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[Text] TAP CHI QUAN DOI NHAN DAN notably carries in its issue for this month an article by Trung Dung under the title "Build and Develop Military Science To Firmly Defend the Socialist Vietnamese Fatherland. "The article says:

In his speech on the 35th founding anniversary of our army, Comrade Le Duan, general secretary of the VCP Central Committee, pointed out: We must develop a step further Marxist-Leninist military science and art in our country -- the military science and art of the people's war for national defense. The current party military line and the line for the all-people national defense and the people's war for the defense of the fatherland are part of the party line for the socialist revolution. They are organically linked with the political and economic lines as well as with the lines for domestic and foreign affairs.

Only by proceeding from the party line for the revolution and its military line can we develop military science correctly, creatively and diversely. Our country's military science must be devoted to studying and demonstrating the theoretical and practical bases of the military line and making this line concrete so as to contribute to developing it and successfully resolving various major problems facing the cause of national defense. Vietnamese military science must be built and developed on the basis of the realistic conditions of the history, people and land of Vietnam and the constant changes and developments of the Vietnamese society in the political, military, economic and cultural fields in the process of carrying out the socialist revolution on a national scale.

Along with inheriting and developing the fighting traditions and the military heritage of the nation, Vietnamese military science must study and learn from the rich experiences of the world's proletarian military science gained by the fraternal socialist countries, first of all the progressive experiences of Soviet military science. In order to promote military science work, after establishing tasks and both short- and long-term orientation, we must correctly resolve a series of problems concerning organization, cadres and study methods.

We all know that Marxism-Leninism is revolutionary and scientific in its nature and that it is highly critical. It does not tolerate any form of subjectivism, conservatism or dogmatism. Being scientific means being able to discover objective laws and clearly understanding their workings so as to use these laws to achieve one's goal. Military science not only has to discover objective laws but also has to develop the subjective dynamic of man. Man will himself be aware of these laws and apply them under specific circumstances and conditions to direct the war at will and force the enemy to act according to his wish, thus ensuring certain victory. This is both a science and an art.