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Latin America Is No Longer "Tranquil Backyard" of U.S.:
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Pyongyang, June 14 (KCNA) -- Paek Kwang Myong, an international affairs analyst of the DPRK, released the following article "Latin America is no longer a 'tranquil backyard' of the U.S." on Wednesday:

As the power of the U.S., which styles itself the "world's only superpower", is draining away, the hot wind of independence is raging across the vast land of Latin America which had been called the "tranquil backyard" of the U.S. for the past two centuries.

Since the Fifth U.S. president, James Monroe, raised the deceptive slogan "America for Americans" in 1823, aggression, plunder and intervention by the U.S. under the spurious veil of "peace and freedom, democracy and human rights" have ruthlessly violated the dignity and sovereignty of regional countries to make the region remain as a "tranquil backyard" of the U.S. for a long time.

Countless are such U.S. aggression and intervention as the seizure of Mexican territory in the 1840s, the colonization of Puerto Rico and Guantanamo through the first imperialist war with Spain in the 1890s, the manipulation of pro-U.S. dictatorial regimes in Nicaragua, Cuba, Chile and other countries from 1930s to 1970s, and the armed invasion of Panama and Grenada in the 1980s.

The present U.S. sanctions and blockade against Cuba, Venezuela, Nicaragua and other anti-U.S. independent countries are, in essence, nothing but attempts to revive "the Monroe Doctrine".

However, the times have changed and the aspirations and enthusiasm of the Latin-American people to live and develop independently are growing unprecedentedly strong.

In recent years, progressive governments aspiring to independent internal and external policies have emerged one after another in the region and they are working harder to put an end to the U.S. monopolistic domination and solve the regional issue by their concerted efforts.

Regional countries strongly denounce the U.S. moves for disturbing social justice and progress as a revival of "the Monroe Doctrine" and interference in the internal affairs of sovereign states, calling for dismantling the Organization of American States which had been reduced to a U.S. puppet organization, and for strengthening genuine regional organizations such as the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States which excluded the U.S.

Against this background, the seventh summit of the above-said community held in Argentina late January discussed the issues of further intensifying the activities of the organization and accelerating the political and economic integration. Regional countries were vocal in their opposition to all forms of domination and hegemonism during the summit.

Brazil returned to the Community in January this year, Brazil and Colombia restored their diplomatic relations with Venezuela and many countries are boosting their political and economic cooperation with Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua maintaining the stand of independence against the U.S., expressing support and solidarity with them.

In the economic field, regional countries have buckled down to eliminating US dollars and introducing common regional currency into their trade. Furthermore, negotiations and discussions are getting brisk to establish a regional "lithium complex" capable of producing batteries and electric cars as well as lithium mining among Bolivia, Chile and Argentina, the "lithium delta" which has more than 60 percent of the world's lithium reserves, and Mexico, the tenth biggest lithium possessor in the world.

The regional countries proactively follow the trend of multipolarization, maintaining their independent and individual stand in the international relations.

In recent years, Honduras cut off its relations with Taiwan to follow the example of Panama, Dominica, El Salvador and Nicaragua, and established diplomatic relations with China. Ecuador concluded a free trade agreement with China and Brazil, Argentina and Bolivia decided to use Renminbi in the trade payment.

As regards the Ukrainian situation, regional countries resolutely reject the U.S. and Western countries' invitation to the racket for pressurizing Russia. Many countries, including Argentina, Mexico, Venezuela and Bolivia, clarified their intention to join the BRICS and are taking proactive and practical measures to do so.

This clearly shows that Latin American countries are going to achieve the independent development of the region under the slogan of justice "Latin America for Latin Americans" by their joint efforts against the arbitrary and high-handed practices of the U.S. which has plunged the regional countries into misfortune and distress for centuries.

The deceptive "Monroe Doctrine" has come under severe criticism and rejection, and the U.S. monopolistic position in Latin America is irreversibly diminishing.

The "tranquil backyard" of the U.S. will soon become an arena of prosperity swept by the hot wind of independence. -0-

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