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READERS STRONGLY SUPPORT 'WORKING HONESTLY' EDITORIAL

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Loving To ~~hear~~ Achievements

I have read and re-read the editorial "Work Honestly" published in the party newspaper on 16 May 1974.

We warmly welcome the strict criticism of dishonest practices, lies, and untruthful reporting of a number of cadres in charge of a number of agencies, enterprises, and localities which induce listeners into fuzzy thinking and deprive the Party and the state of accurate bases in order to correctly set up guidelines and policies. This dishonest work habit has brought no small damage to our people's revolutionary work.

Besides the bad effects pointed out in the editorial, we also feel that because of untruthful reports, the evaluation of the achievements of a unit or an individual is not accurate and does not correctly reflect the real situation, and therefore loses its mobilizing and educational role.

Another aspect to be strictly criticized is: lying for illegitimate motives, for individual interests, or for the interests of the small collectives. However, the listeners (higher authorities, responsible cadres, leadership cadres) must also have a strict and objective "listening attitude." A number of higher agencies, a number of responsible cadres, and certain leadership cadres often tend to love hearing about achievements. They only like to hear reports about achievements and strengths and not about defeats and shortcomings. Whenever they hear reports about "great achievements," and this and that strength, they feel happy and encouraged. But when they hear about inadequate achievements or shortcomings, they become unhappy, grumpy, and do not care about the cause leading to that result or shortcoming. It is this very tendency which creates in the lower echelons the malpractice

of untruthful reporting. The power, independence, and objectivity of statistical agencies are still limited. Many statistical cadres are good and know how to reflect the situation in a faithful and objective way; but they suffer from fixed ideas. The above-mentioned phenomena are often common occurrence.

That is why a movement for working honestly should be started. We should fight without any leniency against the above-mentioned malpractices.--Phan Thanh Khiet, Department of Road Management.

Handling Culprits

I wholeheartedly welcome the editorial "Working Honestly" of the party newspaper. This editorial correctly reflects the wishes of the working people who are asking for a condemnation of dishonest work practices.

As the editorial correctly pointed out, these negative phenomena are common. It is a pity that they came from a number of high-level leadership cadres in various echelons, sectors, localities, agencies, and enterprises and from a number of assistant cadres who for one reason or another want to "please" their superiors.

It is also a pity that some propaganda agencies have publicized these untruthful achievements of certain people without careful consideration, so that those who lied and should be reprimanded were actually praised. A number of people have become well-known thanks to boasting and lying about their achievements.

These negative phenomena cannot continue in our beautiful socialist system and within our glorious party.

As a citizen, I propose that:

1. Our party and state should severely handle any person, whatever his position, and whether for individualism or fame and power, who untruthfully report achievements and lie to higher authorities, thus causing adverse effects to the economy, the people's livelihood, and the prestige of the party and state.

2. Our information and propaganda agencies and our newspapers and magazines should guide the people and social opinion in struggling against dishonest work practices in a stronger, more continuous, and more thorough way.--
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