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"FACING TOWARD THE FRONTLINE, THE NAM HA PARTY CHAPTER AND PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT MORE SATISFACTORILY THE REAR POLICY TOWARD THE ARMY"

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Along with mobilizing youths to go to the frontline to fight the enemy, in past years the Nam Ha Party Chapter and people have paid great attention to satisfactorily implementing the rear policy toward the Army. Following various resolutions adopted by the Provincial Party Committee and People's Council, which clearly determined the permanent responsibilities of each branch toward this task, in mid-1969 our province also opened a wide and deep drive in all agencies and enterprises, at construction sites, on state farms, in cooperatives and schools, and on the streets in order to mobilize the forces of the entire Party and people in the province to wholeheartedly care for and help the wounded soldiers and the families of war heroes and troops. Through this drive, we have further imbued every cadre and citizen with the spirit and contents of the policy, thus making everyone clearly understand, firmly grasp, and strictly implement it. We have also studied, examined, and solved a series of problems related to the implementation of the policy toward the Regional Armed Forces. These problems are:

-- To seek ways to insure that the wounded soldiers and the lonely families of war heroes and troops stabilize their livelihood in a permanent and steadfast fashion.

-- To detect shortcomings in aid to families whose sons and brothers fight in far-away places while having plans to hand allowances over to these families in accordance with the "deliver allowances from hand to hand, to each house concerned, in amounts due, at set times" spirit.

-- To provide the wounded soldiers with jobs and to transport them to the villages.

-- To have plans to receive army cadres and combatants who are transferred from one branch to another and to create necessary conditions for them to satisfactorily assume their tasks in their new posts.

-- To mobilize the wounded soldiers and the families of the war heroes and troops and to improve work with them so as to make them progress politically, become stimulated, worthy of their relatives who are fighting on the frontline, and so forth.

The mobilization of all people to participate in implementing the rear policy toward the army in our province continued to be stepped up, and we have scored very encouraging initial achievements. The living conditions of 92 percent of the wounded soldiers and the families of the war heroes and troops in the province are fair or satisfactory. Almost all children and brothers and sisters in these families have been supported and educated and have achieved success in their studies. More than 70 percent of the parents and wives of the troops and war heroes have participated in mass organizations, and more than 11 percent of the wives of troops are Party members. More than 60 percent of the wounded soldiers and demobilized troops who returned to the villages have become cadres in various branches.

Primarily, these achievements have been scored thanks to the concern and leadership of various levels of Party Committees and various administrative levels, from the provincial to the village levels. In Nam Ha the mobilization of the people to participate in building the Army in general and the implementation of the rear policy toward the Army in particular have become a struggle norm to build "the Four-Good Party Chapter" and "a comprehensively good administration."

Various districts have taken positive measures to insure that the emulation drive to implement the rear policy become increasingly wider and deeper and attain high quality.

In Nam Ninh district, at a certain period of time, the District Party Committee resolutely gathered more than 100 cadres and sent them to two villages to help these localities mobilize the people to most satisfactorily implement this policy and, through this, guided other villages in doing the same, thus advancing the drive in the entire district ever more uniformly. The Duy Tien District Party Committee has activated the "Rear Policy Committee" which has been placed under the direct command of the Comrade Deputy Secretary of the District Party Committee, whose task consists of helping the District Party Committee grasp the situation of the wounded soldiers and the families of war heroes and troops, while mobilizing various branches and mass organizations to participate in building the Army.

Prior to harvesting the recent fifth-month crop, our Provincial Party Committee also designated cadres to go to various localities to seek to thoroughly learn about the livelihood and labor capabilities of the troops' parents, wives, and children and later to guide these localities in creatively implementing the Party's and State's food distribution policy in order to encourage production while reserving appropriate privileges for families of all troops. Along with studying and determining various systems and norms to suit the regional circumstances and with guiding various branches in building special production bases for the wounded soldiers and in opening schools to teach them cultural and professional subjects, the administration's agencies at all levels have also periodically engaged deeply in reviewing the situation, detecting good points and mistakes, correcting shortcomings in time, and insuring that all the resolutions of various levels of Party Committees concerning the rear task toward the Army be understood thoroughly and turned into the acts of the masses.

Our provincial achievements in caring for the wounded soldiers and the families of war heroes and troops are also due to the people's collective mutual aid spirit that relies on new production relations. As in other places, the people here are inherently very eager for the undertaking of building the Army and strengthening the national defense. Whether they are religious or non-religious, everywhere the people are ready to encourage their sons and brothers to fight the enemy so as to protect the fatherland. Relying on a collective economy that has been constantly strengthened and vigorously developed,

the people in our province have carefully and comprehensively cared for the wounded soldiers and the families of war heroes and troops. Along with mobilizing themselves to visit the wounded soldiers and the families of war heroes and troops and to implement the policy of preferential treatment, the cooperatives have paid attention to rationally adjusting tasks for the wounded soldiers and the families of war heroes and troops. In many villages, such as Kha Phong, Tien Yen, Hai Quang, Truc Dong, Truc Dinh, Yen Phong, My Hung, Nam Dien, Truc Binh . . . , the cooperatives' managerial committees have made a classification of health conditions and established special income projects for the wounded soldiers and the families of war heroes and troops. Acting on this basis, the cooperatives' managerial committees have devised plans to help all families of war heroes and troops engage in production, thus insuring that everyone is able to use his labor capabilities to fulfill the most useful tasks and that the average living conditions of these families equal or surpass those of the families of regular members of the cooperatives.

The solicitude of leading echelons and the assistance of the community, mainly of cooperatives, cannot be separated from the self-strengthening spirit of each disabled veteran, each family of fallen heroes, and each family of soldiers. The contents of the rear task and policy are very broad and large. They can be carried out satisfactorily only when the disabled soldiers and the families of fallen heroes and of soldiers make efforts and have the determination to overcome difficulties. Therefore, the Party and Administrative Committees of all echelons and people's groups in our province have constantly educated disabled veterans and families of fallen heroes and of soldiers to uphold the revolutionary tradition and satisfactorily organize their lives while enthusiastically participating in the anti-U.S. national salvation struggle. We have built disabled veterans cells, cells of demobilized soldiers, and cells of soldiers' parents and wives in almost all villages, enterprises, and city wards. These cells have closely coordinated actions and helped themselves progress.

In order to encourage the families of disabled veterans, of fallen heroes, and of soldiers to strive to become exemplary families, we have launched the emulation movement

to "teach the five glorious criteria:" To diligently work and produce; to actively participate in social activities; to implement in exemplary manner every policy of the Party and State; to endeavor to study culture, science, and technology, and to be humble and to closely unite with cadres and the people.

Many disabled veterans and families of fallen heroes and of soldiers have enthusiastically taken part in this movement. At the end of 1969, more than 70 percent of the soldiers' families in Lý Nhân district had received certificates attesting to the fact that they had attained these five criteria. Nearly 40 percent of soldiers' and fallen heroes' wives in the province have become "progressive laborers." The great majority of disabled veterans and of families of fallen heroes and of soldiers have been arduous vanguards in local movements.

Thoroughly penetrating President Hồ's sacred testament and being thoroughly aware of their great duties toward the front, the Nam Hã Party Chapter and people are determined to develop their strongpoints, to overcome their remaining weakpoints, and to make all-out efforts to more satisfactorily participate in building our army and strengthening our national defense by fully satisfying every demand for replenishment of our army and by implementing policies toward disabled veterans and families of fallen heroes and of soldiers very satisfactorily, in line with the slogan: "Every Locality, Every Family Contributes to the Revolution; Everyone, Every Family Takes Care of the Army and is Closely Linked With It Like Fish With Water."