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HOANG QUOC VIET, alias HA BA CANG

Biography

Born: Date and place not known; now in his early 50's.

Education: French technical high school, Haiphong.

Languages: Vietnamese, French.

Career: In 1925, employe in the Mao-Khe coal mines; organized strikes there. Member of left-wing Nationalist Party, member of ICP since its foundation, organized longshoremen in Saigon for ICP. Arrested, he was deported to Poulo-Condore, island penitentiary and remained there 1930-36(?). Liberated together with Pham Van Dong in 1936. In 1937-39 collaborated with Truong Chinh at a labor union newspaper called Lao Dong (Labor). In 1940 became member of Central Executive Committee of the ICP, co-founder in 1941 of the Viet-Minh front, organized the Vietnamese General Confederation of Labor of which he became President in 1950.

Evaluation

Regarded as a fanatical Communist and one of the strong men of the regime. Nothing is known about his personal life.