

LAO DONG YOUTH GROUP MEMBERSHIP

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Study material for the members of the

VN Youth Labor League

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CRITERIA FOR THE LEAGUE MEMBERS

I.- Requirements

1/- It is necessary to understand:

- the three criteria for the members of the VN Youth Labor League,
- the meaning and aim of struggle in accordance with these criteria.

2/- Make assessment of mistakes on political stand, behavior and acts of the members by taking as base the study document.

II.- Aim

- The aim of study is to instill in the members the spirit of struggle, to strengthen their fighting morale and at the same time combat their non-proletarian thought and behavior.

III.- Study

- Center of interest: the whole text.
- Important subjects: the 3 criteria.
- Time of study: 12 hours.

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Question 1: What criteria must possess a member of the VN Youth Labor League? Why?

(1) He must have a firm determination to fight a life-long struggle to attain the goal for the cause of peace, unification, for the socialist doctrine and the communist ideal of the League.

(2) He must entertain close relation with the masses of youth, particularly the young workers, farmers and laborers.

(3) He must constantly improve his political education and carry out strictly the policy of the Party and the League.

If every member of the League performs properly the three above mentioned tasks the League become strong and consolidated, we shall win thus the confidence and the respect of the masses of youth and the revolutionary movement shall become victorious. Only with that that we can say the League has fully played its role and entirely discharged its mission toward the Party and the people.

Question 2: What means the firm determination to fight a life-long struggle for the cause of peace, unification, for the socialist doctrine and for the communist ideal?

- An enlightened youth, member of the League devotes himself entirely to the cause of revolution because he cannot let himself become a slave of the imperialists and feudalists. Moreover when an enlightened youth affiliates to the League he must fight for the cause of the League. Therefore to attain this goal he must endure endless hardships because the revolutionary career is not an easy one.

On the other hand our enemies the imperialists and feudalists are always striving to undermine our revolutionary movement, because of that our struggle for the liberation of the South and the overthrow of the US-Diem regime will be long and hard, it will require from us lot of hardships and sacrifice. With such difficulties and obstacles to overcome the League members must be armed with a firm determination to fight a life-long struggle.

A man armed with a firm determination to fight a life-long struggle cannot bear submission to oppressive authority or threat, he cannot let himself enticed by money, by fair sex, he cannot endure abusive exploitation and inhuman injustice of the imperialists and feudalists. He will not loose courage in face of danger, he only knows to march forward and never retreats. He knows to sacrifice his personal happiness or even his own life if the case ~~may~~ arises

Why is he so brave and heroic ? Because he advocates that to fight a life-long struggle for the communist cause is to do a noble and sacred task. He knows the reason of his life is to fight to procure and preserve an eternal happiness and well being for himself and for every people and for the young generation. He knows that what he has done now is compatible with the aspirations of all people's classes and of the human kind.

At present the communist system has brought actual happiness to over 1,000 million of people in the world over, and such happy life is actually materialized in the Soviet Union; in China in North VN and in other socialist countries. The communist system has succeeded to erase the famine, diseases, sufferances it has levelled the social inequities between the peoples,

between men and women, etc...Only the communist system can perform successfully such a grand and noble task. This is the era of the communist triumph and the end of the imperialist and feudal system. Therefore we can only devote our life-long struggle for the communist doctrine and not for any other doctrine.

Is a League member capable of fighting a life-long struggle for the communist ideal? Is it over his force?

He surely can do it and it is not over his capabilities, because the struggle for the communist ideal has become the actual role of the youths, of the masses. Comrade Huynh van Thai Giong Rieng, Comrade Lac of An Bien, she-comrade Phung in the capital and many other League members and youths have made sacrifice for the communist ideal. Now a great number of youths are valiantly fighting for the communist cause in the political front, in the battlefields as well as in other branches of activities of the Party though they have not become yet members of the League, there is no reason that a League member cannot do the same.

Question 3: What means close contact with the masses of youths?

We must make the enlightened youths understand the policy line of the Party and carry out strictly this policy. This is a responsibility incumbent to the League member. To make the youths understand the party policy, the League member has to make a large diffusion of this policy, discuss and explain it to the youths. He must look constantly after the most devoted elements among the youths, in the Youth Liberation Association, in the Inter-League of students and schoolchildren in order to

urge them carry out the Party policy, the Party decisions and the action programs of the League.

Each League member must hold firm the situation of the youths in his hamlet, he must know the situation of each young man, each family, their aspirations, <sup>and</sup> worries, difficulties and to report to the League Committee and the League Unit in order to allow them adopt an adequate measure accordingly. The League member must have close contact with the masses of youths, he must act in a way to win their confidence. He must not take these youths slightly, if he acts with a superficial and mandarin-like attitude he never succeeds to know the aspirations, the intimate thoughts and the difficulties of these youths. Only with a frank and close contact with them that a member can educate them and at the same time learn from them, he can take the good ideas and actions of these youths to correct his own mistakes or shortcomings. Besides the close contact with the devoted elements he must also look after the undecided, backward elements and even those who have committed fault toward the revolution. He must work assiduously and firmly with these elements in order to persuade them, educate them with the policy of the Party. He must mobilize the youths to help these people in production work, in the material and spiritual side. He must work in a way to persuade the undecided ~~to~~ devote to the Party cause, the backwards become progressive, he must educate the guilty to work for their own rehabilitation.

The aim of the Party and the Revolution is to transform each hamlet, each village into a solid base through the

intensification of the close relations in the youth bloc, to transform the League and youth masses into a strong and solid bloc that no force can split them, and to make the young revolutionary force rise up to attack the enemies.

To attain this aim the League members must have close contact with the masses of youths, they must lead these masses into the struggle and they must also act as models for these youths.

Question 4: What means the study and the strict application of the policy line of the Party and the action programs of the League?

The aim of the Party is to strengthen our revolutionary force by all means ~~and~~, to break up all the machinations of the enemies by all means <sup>and</sup> / to weaken the enemies in order to come to triumph them at the end. Our aim is right and noble, therefore millions of youths and the masses adopt it and respect it and follow it to the letters. The League Unit and the cadres of all levels lead directly the youths into the strict application of the policies and the programs of the League.

But in carrying out the policy line of the Party, the League has also its own action programs, therefore the League members must hold firm the League position, that means they must work to develop the membership of the League in order to have sufficient force to organize the political and armed movement of the youths, to organize the Youth Liberation Movement, the youth cells and the youth vanguard groups.

In order to carry out correctly the Party policy line, the

most important thing for the League members is to study that policy and to hold it firmly. To hold firm the policy line of the Party the League members must take part to all activities of the League Unit, the League Cell, they must pay special care on the explanations and recommendations of the higher levels and the Unit Chief. The League members must think over that policy and strive to understand it, they must discuss that policy in the League Unit and the League Cell. The point they do not understand they must apply for explanation to higher levels or to the Unit chief in order to understand it thoroughly. They must understand the reason why the Party has issued such policy, and what result they may expect from it, and when they apply it correctly what consequences they may expect. They must also discuss the policy with the comrades in the Unit to know the way to follow in carrying it out.

Question 5: What can we do to carry out correctly the three above mentioned tasks?

In order to fulfill the noble but heavy mission, the League members have to study and work constantly to improve themselves. First they must train hard to arm themselves with a strong and solid revolutionary spirit, with a deep hatred toward the enemies and an absolute and unshakable faith in the Party and the League. They must train to instill into themselves a spirit of complete sacrifice to the service of the people and of the Party. When the League entrusts them some mission, they must put all their thought in it and mobilize all the efforts to carry it out to obtain success. They must fight with themselves to overcome the

"individualistic evil" in themselves. Generally the person who gets the individualistic disease cannot work for the revolution, because when he does something he always cares for his own and personal interests, for his own position and for his fame. The individualistic disease is the very source generating other misbehaviors such as defeatism, embezzlement, misappropriation. Such people provoke worries in the masses ~~and~~ because they do not carry out correctly the Party policy. The infatuation, debauchery, superficial and mandarin-like work way, the arrogant attitude towards the masses, the complete ignorance of the interests and aspirations of the masses are also the side products of the individualistic disease. We must combat such evil because it will weaken our movement. The League member who gets such evil cannot become good member, he cannot become a man of good organization spirit, a man of good discipline because he always cares for his personal interests and never makes sacrifice for the good of the Party and the League.

He always has eyes for some specific work and never obeys to the League order or organization, he never wants to shoulder the difficult and dangerous work. Such member can only provoke contradiction, disunion and discord among the comrades in the League. At the time of emergency such as the intensification of the terrorism acts by the enemies in the countryside and because of that our movement becomes temporarily discontinued, such individual can become easily lost and unstable, he loses his courage and his faith in the revolution and looks for a secure life, he only cares for his own life and disregards the interests

of the Party and of the League. He will abandon his mission and even abandon the League and the revolution.

To become a revolutionist of high fighting morale with a strong and solid political stand we must train ourselves severely to get rid of the individualistic evil. It is not an easy work to get rid of such evil and to arm ourselves with a high spirit of sacrifice and complete allegiance to the Party and to the League. We cannot obtain such qualities overnight, we must train ourselves little by little, in the struggle as well as in our everyday actions. We must make constantly a severe examination of conscience to check our thought, our behavior, our work and our acts. We must ask ourselves with the following questions: Is my work or action right? Does it bring good or bad consequences to the revolution? Does my work or action take source from the revolution or from my personal interests? Do I put all my sacrifice or my efforts to the service of the Party and the League? In such self-examination and self-criticism if we saw some shortcomings or some defections or some traces of the individualistic disease, we must strive to get rid of it by all means. We must be armed with courage to make self-criticism, to uncover all mistakes and shortcomings in our work or actions. We must not fear to loose face or confidence # with our comrades. A frank self-criticism is a good way to improve himself and also a good way to consolidate and strengthen our movement. We are to blame only when we have not enough courage to uncover our mistakes or shortcomings and ask the League help us to correct them.

We must also have ear and eye on the political stand and actions of other comrades, we will praise and encourage them

when we realize they do good work, we will help them to improve themselves if we saw something wrong. We must make criticism in a spirit of frank friendship to help them make improvement and also to consolidate our movement. And when making criticism of our comrades we must look at the interest of the League and not at our personal interest. If we make criticism on the base of personal interest, we will not make criticism of the person whom we have personal sympathy, and some times we even try to side with him and conceal his mistakes or shortcomings, thus unwillingly we do not help the comrade correct them and make improvement. And in case we make criticism of the comrade whom we do not like, it is not with frank friendship we will tell him his wrong actions, we will make criticism on the base of personal attack, we will use bitter words to dramatize the story with the aim to make him loose his face and his prestige. On the surface such criticism looks like a frank one but in reality it only provokes discord and disunion among the comrades in the League. This does not help to strengthen the ties of comradeship and by this way we cannot correct our mistakes and push forward our revolutionary movement.

We must keep in mind that criticism and self-criticism are aimed to help the League members carry out correctly the Party and League policies, to heighten the revolutionary spirit, to improve the organization and discipline spirit and to overcome the individualistic evil, therefore we must look at important things and not direct our criticism on the action of insignificant meaning.

Our revolutionary movement has a very grand and noble aim,

we the League members must train ~~ourselves~~ ourselves with a high and strong revolutionary spirit, with an unshakable will to win over the enemies. We must fight constantly and valiantly to deserve the name of vanguard militants who have led the generation of youths in the struggle to overthrow the US-Diem regime, to liberate the South and unify the fatherland. We will also fight to deserve the name of gallant militants who have made the struggle for the cause of peace, and unification and for the cause of the socialist doctrine and the communist ideal./.

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