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(Excerpts of address by Comrade Hoang Quoc Viet, president of the Vietnam Federation of Trade Unions, to the 28 March Meeting of the special political conference: "The Working Class Pledges To Devote All Its Efforts to Struggling for the Victory of the Cause of Building Socialism in the North, Liberating the South, and Reunifying the country")

(Text) Revered President Ho, dear comrade delegates: As pointed out by President Ho, "the past 10 years have been 10 years of struggle and

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construction; our people have overcome many difficulties and won many successes." We, workers and trade union organizations, feel extremely honored to have made active contributions to these great and historic successes of our entire people. The ranks of the working class have quadrupled since 1954 and are struggling to become a working class with a high degree of awakening, a consciousness of discipline, and an advanced cultural and technical level. The majority of them are in the fourth or fifth grade, while others are attending middle technical classes or college classes during their free time. At present there is one middle technical cadre to every 30 workers and one engineer or advanced technical cadre to every 60 to 100 workers.

The workers' material life, although not entirely free from hardships, is completely different compared to the dark days under the old regime. During just the first few years following the restoration of peace, over 140,000 unemployed workers in North Vietnam got jobs; unemployment was permanently relegated to the past . . . (ellipsis as received). The workers' working conditions have been continuously improved; collective welfare has been increasingly expanded. An event of great significance in the improvement of the workers' life was the promulgation by the government early in 1962 of provisional regulations relating to social security and the transferring of the entire work of social security to trade union organizations. Since then the workers' life can be said to be assured by the state from birth to old age. This has greatly moved the workers, made them happy, and made them love our regime and exert more efforts in implementing all the proposals and policies of the party, government, and President Ho.

Revered uncle, dear comrade delegates, the more we are happy and enthusiastic in face of our northern people's great successes in all fields, the more we boil with indignation at the U.S. aggressive imperialists and their lackeys as we think of kith-and-kin South Vietnam, and the more we sympathize with the 14 million South Vietnam compatriots. Consequently, together with all the North Vietnamese compatriots, the workers have turned and are always turning their thoughts to the valiant southern compatriots and are ready to do all they possibly can to support the South Vietnamese workers and people. In this spirit, the emulation movement of "Saturday of increased production for the cause of national reunification" is spreading far and wide among the workers throughout North Vietnam.

Manual as well as brain workers, regardless of their position or activity, are working actively with the idea of contributing their efforts, along with the southern compatriots, to defeat the USSR aggressors and their henchmen.

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They are all confident that should the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys rashly (attempt?) to attack the North, they will be total defeated by our army and entire people from the North to the South. We are confident that with the clear-sighted leadership of the NLFSV, with the South Vietnamese workers and compatriots' valiant and unyielding struggle spirit, with the solidarity and struggle will of the people of our entire country, and with the increasingly powerful support from fraternal socialist countries and from the world's workers and people, the South Vietnamese workers and compatriots' country-saving resistance will achieve glorious victory, and our fatherland will surely be reunified.

Revered uncle, dear comrade delegates, looking back over the past 10 years, we are extremely happy and enthusiastic in face of the great successes won by our people. These great successes were possible thanks to the correct leadership line of the party and President Ho, our people's spirit of valiant struggle and self-sufficiency, and at the same time the assistance from (the USSR?), China, and other fraternal socialist countries and the sympathy and active support of peace-loving people the world over.

With absolute confidence in the leadership of the party Central Committee (few words indistinct), we, workers and trade union organizations, fully approve the observations on the world situation and tasks (few words indistinct) the party with a view to (contributing actively?) to the struggle for the defense of the purity of Marxism-Leninism and of unity in the socialist camp and the international communist movement, as set forth by the ninth session of the Party Central Committee. Together with the working class and people the world over, our working class and people cannot but feel indignant at the modern revisionists, who are trying to create disunity among a number of communist parties and difficulties of the world revolutionary movement, and who are advocating (class conciliation?) and unprincipled cooperation with imperialism. Thus, as pointed out by the communique of the ninth session of the party Central Committee, "to oppose modern revisionism is essential if we are to restore and strengthen the unity of the socialist camp and the international communist movement, rally all forces opposing imperialism and other reactionary forces, increase the fighting capacity of these forces, and insure substantial successes for the revolutionary struggle of the working class and the people throughout the world."

At the same time the communique stressed: "To oppose modern revisionism resolutely is not only an international duty of our party but also an urgent requirement to safeguard its cohesion and unity, to safeguard the correct revolutionary line of its Third National Congress, and to push ahead the revolutionary cause of the people throughout the country." Together with all the people, we, workers and trade union organizations are determined to perform the international tasks set forth by the party Central Committee and are confident that in face of the great force

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of (one?) billion people of the socialist camp, in face of the powerful development of the present revolutionary struggle of the working class and oppressed people the world over, and in face of the growth of the international communist movement, modern revisionism will certainly be more and more exposed and finally will sustain (shameful defeat?), and that Marxism-Leninism, like the sun, will always (illuminate the path of laboring mankind struggling against imperialism and the path of socialism and communism.

Revered uncle, dear comrade delegates: (two sentences indistinct) (The successes recorded in the past 10 years as well as those in the past 30 years have proven the correct leadership?) of the party, (particularly?) its creative application of Marxism-Leninism in the reality of the Vietnamese revolution. Consequently, the working class and people throughout the country are firmly confident that the task of building socialism in the North (words indistinct) will certainly be successful and the cause of peacefully reunifying the country will surely be (victorious?).

Nghiem Xuan Yen Address

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(Excerpts of address by Nghiem Xuan Yen, secretary general of the Vietnam Democratic Party, to the 28 March meeting of the special political conference: "Solidarity and Unity of Mind Are an Invisible Weapon of Our People Under the Leadership of the Vanguard Party of the Working Class")

(Text) Revered President Ho, honorable delegates and comrades: President Ho's report reviewing our people's historic successes and deeply analyzing the revolutionary developments in the past 10 years has made us extremely happy... (VNA ellipsis). The past 10 years have been 10 years of resolute revolutionary struggle of all our people in the North and South. (It has been an?) arduous but enthusiastic and proud struggle with a record of long and glorious successes. In the north we have chased away the dark shadows of the colonialist and feudal yoke, and the light of socialist spring has begun to shine everywhere. Following the line of the VWP, the North Vietnamese people are tightening their ranks in the Vietnam Fatherland Front and are joining efforts in building a new, abundant, and happy life.

In the North we have had many new, basic, and increasingly varied developments. The one that our Vietnam democratic party is most deeply impressed with has been the success of the socialist transformation and the renovation of the relation of production. Thus, in the North Vietnam society, exploitation of man by man has been eliminated, and the North is advancing directly to socialism without undergoing the stage of capitalist development. This development--the aspiration of our people--has come true only after many years of revolutionary struggle. The development has been great, progress has been great and, naturally, difficulties have been very great, too. However, these were difficulties for a grandiose cause.

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All patriots and revolutionaries enthusiastically and proudly volunteered to shoulder them. The outstanding feature was that, although progress was enormous and difficult, patriots of all strata of the people, owing to the correct revolutionary line and policy of the VWP and to a genuinely democratic state, were able to (march forward?) and continuously make their contributions to the revolution.

Since 1960, under the guidance of the resolutions of the VWP's Third National Congress and those of the fifth, seventh, and eighth plenary sessions of the party Central Committee, North Vietnam has been implementing the first five-year plan aimed at taking the initial step in the socialist industrialization of the country. Developing the revolutionary tradition and spirit of self-sufficiency, the North Vietnamese people are enthusiastically campaigning among themselves, determined to rapidly repulse poverty and backwardness left behind by the old regime. Beautiful prospects of a self-supporting economy, with modern industry and agriculture, and with an advanced science and culture, are opening up. The material and technical base of socialism has been (initially?) built. The new relation of production is daily exercising its effect on the economic and political life. The dictatorial people's democratic state has been consolidated and developed and has proved to be a sharp weapon of our people in the reform of the old society and the building of the new. Throughout North Vietnam men and life are given a new vigor. People are healthy, happy, and enthusiastic in their work and study and in their struggle for the cause of the sacred revolution of the nation.

The past 10 years was a short time compared with thousands of years of history of our nation. However, one should realize that the social developments in the past thousands of years were not as great as those during the past 10 years. The people throughout our country are extremely happy about and proud of this great advance. North Vietnam is advancing powerfully, and South Vietnam is also rising up valiantly! All the 31 million heroic Vietnamese people are standing up for the cause of completely liberating their entire country and reunifying their fatherland. The South Vietnamese people, who are in (the vanguard?) of the struggle against the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys, are sacrificing everything in order to liberate the South and defend the North. Our Vietnam Democratic Party infinitely admires and is grateful to the kith-and-kin southern compatriots.

In the past 10 years, the South Vietnamese people, with their spirit of unsubmissive struggle, have shown the U.S. imperialists what a nation which has recorded famous historic victories against foreign aggression, such as those at Bach Dang, Dong Da, and Dien Bien Phu is. The South Vietnamese people, like those in the rest of our country, earnestly want to live and work in peace and to correctly implement the 1954 Geneva agreements. However, they are (determined to?) defeat the U.S. imperialists who, accustomed to ferocity, have rejected the Geneva agreements with arms and invaded the South.

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Unity is the people's certain, victorious weapon in their struggle against the aggressors. Our people, who have had much experience in using this valuable weapon, are now sharpening it. That is why (all?) stratas of the South Vietnamese people have rallied under the glorious banner of the NFLSV and are successively dealing heavy blows to the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys. The world's people are following our southern compatriots' just struggle with admiration and deep sympathy and approval. . . . (VNA ellipsis)

It is clear that with the clear-sighted revolutionary line of the Marxist-Leninist party of our working class, with its correct and creative application of Marxist-Leninist theory to the reality of the Vietnam revolution, with our people's experience of incessant and valiant struggle, and with the brilliant and successive victories recorded during the August revolution and war of resistance and national salvation in the past and in the building of North Vietnam and struggle for liberating South Vietnam at present, our Vietnamese nation, on the international scene, is standing in the vanguard of the revolutionary movement for national liberation and (occupying?) an important position in the socialist camp. It has truly made glorious contributions to the cause of world revolution. This allows us to feel happy and enthusiastic and have national pride. It intensifies within the heart of each Vietnamese the fire of heroism and unsubmitive revolution and the fire of genuine patriotism and love for socialism.

Recently, the VWP Central Committee held its (ninth?) session and issued resolutions (regarding?) the correct viewpoints and policies regarding current international problems and regarding the (international?) tasks of our party and people. Our Vietnam Democratic Party considers this to be a valuable contribution to the revolutionary cause of our people and of the people of the rest of the world and to the defense of the purity of Marxism-Leninism and the strengthening of unity in the socialist camp and international communist movement. Our Vietnam Democratic Party fully approves of and supports these important resolutions.

President Ho, honorable delegates, and dear comrades: The successes of the past 10 years were extremely great. However, the immediate tasks to complete the cause of the revolution of the nation are still very heavy. As laid down in President Ho's report, they are "to build socialism and a new life in the North, to support the South Vietnamese compatriots' patriotic struggle, and to bring about a peaceful, united, independent, democratic, prosperous, and strong Vietnam, thus contributing to the defense of peace in southeast Asia and the rest of the world." In order to realize this great goal, the President has set forth extremely important, immediate tasks. We realize, in the (word indistinct) these great tasks, that there are still plenty of difficulties and hardships. There is only one way to perform them--to struggle in a revolutionary manner, resolutely, and with all one's strength and heart. We also see clearly that our people are correctly following the law of development of the present era.

As long as our people maintain the revolutionary line of the VWP and advance steadily under the invincible Marxist-Leninist banner of the party, they will certainly achieve victory no matter how great the difficulties and hardships may be.

Under the leadership of the vanguard party of the working class, our people have an invincible weapon stronger than the much-vaunted atomic weapons of the U.S. imperialist warmongers. It is the strength of the great unity of the people, who are heroically working to triumph over poverty and backwardness and to build socialism in their fatherland. It is also the strength of the great unity of the people, who are waging a people's war of national salvation in order to defeat any aggressive colonialists or bellicose imperialists who dare to infringe upon the beautiful territory and sacred fatherland of the Vietnamese nation. North Vietnam will certainly succeed in building socialism! South Vietnam will certainly be liberated and our fatherland reunified! In this glorious enterprise and in the face of the long-drawn-out difficulties and hardships of the revolutionary cause, our Vietnam democratic party will never stop increasing its contributions.

Youth Group Leader's Speech

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(Address by Comrade Vu Quang, first secretary of the Vietnam Labor Youth Group at the 28 March special political conference, entitled: "For the Sake of Socialism and of the Unification of the Fatherland, the Youth Is Ready At the Call of Their Nation To Do Anything and go Anywhere")

(Summary) Beloved President Ho, honorable delegates: On behalf of the Vietnam Labor Youth Group and also on behalf of all Vietnamese youths, I beg to tell you that President Ho's report has greatly stimulated our fervent enthusiasm and reaffirmed our absolute confidence. We are proud to be a part of a heroic people who earlier had defeated the French colonialists and, in the past few years, have been dealing lethal blows to the U.S. imperialists in the southern part of our country. Over the past 10 years, thanks to the heroism, creativeness, and untiring labor spirit of our people, we have achieved remarkable results in socialist reforms and set up the first material and technical foundation of socialism in the North, thus constituting a firm basis for the peaceful unification of the country. We also are very proud to work under the clear-sighted leadership of our beloved leader who, following the correct Marxist-Leninist path, has led our people from one victory to another. Formerly an oppressed and colonized nation, our people have defeated the usurpers and become citizens of a free, independent, and democratic country.

Today, the Vietnamese youth is well aware of the great sacrifices made by the nation and is thankful for the grandiose results achieved by the revolution.

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The Vietnamese youth is ready to do anything to deserve the enormous sacrifices and glorious deeds performed by their elder brothers. Imbued with this spirit and enthusiasm, the North Vietnamese youth has been arduously laboring to score high output records and achieve new successes. It is undeniable that the material and technical foundation of our nation is still fragile. But imbued with an unconquerable spirit and a boundless enthusiasm and with confidence in our unexhausted manpower, we are certain that, under the correct and clear-sighted leadership of the party, we shall be able to make big strides along the socialist path. To express our gratitude to the party and to justify our confidence in our leaders, headed by President Ho, we Vietnamese labor youths are doing our best to raise further our vigilance and fighting spirit, and we are ready at the call of the nation to do anything and go anywhere.

Beloved President Ho, honorable delegates: While arduously laboring and building socialism in the North, we also have been paying close attention to the heroic struggle staged by our compatriots in the South against the U.S. aggressors and their lackeys. We particularly want to express our deep admiration for the heroic deeds performed by southern youths. We are determined to pitilessly crush all the rangers and spies dispatched by the enemy to the North to carry our subversive activities. Let our southern compatriots beware that they are not isolated in their just struggle against the traitors and aggressors. We will always side with them in the struggle for the unification of the fatherland. Moreover, youths in socialist and progressive countries throughout the world are ready to lend them a helping hand. Heightening the traditional revolutionary spirit, and backed by all Vietnamese and progressive youths the world over, we are confident that the southern youth and people will finally succeed in driving the aggressors out of the country, and their just and heroic struggle will certainly be crowned with success.

Woman Delegate's Speech

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(Address by a woman delegate at the 28 March special political conference; "Let Us Heighten the Tradition of Patriotism, and Revolutionary Solidarity of Vietnamese Women To Successfully Achieve the Tasks Entrusted to the Latter by the Fatherland")

(Summary) President Ho, honorable delegates: Our constitution has clearly defined that women in the DRV have equal status with men in the economic, political, cultural, and social fields. Today, North Vietnamese women are leading a life which formerly they could not have dreamed of. We, therefore, are very thankful to our party and government for all the rights and privileges that are bestowed on us.

Today, more and more Vietnamese women are taking part in a direct and practical way in the management of the state economy and finance. Thousands of them are working in various administrative organs and are members of the National Assembly and of people's councils at various levels. Thus, together with men, Vietnamese women have become collective masters of the nation and are holding in their hands the destiny of their country.

Over the past years in rural areas as well as in industrial plants, Vietnamese women have achieved outstanding results in various fields. They also have scored brilliant academic successes. The number of women physicians, engineers, professors, and technicians has continually grown. In the building of socialism, Vietnamese women also have constantly heightened their vigilance and have achieved outstanding successes. Thus, equality between men and women in the DRV is reflected in everyday life. All these facts eloquently show that under the socialist regime and the clear-sighted leadership of the Vietnam Workers Party headed by President Ho, the rights and privileges of Vietnamese women have been safeguarded in all fields. Their social position and living conditions have been raised further.

While enjoying a happy life in the North, we feel very sorry for our sisters in the South who are suffering under the dictatorial regime established by the U.S. imperialists and their henchmen. We wish to express our profound admiration for our southern sisters who have been struggling side by side with male combatants against the traitors and aggressors. To deserve their sacrifices and heroism, we should endeavor to score new successes in various fields and to enhance further our revolutionary spirit in order to set up a solid material and technical basis for the peaceful unification of our country. On behalf of all Vietnamese women, I wish President Ho excellent health so that he can successfully carry on his leadership and lead us toward new victories along the socialist path.