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HÔNG HÀ [HOONGF HAF]

Alternate member of the VCP Central Committee; editor-in-chief of the VCP daily newspaper NHAN DAN; on 9 September 1983 he arrived in Paris at the invitation of the Communist Party of France. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Sep 83 p 4)

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After almost 30 years, the Vietnamese party newspaper *Nhan Dan* has a new editor. Hoang Tung, well known for his lengthy briefings to foreign visitors, earlier this year handed over the editorship of the daily, which he is thought to have assumed in 1955, to Hong Ha, a virtually unknown figure who

became an alternate member of the central committee at the fifth party congress. The change does not seem to signal a demotion, however, at the congress Tung was appointed to the important party secretariat, the 10-man body which handles day-to-day business for the politburo. Tung, who like many of his contemporaries in the Hanoi leadership was jailed by the French, holds a number of other important positions; among other things, he directs the central committee's propaganda and training department.

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