

NAME: HA THI GUE

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 1921, Ninh Binh Province

CURRENT POSITIONS AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT:

Vice President, Vietnam Women's Federation, May 56
Member LDP Central Committee, Sep 60
Deputy Head, Control Department, LDP Central
Committee, 1968

PREVIOUS POSTS:

-1936- Joined Indochina Communist Party
-1952- Appointed mbr., Central Executive
 Cmte., Vietnam Women's Federation
Jun 55 Mbr., Central Cmte. for Agrarian
 Reform
1956 Elected deputy to First NA
May 56 Elected Vice Pres., Vietnam Women's
 Federation
Apr 60 Elected deputy to Second NA from
 Bac Giang Prov.
Jul 60 Mbr., Presidium, Second NA; mbr.,
 Law Drafting Cmte.
Apr 64 Elected deputy to Third NA from
 Ninh Binh Prov.
Apr 71 Elected deputy to Fourth NA; mbr.,
 Presidium; mbr., Electoral Board

TRAVEL:

Apr 52 Member, delegation to International
 Conference for the Protection of
 Children, Vienna
Aug 54 Head, delegation to All-Korean
 Congress of Women, Pyongyang
Feb 55 Head, delegation to World Federation
 of Democratic Women Conference,
 Geneva
-1961- Member, delegation to Budapest
Jun 62 Head, delegation to study organizing
 procedures, Soviet Union
Jun 62 Participant, Opening Session,
 Romanian National Conference of
 Women, Bucharest

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TRAVEL: (cont.)

Jul 63	Head, delegation to World Women's Conference, Moscow
Sep 64	Head, women's delegation to China and Korea
Oct 66	Member, friendship delegation to Peking
Sep 67	Member, friendship delegation to Peking
Dec 68	Head, friendship delegation to Tenth National Day Celebration, Cuba
Apr 71	Member, women's friendship delegation to Poland and Czechoslovakia

MAJOR SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS:

Mar 66	"The Problem of Educating Party Members," <i>Hoc Tap</i> , #3
21 May 67	"Developing the Working Capacity of Women," <i>Nhan Dan</i>
16 Jun 68	"Step Up 'Three Responsibilities' Movement," <i>Nhan Dan</i>

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

QUE is also known as HA QUE.

(SEE ATTACHED BIOGRAPHY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

July 1972

*Vice-President, Vietnam Women's Union
Member, Central Committee of Lao Dong Party
Deputy Head of Control Department of Central
Committee*

Mme. Que is among the "old guard" Communists in North Vietnam, and has been active behind the scenes, rather than in the forefront of political life. She is known to be a hard-liner, who strictly adheres to current party policy.

She was born in Ninh Binh Province, North Vietnam, in 1921. Nothing is known of her life before she joined Ho Chi Minh's Indochinese Communist Party in 1939. She was soon actively employed in local party committees, and showed a special talent for organizing and controlling guerrilla military units. During the war with the French, she controlled an entire network of guerrillas in her province. Recognition of her achievement was swift, and she was appointed to the Central Committee of the Vietnam Women's Union in 1954. In the same year she made her first journey out of the country to attend a Korean Women's Congress in Pyongyang. In 1955 she led a union delegation to a congress of the Women's International Democratic Federation at Geneva.

By 1961 her political career was gathering momentum, and she became a Vice-President of the Vietnam Women's Union. Her importance is underlined by the fact that she was chosen to deliver a major report at the Third National Congress of the union in March, 1961. She continued to travel frequently with union delegations, visiting Budapest (1961), Moscow (1962 and 1963), and Cuba (1968). In 1964 she was elected to the Central Committee of the ruling Lao Dong (Workers') Party, and was also elected as a Deputy to the North Vietnamese National Assembly.

In 1968 her political career appeared to have taken a new turn with her appointment as Deputy Head of the Control Department of the party Central Committee. In this capacity she supervises party committees in the provinces, and ensures their subordination and adherence to the Central Committee. The activities of the department are not publicized, and it is likely that Mme. Que will continue to remain an important force behind the main political stage.

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