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ARMY SETS GOALS FOR 1970 BIG EVENTS

[Article: "People's Armed Forces Prepare for the Great Anniversaries in 1970"; Hanoi, Nhan Dan, Vietnamese, 19 July 1969, pp 1, 4]

VNA - On 18 July 1969, the Political Directorate of the People's Army of Vietnam issued a notice on organizing the great anniversaries in 1970 and the 25th anniversary of the founding of the People's Army of Vietnam (22 December 1969). The notice said:

The Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee has issued a resolution on organizing the great anniversaries in 1970: the 40th anniversary of the founding of our Party (3 February), the 100th anniversary of Lenin's birthday (22 April), President Ho's 80th birthday (19 May), and the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

These great anniversaries are political events that carry particularly important significance which our entire Party, army, and population are extremely enthusiastic over and proud of.

Our people's armed forces, the child of the heroic Vietnamese people and the heroic Vietnamese laborers, is a revolutionary army created by, led by, and trained by our Party and President Ho. Our army is armed with Marxist-Leninist thinking. It is one of the primary tools of the dictatorship of the people's democratic State. The birth, growth, revolutionary nature, splendid traditions, and glorious achievements of our people's armed forces are the result of the correct leadership of our Party led by President Ho. They constitute the success of creatively utilizing the principles of Marxism-Leninism concerning the people's war and concerning developing the people's armed forces in the realities of Vietnam.

Our entire army is warmly hailing and strictly carrying out the resolution from the Political Bureau of the Party Central Committee on organizing the great anniversaries in 1970.

At the same time, we are, together with the entire population, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the People's Army of Vietnam.

This is an important step in making a positive contribution to satisfactorily organizing the great anniversaries in 1970.

The notice pointed out that the arrangements for the great anniversaries in 1970 and the 25th anniversary of the founding of the People's Army of Vietnam in the armed forces are aimed toward the following objectives and requirements:

1- Increase the cadres, soldiers', party members' and group members' level of understanding about Marxism-Leninism, the Party's lines and policies, the ethics and behavior of President Ho, and the Party's forceful revolutionary viewpoint. Imbue them with the Party's military line and make them realize the tremendous accomplishments, the creativeness, and valuable experiences of the Party in leading the armed struggle and developing the revolutionary armed forces.

2- Increase enthusiasm, confidence, patriotism, love of socialism, the spirit of proletariat internationalism, the determination to fight, and determination to win. Forge revolutionary ethics and develop the nature and splendid traditions of the people's armed forces. Turn determination into real acts. Step up the emulation movement to record achievements. Successfully complete all combat tasks and build up forces. Resolutely fight together with the entire population to completely defeat the invading U.S. aggressors, build up and protect socialist North Vietnam, liberate South Vietnam, and advance toward the peaceful reunification of the country.

3- Step up Party development work and youth work. Strengthen leadership organizations. Organize command. Organize the masses. Train style. Satisfactorily carry out the campaign to increase fighting strength and the campaigns for developing "four good" cadres and "four good" party chapters and party members. Strive for many "determined-to-win" units and strong units. Strive for men who are advanced overall and organizations which are strong and dependable in all aspects. Ensure that the people's armed forces develop satisfactorily, fight skillfully, win more victories and grow stronger the more they fight, and outstandingly complete all tasks entrusted to them by the Party and State.

The notice also set forth the plans for preparing for and organizing these anniversaries:

-Open a phase of education and propaganda in the people's armed forces from now until the end of 1970.

a) Organize the study of a number of Lenin's works, a number of articles by President Ho, the speeches by leadership cadre, and the documents on the occasion of the great anniversaries in 1970 and the 25th anniversary of the founding of the People's Army of Vietnam.

Immediately carry out throughout the entire army a wave of political activities for fostering revolutionary ethics. Arrange for cadres and soldiers to study Party history and the experiences of the Vietnam revolution led by our Party.

b) Study the Party's documents and articles by leadership cadre on the people's war and on developing the people's armed forces. Study the combat and development experiences of the people's armed forces in North Vietnam and the people's liberation armed forces in South Vietnam.

-Step up the emulation movement to record achievements in beating the invading U.S. aggressors and to record achievements to celebrate the great anniversaries in 1970 and the 25th anniversary of the founding of the People's Army of Vietnam. The general emulation guidelines are aimed toward outstandingly completing all tasks, improving the overall quality of the people's armed forces, attaining good results in development and all other aspects of work, and developing advanced men and strong, stable organizations. Carry out three large phases. In each phase, organize many short tasks which are tailored to the specific situation and mission of each unit. Have reviews in each phase. Draw experience and make awards and commendations promptly.

The first phase, from now until the end of 1969, is aimed toward recording achievements to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the People's Army of Vietnam.

The second phase, during the first 6 months of 1970, is aimed toward recording achievements to celebrate the three anniversaries: the founding of the Party, Lenin's birthday, and President Ho's birthday.

The third phase, during the last 6 months of 1970, is aimed toward recording achievements to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

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