

Answering the question: Why did the United States depose Nguyen Van Loc and appoint Tran Van Huong as premier of the Saigon puppet administration, Engineer Lam Van Tet said, in substance, the following:

The replacement of Loc by Huong as premier of the puppet regime was decided by the Americans for the following reasons: Nguyen Van Loc is in the same party as Nguyen Cao Ky. In the past few months, Nguyen Cao Ky has failed to get into the good graces of the American bosses who preferred Nguyen Van Thieu as more docile and servile. Thus, the Americans and Nguyen Van Thieu plotted together to deprive Nguyen Cao Ky of his agents. That is why Huong, a Thieu agent, has replaced Loc, a Ky agent.

On the other hand, by appointing Huong as puppet premier, the Americans hoped they could win a certain number of hesitant intellectuals to their side, something that Loc had failed to do. However, this is but a chimerical hope.

Previously, during the short period of time in which he served for the first time as premier, Huong already showed himself as a dictator and traitor of the country. The population was tired of him. This time, hardly has he served anew as an American servant for 2 months than the world can see that he remains unchanged: a shameless traitor.

Everyone knows perfectly what the Tran Van Huong government has done during the past 2 months. When the United States ran into difficulties in increasing the total strength of the U.S. expeditionary corps in South Vietnam on orders from the Americans, the Thieu-Huong clique hastened to decree a general mobilization with a view to recruiting new soldiers and letting them die in place of the Americans.

When the U.S. aggressors wanted to legalize the introduction of their troops into the inner part of Saigon and raze to the ground the peripheral regions of the city to defend their last lairs, the Thieu-Huong clique immediately placed Saigon under the direct protection of the Americans, and submissively offered to the latter the right to freely bomb the populated suburbs of Saigon. This clique also decreed martial law in an attempt to repress the patriotic movement of the South Vietnam alliance for democracy and peace. Under these conditions, how can Huong win people to his side?

Finally, it is worthy to note that the Vietnam Alliance of National, Democratic, and Peace Forces, which defends the just cause, has more and more won the favor of people of various walks of life in the urban population, chiefly the intellectuals and the bourgeoisie. It has also developed its influence and prestige even inside the zones controlled by the enemy.

Panic-stricken, the Americans hastened again to take Tran Van Huong into their service, considering him their last hope. The U.S.-puppet clique also created some puppet political organizations which they called alliances in an attempt to fool public opinion. Really, it is a joke that makes everyone laugh!

Engineer Lam Van Tet also gave some details on the background of Tran Van Huong and his associates. He said: All our compatriots know too well the background of Tran Van Huong. Here, I deem it unnecessary to talk about the power struggle between Huong and Ky. I only deal with the reactionary nature of Tran Van Huong.