achievement of Soviet-Vietnamese Solidarity"]

[Text] As we enter the historical autumn, great, good news has come. At a time when our regime and state has just celebrated its 35th anniversary, this news is thrilling the people and combatants throughout the country. The first Vietnamese, along with a Soviet friend, has flown into space aboard a Soyuz spacecraft launched from the homeland of the October Revolution and great Lenin.

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We have loved Vietnam with all our hearts during the years of fierce ordeals of war. For Vietnam, we are ready to sacrifice our blood. Vietnam, we are always by your side: [paragraph as heard]

Now, billions of brothers and friends on earth are looking to Vietnam, sharing our people's great joy over the flight of a Vietnamese in space. In Hanoi--the capital-and all other parts of their fatherland, more than 50 million Vietnamese people carefully follow and welcome the flight and send their warmest greetings to the two Vietnamese and Soviet cosmonauts on their historic flight.

We warmly greet and congratulate the Soviet scientists, workers, engineers and technical cadres for having wholeheartedly devoted their intellectual ability to preparing for the success of this marvelous flight. By this Soviet-Vietnamese international spaceflight and with the positive contributions of Vietnamese scientists to the outer space research program of the intercosmos organization, our country has joined the leading element of the most advanced technology of mankind. The results will contribute considerably to many scientific and technical fields related to our national construction and to the defense of our socialist fatherland.

To reach this glorious day, our people, under the party leadership, have stalwartly and perseveringly gone through a revolutionary struggle of sacrifice over the past half century.

With great victories in totally defeating the two big imperialists and in liberating, unifying and advancing the entire country to socialism, our nation has joined the vanguard nations of the era, made glorious contributions to the liberation of mankind and created firm bases on which to advance toward new technological horizons.

Although we have just emerged from fierce wars, have taken some initial steps in socialist construction and are daily facing frenzied sabotage and opposition by the Beijing expansionists in collusion with the imperialists, we are still able to vigorously accelerate our national construction, build a new life and cooperate with the Soviet Union and other fraternal socialist countries in many fields of scientific and technical research. This demonstrates that our nation has great strength and potential.

Although we do not have a highly developed economy, we already have a superior system of socialist collective mastery. Even though we still lack modern technology, we already have completely liberated the people, who are mastering society, nature, themselves and the destiny of their country. They are very revolutionary, courageous intelligent and rich in creativity.

Our national strength is closely associated with the strength of the superior socialist regime manifested by the great Soviet Union. The strength of the three revolutionary currents of the era has created a wonderful impulse driving the Vietnamese to conquer the universe in the interest of their own country and all of mankind.

Together with the great victory of totally liberating and advancing the entire country to socialism, this historic achievement demonstrates more clearly and notably the truth that in this era, even a nation which does not have a highly developed economy, but which is placed under the correct leadership of the vanguard party and knows how to develop its strength in combination with the strength of international solidarity-first of all, the Soviet Union and the socialist system--can not only liberate itself from oppression and exploitation, but quickly advance in scientific development, including the development of the most advanced sciences.

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Together will all the people, our people's armed forces are very proud of having Comrade Pham Tuan, a combat hero who once shot down a USAF B-52 aircraft, now become Vietnams' first reserach cosmonaut. Comrade Pham Tuan has upheld the quality of a revolutionary soldier and an outstanding Communist Party member who fulfills all duties and overcomes all difficulties. He has actively undergone training to quickly master technology in order to notably fulfill the heavy and glorious duties entrusted to him by the fatherland and people.

Comrade Pham Tuan is among those who symbolize the heroic young Vietnamese generations which our party, Uncle Ho, people and army have strenuously educated, forged and trained, and which have grown up under the new regime and during the long and glorious revolutionary struggle of our nation.

Amidst an enthusiastic atmosphere filled with glory and pride over this historic event, our party, state, people and army are all the more profoundly grateful to the great Soviet Union, which has made invaluable contributions to the revolutionary cause of our nation. The Soviet Union was the first country to succeed in staging the proletarian revolution and building socialism, paving the way for nations in the world as well as the Vietnamese people to advance twoard independence, freedom, socialism and communism. It was also the trailblazer for mankind's journey into space. Now, it has provided the most favorable conditions and the greatest assistance for the Vietnamese people.-the first among the Asian, African and Latin American peoples who used to be oppressed by the imperialists and colonialists for generations--who have now regained their right to mastery to participate in a spaceflight and together with advanced countries to surge forward to new heights in conquering nature.

Welcoming with elation the historic flight of the first Vietnamese into space, our people and troops throughout the country are becoming all the more closely united and absolutely confident in the leadership of the party closely associated with the great Soviet Union and the world socialist system. They will stremuously struggle to overcome all difficulties and ordeals, and devote all their minds and efforts to making their country ever more prosperous and powerful and to firmly defending the beloved Socialist Vietnam fatherland.

LE DUAN RETURNS TO HANOI FROM SOVIET VISIT

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[Text] Hanoi, VNA July 26--Le Duan, general secretary of the central committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, returned here from the Soviet Union today.

During his visit to the Soviet Union at the invitation of L. Brezhnev, general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and president of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, Le Duan on behalf of the Vietnamese party and government presented the Gold Star Order of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to L. Brezhnev, A. Kosygin and M. Suslov. He held cordial talks with L. Brezhnev and other Soviet party and state leaders. He attended the singing ceremony of the Soviet-Vietnamese cooperation agreement on the exploration of petroleum and gas on the continental shelf of Southern Vietnam and the opening of the 1980 Olympic games. He witnessed the launching of the Soyuz-37 spaceship manned by Soviet Cosmonaut V.V. Gorbatko and Vietnamese Cosmonaut Pham Tuan.

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