

Dinh Tuong Province

SPEECH OF PROVINCE CHIEF on the occasion of NATIONAL DAY, Nov. 1st, 1967.-

Dear the Representatives of Armed-Forces, Administrative and Civilian personnels,

Dear Countrymen,

Today, in the solemn and joyful atmosphere, the National Day (First Nov) again returns on our beloved country, with numerous delighted achievements marking another year of victory on the path of building the country.

From distant-isolated hamlet to the animated and bustling town, thousands of people as one, are joyfully welcoming and celebrating the achieved Revolution Day, the day that 4 years ago had marked an important turning of the home-history and opened a new fate for the Nation and her People.

Specially this year, the First November is the starting date of the Second Republic with New elected President NGUYEN-VAN-THIEU and New Vice-President elected NGUYEN-CAO-KY, a two Houses Assembly and it also the day that marked important political victories.

By that, I mean to evoke the satisfactory accomplishment of the two election phases for village council<sup>and hamlet chief</sup> as well as the nice success of recent presidential election and Senate election on September 3rd and election for House of Representative on October 22nd, that voices up the mature on politic and the firm will of the entire people in building of Democracy.

Indeed, although V.C has exploited their utmost forces to subvert the elections cited above, our entire people had disregarded every risk, threat, unanimously asked one another to go to the polling, at a percentage of 83 % voter registered.

On this occasion, we are not forget to bow respectfully before the souls of dead hero and civilian voter who have gallantly sacrificed by the Red Chinese's servants' savage terrorism, bearing the title of Liberating South VN.

Today, celebrating the succeeded Revolution, let's review the achievements that we had obtained at locality in the past year as to contribute in construction for common eternal and prosperity of the People.

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Parallelly with the Revolutionary Development, the Vietnamese and American Forces coordinated operations effectively to exterminate the Communist insurgents, thanks to that security situation in entire province has had some satisfactory changes.

On military field, besides Division full scale operation, Dinh-Tuong Sector with missions mopping up as well as pacifying the rural areas, last year had put out of action 1472 VC KIA, seized 48 crew-served weapons and 263 small arms of various species. Moreover, Dinh-Tuong Sector has just seized a great deal of weapons, in the recent operation named 'CUU-LONG 226', on October 30, 1967.

In the political field, people of Dinh-Tuong have ardently participated in the elections of PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SENATE and HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE for the Freedom and Democracy that the Constitution had defined.

On the part of blood-thirsty VC, they have lost a great part of support from people because they have plundered a great deal of people's resources of talent and labor. They are also quite defeated in their project 'Farmers Motivation Mission to serve the 67 Spring-Summer Phase', Propaganda campaign on the success of false-hero NGUYEN-VAN-BE and the recent anti-election campaign is only one zero.

On the other hand, since the year begin until now, there's over 17,000 people living in VC controlled area, had given up their house and paddy field, moved out secured area to live under Government protection.

The VC fighter is poorer and poorer. The number 879 VC defectors from the beginning of the year till now, among that one VC guerrilla squad of Binh-Duc village (Châu-Thanh District) who brought out 28 weapons of all type, 80 grenades and a lot of important documents, that had proven the crackle in VC rank and the efficiency of our Government Chiêu-Hồi policy.

To direct the R.D. mission, from the beginning of '967, our province has built in addition 10 Rural New Life Hamlet in the districts Châu-Thanh, Bến-Tranh, Chợgao, CaiBe concentrating in addition over 12,000 people, raising the proportion of control

up to 60 % with the total population of the whole province.

The living in all Rural New Life Hamlet and N.L.H. is organized orderly, people are benefiting minimum convenience of medical, educational and social equipments. Moreover, Government has helped the means of progressing the economical life by distributing rice seeds, seeds of vegetable, poultry and pork, borrow money for the crop and animal husbandry.

On the administrative plane, villages and hamlets sub-structures are completely reorganized. In 29 villages, villagers tried byself talentuous and virtuous men to vote for village council beeing a decisive organ and village councils will vote for chairman of village administrative committee beeing an executive organ.

Those two ab<sup>ove</sup> organs are the solid basis of democracy for the villages and hamlets in the future since from here the nature of villages and hamlets self-governing is respected properly, village administrative organs have more prestige, the leadership in the village is unified and all members in the village administrative committee are gratified meritoriously.

Hamlet Chiefs and assistant hamlet Chiefs are also voted by the people.

In areas beeing pacified which do not have enough conditions for organizing an election, Province established 57 temporary village administrative committees and 158 temporary hamlet managers.

In the Health field, DinhTuong General Hospital had been repaired greatly with a fiscal year of over 63 millions by the assistance of America. This construction was started since November 1965 and completed at the beginning of 1967 and GENERAL Chairman of the Central Executive Committee inaugurated solemnly on August 10, 1967. This health Center consists of obstetrical section, Children wards, Therapy for Internal disease, Therapy for external disease, Dentist's ward, Eye ward, X-Ray machine, all of them were equipped by modern mechanic, and they can treat generally the people' sickness in home town as well as nearby provinces.

Helping Vietnamese Doctors and specialists, there are 2

Philipino surgical teams, each consists of 2 doctors and 4 or 5 specialists always present at the Hospital for treating patients with devotion. There are also 1 male nurse advisor, 4 nurses and 2 american doctors who daily help us in the same field.

As for rural medical services, Province has given materials to Notables of Vinh-Kim village for constructing 1 Maternity hospital in LongDinh district.

In the rural educational development, last year, 28 school rooms were built in the New Life Hamlets and 32 other rooms are under construction with the expenditure of 11,682,200 piasters.

10 normal primary school became community primary school whose educational methods are more progressive.

About personnel, Province has recruited 92 daily wage school teachers and trained 70 hamlet school teachers for over 81,000 pupils.

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In the field of economics, the Agricultural Service has widely disseminated the modern cultural technics, encouraged, and given or distributed rice seeds to farmers, so, although the rice field was decreased more than 15.000 hectares by flooding in 1966, the crops in 1967 have still increased from 192.187 tons in 1966 up to 202.250 tons in 1967. The rice products have also increased from 33.319 tons in 1966 up to 40.744 tons as of September 1967.

2636 farmers have borrowed 54,164,000\$ for their crops and animal husbandry from Agro Development Bank.

2822 tons of fertilizer were sold cheaply to farmers to increase supplement crops.

Animal husbandry Service has distributed to farmers living at NLH to include 957 piglets and 420 chickens.

Besides, this year, the Province has supplied to Saigon more than 11.000 pigs and has sold over 210.000 piglets of the 'Thućc-Nhiêu species'.

The Fishery Service has distributed 40,000 carps, 4,000 philippine fish, 20 mammoth fish and over 44,000 pond fish to help nearly 500 families of farmers to increase their incomes.

The Irrigation Service has finished 1 canal at TrungLuong which is 300m. long, to bring water to 120 hectares of rice-field. Farmers can also use it to grow vegetables. Besides, 300 culverts have been distributed to farmers in villages for the purpose of irrigation.

In the communication field, Public Work Service has repaired 6 important bridges, more than 200m. long, fixed provincial roads and rural roads. In addition, 23 kms of Hwy.4 were repaired because this Hwy had been damaged by flood and by VC sabotage. Thanks to these repairs the supplies have not been delayed in reaching Saigon.

In the Social field, one Community Center had been established with a fiscal year grant of 3,200,000\$ in the beginning of 1967 and had been inaugurated by GENERAL, Chairman of the Central Executive Committee on August 8, 1967. This center was being used for the installation of a tailor shop, judo room, reading room, musical room, children's room, women's room, etc ...

A canteen was built at MyTho Bus Station with fiscal year grant of 400,000\$ and this was inaugurated by GENERAL, Chairman of the National Leadership Council on August 26, 1967.

Another one was built at VinhKim and it will be inaugurated very soon, with the purpose of helping laborers to buy cheap foods and bring up their standards of health.

In 1968, Authority will build 2 more shelters, one at the Maternity Hospital in MyTho in order to help war victim relations being treated at MyTho Hospital and one at Lythuan ferry for passengers to rest in case they miss the ferry.

In the assistance of communist refugees, the Province has given from the beginning of this year to date 1,942,350\$ to 673 families resettling and sheltering in the districts of Chau-Thanh, LongDinh, CaiBe, Cailay and GiaoDuc.

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Dear Gentlemen and People,

Above are the principal tasks which were realized by the Province during last year and anticipated for the year of 1968.

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These tasks are humble, but they showed the unceased endeavor and spirit of our people. We are awarded our responsibilities toward the existing and disappearing of our country; it is also said about the positive assistance that Allied Nations give to our Republic of VietNam to obviate aggressive wave of Imperialist Communism.

But towarding a backward country as our country is, it was being damaged by war more than 20 years, its economic is short, talented men are worn out gradually too many, so the way construction of our country still meets great obstacle and trial and it needs from us more sacrifice and endeavour.

On the occasion of National Day of this year, we insistently ask all people of any level to be side by side for fighting to sweep out V.C. as well as to rebuild a society full of equity and charity.

We must work with all our forces to participate our blood and sweat to construct our nation, so we are not shameful with predecessors and do not commit a crime to posterity.

GOOD BYE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.-