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OF PARTY HISTORY. TRUONG-CHINH'S TALK AT
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The Conference on recapitulating the study and compilation of the Party history, meeting from February 1st to 4th, 1966, at the very moment when our whole Party and people are elated by celebrating the 36th anniversary of the establishment of the Party, has marked a new milestone in the studies of Party history.

The Conference has reviewed the study and compilation of Party history, made during the past 5 years.

In the light of the resolutions of the Third Party Congress, the central and local Committees for the study of Party history have in the first instance collected many valuable Party documents concerning the period of clandestine activities before the 1945 August Revolution and that of the resistance war against French colonialist aggression. With the help of various branches, of the elderly revolutionaries and of the people, they have finished their studies of certain problems and have compiled such books as : The Great Historical Turning Point, The Nghê-Tĩnh Soviet, The Thirty-Five Years' Struggle of the Party, The August Revolution, etc.

A number of great problems of Party history are also being reviewed. All this is now very helpful for the compilation of a history of the Party. It also greatly contributes to helping the Party cadres, members, and people to study the history of the Party, learn and enhance the revolutionary traditions of our people, strengthen our faith in the correct leadership of the Party, and try to push forward every task, being determined to fight and defeat U.S. imperialist aggression, and continue to build up socialism.

The Conference has heard valuable opinions expressed by Comrade Truong-Chinh, Politburo Member in the Party Central Committee, Head of the Committee for the Study of Party History, and P.C.C. members Comrades Hoàng-quốc-Việt, Nguyễn-luong-Bằng, Trần-huân-Độc, Hà-huy-Giáp, Hoàng-văn-Thái, as well as P.C.C. alternate members Nguyễn-Khánh-Toàn, anh Lê-Hoàng.

At the closing session of the Conference, Comrade Truong-Chinh stated some opinions concerning the future direction and tasks of the study and compilation of the history of the Party.

Comrade Truong-Chinh particularly emphasized the importance of the collection, study, and compilation of Party history. This work is aimed at recording the great lessons on the successes and failures of the revolution in our country since the establishment of our Party. It is also aimed at reviewing all the experiences of the Party leadership and contributing to the elevation of our standards of leadership.

This work will make Party cadres and members clearly see how we have applied Marxism-Leninism to the concrete conditions of Vietnam so as to determine our line of policy and lead our people to victory upon victory. It will improve our people's traditions of revolutionary struggle. It will help Party cadres and members and the popular masses to strengthen even further their unshakable faith in the Party and President Hồ-chi-Minh. It will exhort them to endeavour to emulate one another to resist U.S. imperialist aggression, save the Fatherland, build up and protect socialist North Vietnam, support the revolution for liberation of South Vietnam and realize national re-unification.

The studies on the history of the Party also help to introduce to the world the experiences of the revolutionary struggle of our Party and our people. They help us to fulfil our lofty international duty.

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After re-stating the resolutions of the third Party Congress and of the Party Politburo on the study and compilation of Party history, Comrade Truong-Chinh criticized the view which subordinates the study and compilation of Party history to the carrying out of immediate political tasks. Such a view does not take into account the practical value of the study and compilation of Party history in the present situation.

He stressed that this study and compilation of the Party history and the recapitulation of the historical experiences of the Party are a serious implementation of the Party resolutions. That work has very great practical significance.

The work of education in Party history and propaganda about it inside and outside the Party can stipulate every future practical task. Comrade Trường-Chinh pointed out that in whatever situation, the recapitulation of experiences and the study of Party history must be carried out urgently and regularly.

Comrade Trường-Chinh emphasized that the study and compilation of Party history is a work of a very great importance because of its Party character and its Scientific nature. Therefore, those cadres who are in charge of this work must maintain a steady attitude and viewpoint, know how to follow the mass line, and use a careful and serious method of working and adopt a modest attitude.

The Committee for the Study of Party History, which is under the direct supervision of the Party Central Committee, must become in future a centre for Scientific studies on Party history.

The local Committees for the Study of Party History must be consolidated so that they can fulfil the task of collecting, studying, and compiling the history of the local Party chapters.

The Party Committees and various branches concerned with this work must accept more definitely their responsibility for this task.

Comrade Trường-Chinh has pointed out the five following great tasks in the study of Party history.

1- Collecting, preserving, confirming and studying the documents concerning Party history.

2- Compiling a certain number of special subjects on Party history and finishing the compilation of the book "The Thirty Five Years' Struggle of the Party".

3- Reviewing the historical experiences of the Party in the 7 following problems : the Nghệ-Tĩnh Soviet, the August Revolution, the land reform, the armed struggle and build-up of people's armed forces, the Unified National Front, the people's democratic dictatorship, the building up of the Party.

4- Drafting the outline of the Party history book on the basis of the recapitulation of the above-mentioned problems.

5- Writing the book on the Party history and submitting it to the Party Central Committee for approval.

On how to strengthen the leadership of the Committees for the study of the Party history in the various localities (in North Vietnam), Comrade Trường-Chinh emphasized :

The local Party Committees ought to consider this work as a link in the whole chain of work of the local Party chapter. It is necessary to perfect the local Committees for Studies on the Party History, regularly give them directives, determine their budgets and provide them with the necessary means to carry out their work easily. It is necessary to request them to make practical contributions to the education in revolutionary traditions, Party line and policy and politics and ideology among Party cadres and members as well as among the local popular masses.

The Conference warmly welcomed the statement of Comrade Trường-Chinh. Then, Comrade Lê-mạnh-Trinh, Head of the Committee for Studies on Party History directly pertaining to the Party Central Committee concluded the Conference.