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HO CHI MINH ADDRESSES MAY DAY CROWD

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(Text) Hanoi, May 1--Addressing a May Day rally of about 100,000 at Ba Dinh square this morning, President Ho Chi Minh called on the entire Vietnamese people to unite and struggle for the building of socialism in North Vietnam and the reunification of the fatherland. These tasks, he said, were approved by the National Assembly at its recent eighth session.

President Ho Chi Minh outlined the world situation, pointing out the solidarity and unity of mind of the socialist camp, and the growth of the forces for peace, national independence, democracy, and socialism in the world.

He said: "We will unceasingly strengthen solidarity with the Soviet Union, China and the other brother countries, develop friendly relations with the Asian and African countries, win the approval and support of peace-loving peoples in all lands, and contribute to the safeguarding of world peace."

After highlighting the great and basic achievements in all spheres recorded during the past three years in North Vietnam, President Ho Chi Minh said: "Since the restoration of peace, North Vietnam has switched to the period of transition, of gradual advance toward socialism. After completing economic rehabilitation, we have stepped into the period of planned economic construction. This year we began the three-year plan which consists of starting economic and cultural development and transformation of the national economy along socialist lines. Our central task this year is to fulfill and overfulfill the 1958 state plan. That is why our people, especially workers and peasants, should enthusiastically step up their patriotic emulation and carry out the slogan: 'To produce with quantity, speed, quality, and economy.'

"On the one hand, we must strive to improve economic management, raise our sense of responsibility, strengthen labor discipline, resolutely oppose waste and corruption, strive to study in order to raise our political, cultural, and technical standards and modestly learn from the advanced experiences of fraternal countries.

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"On the other hand, we must heighten our vigilance, prevent the activities of saboteurs, resolutely maintain security and public order, continue to fight against hoarding and speculation, and further stabilize the market and currency. At the same time we must shift more forces to the production front, and improve the wage system so as gradually to better the life of workers, public servants and the army men.

"We will continue to carry aloft the banner of peace and national unity. Our entire people must unite and struggle resolutely and persistently against the U.S. imperialists, who are the main obstacle to the reunification of our country on the basis of the Geneva agreements. Our people resolutely urge the holding of a consultative conference between the two zones to discuss the reasonable and very practical proposals put forward by our government.

"We are ready to meet the representatives of the South Vietnamese authorities with a view to reaching agreement on problems beneficial to peace and the reunification of the fatherland.

"The above-mentioned tasks have been endorsed by the National Assembly at its eighth session. We must unite and struggle to carry them through."

Stressing that May Day this year is a day of solidarity, struggle, confidence and enthusiasm, President Ho Chi Minh, on behalf of the Lao Dong Party and the government of the DRV, greeted and congratulated the heroes and model workers, workers, peasants, intellectual workers, the army, and public servants who are engaged in emulation to push forward all spheres of activity.

President Ho Chi Minh conveyed his congratulations to the South Vietnamese people "who are heroically struggling against the U.S. imperialists and their followers demanding democratic liberties and betterment of their life, and urging a consultative conference and reestablishment of normal relations between the two zones aimed at reunifying the country."

The President conveyed his greetings to Overseas Vietnamese "who have always looked to the fatherland and supported all policies of the government of the DRV.

On behalf of the Lao Dong Party and the government of the DRV, President Ho Chi Minh conveyed his "cordial greetings to the peoples of fraternal socialist countries, to the working people of neighboring countries, and to other countries in the world."