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CENTRAL TRUNG BO YOUTHS PROGRESS IN COMBAT, PRODUCTION

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[Text] According to LPA, within the framework of the "three determined-to-win" emulation movement, since the beginning of 1974, about 40,000 members of the Ho Chi Minh working Youth Union in central Trung Bo have joined the liberation armed forces. Tens of thousands of others have volunteered for combat-support activities and for motivating the masses to struggle against the United States and Thieu. In Quang Da, Quang Ngai, Binh Dinh, Gia Lai and Kontum, the number of youth union members joining the liberation armed forces increased by 50 to 70 percent over 1973.

In 1974 the local youth union members serving in the liberation armed forces participated in forcing the enemy to evacuate 233 posts; put more than 42,000 enemy troops out of action; destroyed 110 people-herding camps; and helped local inhabitants to destroy the enemy's oppressive machinery and return to the liberated zone.

In combat the local youth union members have creatively devised effective fighting methods and weapons. In building their strength, they have initiated the "three principles of staying close" emulation movement in Quang Da; the "three do's" and "two determinations" emulation movement in Quang Ngai; and the "three volunteers" and "three improvements" emulation movement in Gia Lai. These movements have brought into full play the strength of tens of thousands of local youth union members.

In the domain of production and development of the liberated zone, they have taken the lead in various campaigns to reclaim wasteland, build combat hamlets and villages, conduct study and eliminate illiteracy, and so forth.

Along with their professional tasks, local youth union members working with various agencies and units have also enthusiastically engaged in production and animal husbandry and have been able to meet part of their requirements for grain and food.