



Ho Chi Minh
—President of
North Vietnam
since 1945 when
he had
proclaimed its
independence
from France, he
was a
charismatic
father figure in
the North. On
the eve of Tet,
Ho, then 78 and
frail, addressed
a rally in Hanoi
exhorting his
people to "even
greater feats of
battle."

The name
Ho Chi Minh
was an adopted
alias meaning
"He Who
Enlightens."

On 29 January, Radio Hanoi broadcast a poem
that Ho Chi Minh had written for the Year of the
the Monkey:

*This Spring far outshines the previous Springs
Of victories throughout the land come happy
tidings.*

*Let North and South emulate each other in
fighting the US aggressors!*

Forward!

Total Victory will be ours.

FAILED ASSAULT:

Some of the Viet Cong assailants who tried to take the city of Nha Trang in the early hours of 30 January stand tagged and waiting to be interrogated. One battalion of 600 NVA troops supported the local VC. Two further battalions of reinforcements were promised but never arrived.

