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AND COMBATANTS

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[Commentary: "Flowers of heroism continued to bloom on the
heroic land"]

In the enchanting atmosphere that prevailed during the historic days of autumn and on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Nam Bo Resistance, the Republic of South Viet-Nam Provisional Revolutionary Government recently decided to award the "Heroic PLAF Unit" and "PLAF Hero" titles to six units and 13 cadres and combatants of the PLAF's three troop categories. This represents very happy news for all our armed forces and people and a glorious victory for all our Vietnamese people in their anti-U.S. national salvation struggle, which is studded

with sacrifices and hardships, yet filled with heroic deeds. These six heroic units and 13 heroes of the PLAF are the most outstanding units, cadres, and combatants to lucidly demonstrate their revolutionary qualities and to score many outstanding achievements in combat as well as in construction during the past many years, especially during 1968 and 1969.

Thus, by the 25th anniversary of the Nam Bo Resistance, our southern PLAF alone had 56 heroic units and 133 heroes. Together with the heroic units and the heroic comrades who previously had been cited, the recently cited units, cadres, and combatants lucidly demonstrated the fact that our people's revolutionary heroism has been developed more and more comprehensively. The more pure gold is tested, the more refined it becomes. The more arduous and the fiercer our people's struggle is and the more challenges and hardships they encounter, the more their heroic quality is tested and enhanced. Regularly motivated by the emulation movement to kill the aggressors and to score achievements and by the movement to win various glorious titles-- such as "Heroic Unit," "Determined-to-Win, Brass Fortress Unit," "Valiant, American-Annihilating Combatant," "Valiant, Aircraft-Annihilating Combatant", "Valiant, Motorized Vehicle-Annihilating Combatant", and so forth--our armed forces and people have performed heroic deeds on an increasingly widespread basis.

In the recent past, vigorously stimulated by the movement to become good men and to perform good deeds, our Vietnamese revolutionary heroism has been developed more rapidly and more comprehensively than ever. This substantiates the following statement by a foreign friend during his visit to our country: "The number of Viet-Nam's heroes equals the number of its flowers."

It is worth noting that the heroic units and heroic cadres and combatants who have been cited included members of all the three troop categories of the PLAF--main force units, regional troops, and militia and guerrilla forces--and members of various armed branches, from the comrade assault infantry combatants to the liaison and reconnaissance comrades and the comrade members of the medical and ordnance corps. The widespread, mass character of our combatants' heroic, revolutionary quality has been lucidly demonstrated by the fact that the cited heroic units and combatants belong to different age brackets and hold different combat positions and ranks. The cited heroes also included the comrade heroes of the (? Smen) nationality, Comrade (? Roehen Et), a Cia Rai native of the Highlands, Comrade (? Lam Tung), a Khmer native of Nam Bo, and

Comrade Nguyen Van Muoi, a native of the Mekong Delta. This manifests the blood-sealed solidarity among the sons of the same fathers and the citizens of the same country.

With boundless pride and confidence, we hail the heroic units and the heroes cited on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Nam Bo Resistance. All of us are profoundly moved when we recall the process of our struggle during the past 25 years. As unarmed slaves, our Vietnamese people perseveringly and courageously surged forward and, firmly upholding their vow "rather to sacrifice everything than to consent to lose the country or to serve as slaves," set out, bare footed, to fight the enemy with bamboo sticks. Turning their intense patriotism and their profound talented, creative, capable, and skillfull leadership, our armed forces and people have gradually defeated all cruel enemies and have won increasingly great, glorious victories.

We know only too well that factors that have directly contributed to these victories are the noble heroic traditions and qualities of our people. In our present anti-U.S. national salvation resistance, apart from the cited 56 heroic units and 133 heroes, we also have tens of thousands of other heroes and valiant combatant whose armed exploits and whose names have been closely associated with the names of our mountains, rivers, villages and hamlets. This constitutes the source of common pride and a great honor for our people when they take a retrospective look at the past 25 years of untiring struggle for independence, freedom, and national reunification. This also provides a basis for our iron-firm conviction that the Vietnamese people, who are rich in revolutionary heroism, will certainly defeat completely the U.S. imperialist aggressors, who are rich in dollars and weapons.

Warmly hailing the heroic units and the comrade heroes who were cited on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Nam Bo Resistance, we clearly realize that in the days ahead, the nearer is our struggle to victory, the more hardships it will encounter. However, we are firmly convinced that through these hardships our people's heroic quality will be demonstrated even more lucidly and that, through the widespread movement to become good men and to perform good deeds, extremely beautiful and inspiring heroic actions will be recorded.