

REPORTS FROM HUE REPUDIATE MURDER ACCUSATIONS

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[Text] During the defeats suffered by the Saigon regime--and the resignation of Thieu today doubtless constitutes the biggest political setback--the incitement campaign by Western mass media against the PRGRSV is being stepped up. Reports are being published about alleged massacres in the liberated territories, and the allegation of U.S. Secretary of Defense Schlesinger is cited time and again to the effect that 200,000 people, or more, were to be murdered if the liberation forces marched into Saigon.

The Government of the Republic of South Vietnam has categorically repudiated these allegations as a falsification and vilification. Eyewitness reports sent by our special correspondent Horst Hirt from the liberated areas likewise totally contradict the slanders and show how rapidly life is returning to normal after the liberation. We have combined two of these reports.

Over 100 university professors of the city of Hue and 4,500 secondary school teachers set up a new teachers organization in the beginning of April a few days after the city's liberation. A woman teacher, (Truong Tu Dan), a member of the Buddhist Teachers Union, told our correspondent after the constituent meeting [recording in Vietnamese with translation into German]:[passage indistinct]

There is an area of villas in Hue inhabited largely by intellectuals. The mayor appealed to them to flee to Danang, claiming that major military operations were to be expected. He further alleged that Da Nang would be declared an international city to which many foreign ships would be dispatched to evacuate refugees to take them further south. My family and I were also living in the suburb of villas, but we have all stayed on here. Long before the liberation army came to the city, the water supply was cut off. Only since the liberation have we again had water and electricity.

I would like to continue in my profession. During the last few years, I was unable to work as I would have liked. If I had taught those children what I regarded to be right, I would have risked being denigrated for it by the Saigon authorities, lost my job and would have no longer drawn a salary. This is why I welcome the relaxation that has come to pass with the new situation. In the meantime, I have joined the newly established teachers' union. [passage indistinct] There is good cooperation between us and our colleagues in the revolutionary government. [passage indistinct]

For several years, the struggle for education was being destroyed in South Vietnam. Now it is being rebuilt. In the last 20 years under the yoke of Diem and Thieu and the neo-colonialist interference of the Americans [word indistinct] influence in our country was intensified. [passage indistinct]