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[First installment of article by Le Quang Thanh, secretary of the central executive committee of the Vietnamese People's Revolutionary Youth Group: "Bringing the Great Abilities and Favorable Opportunities of the Members and Youths Into Full Play and Thoroughly Developing Their Shock Force Role To Resolutely Defeat the U.S.-puppet Special Pacification Plan Completely"]

[Text] Pacification is a life-or-death problem for the enemy; therefore, in the recent period he has concentrated all his efforts, means, and maneuvers to serve his pacification program. Also, we have considered it a key task to harass and foil pacification in order to defeat the Vietnamization-of-the-war strategy and--in the near future--to solve the problem of who defeats whom between us and the enemy.

Let the Vietnamese People's Revolutionary Youth Group, an efficient force for the revolution, endeavor to educate and motivate all members and youths to concentrate every effort on bringing their shock force role into full play to resolutely defeat the U.S.-puppet pacification program completely.

In order to fulfill this glorious task, it is necessary first of all, to correctly evaluate our present situation and that of the enemy's tremendous efforts, failures, and embarrassment and of our very great achievements and successes--as well as our shortcomings--in harassing the enemy's pacification program in the past.

Evaluation of the Situation Between Us and the Enemy

1--The enemy's great efforts, failures, and embarrassment:

Since the spring of 1968, our armed forces and people have carried out the general offensive and concerted uprisings throughout the country, scoring such great successes that the enemy has been forced to abandon his two-prong, search-and-destroy, and pacification strategy, in favor of a clear-and-hold policy, which is nothing more than passive defense; the enemy also tries to implement the Vietnamization-of-the-war plan, a scheme which forcibly turns South Vietnamese youths into mercenaries to die for the Americans so as to decrease U.S. casualties, which forces the South Vietnamese people to pay for war expenses so as to decrease U.S. war expenses, and which seeks to gradually bring U.S. troops home in hopes of de-escalating the war from a position of strength.

In order to carry out these schemes, since the end of 1968 the U.S.-puppet clique has implemented the accelerated pacification program--the fundamental part of the Vietnamization-of-the-war plan--by means of extremely perfidious and cruel maneuvers. Our youths are the main objective of this accelerated pacification program. In almost 2 years of implementing this program, the U.S.-puppet clique has concentrated every cruel, perfidious, and conniving trick on attacking our youths. It has dropped bombs, made arrests, and has imposed torture, imprisonment and exile, and [words indistinct] in hopes of stamping out the youths' combat spirit. It has resorted to psywar and "open-arms" activities and political, economic, and cultural tricks in hopes of buying or corrupting our youths.

critical situation, and our favorable conditions and the enemy's unfavorable conditions in the development of the revolutionary situation in South Vietnam and all over Indochina. Another important thing is to make group members and youths aware of the enemy's poisonous schemes and maneuvers in the pacification plan against youths.

In addition to these tasks, the ideological and political education of the group must insure that group members and youths receive a sound knowledge in dealing with military and political attacks, in proselyting enemy troops in different situations in various localities, and in coordinating urban movements with rural movements in order to attack the enemy's pacification.

The whole substance of the ideological and political education is to be aimed at motivating our group members and youths to further improve their shock force role in attacking the enemy's pacification. But in order to satisfy the demands of ideological and political education, we must have a suitable form of education for each area, cleverly coordinate the substance of this education with local traditions in scoring achievements, and frequently hold meetings for our members and youths to thoroughly learn and satisfactorily implement President Ho's teaching: "Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom." The most important thing is that we must persevere in educating and in motivating. We must have good faith in the capability of the revolution and in our youths' patriotism in order to courageously engage in educating and motivating them.

Presently, attempting to weaken our "on-the-spot" revolutionary strength, the enemy has sought by all means and maneuvers to break the unity of our people and our youths; trying to dishonor them, trying to sow suspicion and disbelief among them. Therefore, one of the requirements of the ideological and political education program in attacking the enemy's pacification plan, is to lay bare the enemy's wicked plots against our group members and youths. Only in this way can we fully develop our youths' "on-the-spot" strength in harassing the enemy's pacification.

2--To build steadfast forces in the group which can serve as a nucleus to frustrate the enemy's pacification scheme:

To build steadfast forces in the group is an urgent requirement and one of the primary tasks of our group in order to frustrate the enemy's pacification scheme. Therefore, we must resolutely overcome all shortcomings and deficiencies resulting from our complacency and must make conscious efforts to overcome all difficulties stemming from our subjectivism so as to make a decisive change in guiding, building, consolidating, and developing the group's real strength from upper to lower levels and from cadres to members; we must make each leading echelon, each cadre, and each member realize his responsibility and work positively at this task.

The present direction for building and developing our group's real strength is to concentrate on the hamlets where our group's bases have not been set up or are still weak, on places where there are many youths, in areas adjacent to cities, and along the important highways. Also, we must concentrate on areas where the various nationalities and catholics live, in areas under mixed control, and in the cities; we must positively and urgently build and develop our group's real strength.

In building and developing our group's real strength, we must coordinate the development of group membership with the organization of group bases. We must urgently organize group chapters wherever they do not exist and where the number of members is sufficient.

We must strive to develop group membership wherever the number of members is insufficient in order to move along toward organizing group chapters. Members must not be allowed to operate separately but they must work together under collective leadership in order to give full play to their capabilities and strength.

It is necessary to develop the group's real strength through the 5-volunteers emulation movement. All positive thinking youths in this movement must be improved and admitted to the group.

Whether the results of the task of building and developing the group's real strength are fruitful or not depends on whether or not each member has properly carried out the propaganda and educational task in order to develop the group. For this reason, along with educating members to make them more deeply understand the basic problems; they must learn methods of propagandizing and of educating and improving upon our objectives so they can be admitted into the group. They should also know how to educate and motivate other youths, including those within enemy's organizations.

As for new members, it is necessary to make them understand group policies and objectives and their duties to the revolution in general and in the struggle to frustrate the pacification scheme in particular.

We must adopt a bold and careful attitude in building our group so as to avoid narrow-mindedness and rightist thoughts and to meet the requirements of developing our group's real strength.

At present, the enemy's plot is to poison, smear, corrupt, and make puppets of our youths, causing us to incorrectly evaluate them and their nature which is generally good. Except for a few youths who have become reactionary elements and cruel henchmen of the enemy, the majority of youths, including those who serve in the enemy's civil defense organizations, have always looked toward the revolution and the banner of our just cause.

Nurturing deep hatred for the U.S.-puppets, they hope that we will triumph over the enemy. We must behave as revolutionaries when judging our youths so as not to mix a phenomenon with its nature. We must be confident in their revolutionary capability and patriotism so that we can boldly approach and educate them and develop our group.

As has been said, the development of our group must be bold and careful at the same time. If we are not careful, we will lack vigilance and the enemy will infiltrate our ranks and organizations and will cause us heavy damage and losses.

Therefore, in developing the strength of the group we should be active and heighten our vigilance against sabotage by Swan and Phoenix spies who might sneak into our organizations; we must consider the training, improvement, and promotion of cadres as a very important link.

Any movement needs cadres to operate, and capable cadres make a movement strong. Realities have clearly proven this. Therefore, in stepping up the anti-pacification movement among our group members and youths, we should pay particular attention to the training and improvement of cadres. We should have a group of cadres strong both quantitatively and qualitatively, capable of leading our organization in successfully carrying out its present anti-pacification mission. The program of training and improving cadres in countering the enemy pacification should mainly aim at teaching

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In order to frustrate this plot and the special pacification program, all group echelons and chapters must strengthen guidance in the anticonscription task among the group members and youths. They must chiefly concentrate on destroying in one way or another the enemy's civil defense organizations, which are a troop replenishment source, by every means. We must exterminate the cruel ringleaders and educate our youths so they may be aware of the enemy's perfidious plot in these organizations.

In order to reap good results in the attack on civil defense organizations, each cadre and each member must be patient. We must destroy these organizations again if they are rebuilt. This must be our determination and we must continue this action until the enemy can no longer rebuild these organizations.

Along with destroying civil defense organizations, we must strive to oppose the enemy's conscription maneuvers; our cadres and members must educate our youths so they will be aware of the enemy's plot to replace U.S. blood with Vietnamese blood as revealed by Nguyen Van Thieu. In order to further increase our youths' hatred for the U.S.-puppets and to stimulate them to positively struggle against the U.S.-puppets, our cadres and youths must seek every way to protect them from falling into the enemy's hands. The best and most effective anti-conscription measure is to motivate our youths to join the local guerrilla and self-defense forces in order to fight, with all available weapons, those prowlers and searchers who have engaged in conscription operations and to exterminate their cruel leaders who are secret agents, spies, and informants.

To draft our youths and to achieve a troop buildup in order to transform the puppet army into a sizable force on the battlefield which can gradually replace the U.S. troops who have been pulled out is one of the primary objectives of the U.S.-puppets' special pacification scheme. All our cadres and group members must heighten their determination to smash this enemy scheme. [end of 3d installment; to be continued]