



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 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
500 NVA troops
supported the
local VC. Two
further
battalions of
reinforcements
were promised
but never
arrived.

