

NAME: NGUYEN THO CHAN

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 1922

CURRENT POSITIONS AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT:

Alternate Member, LDP Central Committee, Sep 60

PREVIOUS POSTS:

-1939-	Joined Indochina Communist Party
1955-59	Chmn., Manpower Dept. of Ministry of Labor
-1959-62-	Deputy Sec., Hanoi Municipality Party Cmte.
1962-67	First Sec., Quang Ninh Party Cmte.
Mar 67- Dec 71	Ambassador to USSR
Jun 69- Dec 71	Ambassador to Sweden

TRAVEL:

Jun 62	Member, party delegation to USSR
Feb 68	Head, state delegation to Sweden
Nov 70	Member, delegation to Hungarian Party Congress, Budapest
Dec 71	Visited China en route to Hanoi

MAJOR SPEECHES AND PUBLICATIONS:

Apr 65	"Quang Ninh Steps Up Production and Combat Readiness," <i>Hoc Tap</i> , #4
2 Oct 66	"Coordinate Experience with Science and Technology," <i>Nhan Dan</i>
Nov 67	"The Great Achievements of the Soviet People During 50 Years of Building Socialism and Communism," <i>Hoc Tap</i> , #11

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Chan is married to HUYNH NGOC HUONG.

(SEE ATTACHED BIOGRAPHY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.)

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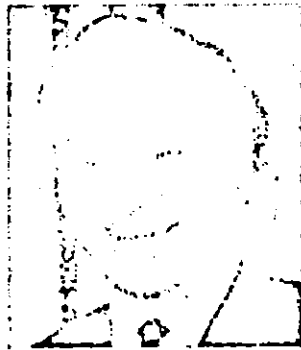
NORTH VIETNAM

Nguyen Tho CHAN

*North Vietnamese Ambassador to the Soviet Union
Alternate Member of Lao Dong Party
Central Committee*

One of the younger figures on the North Vietnamese scene, Chan has been engaged in Communist activities for most of his life, and until recently was a professional administrator rather than a diplomat.

Nguyen Tho Chan was born in 1922, and joined the Indochinese Communist Party (PCI), led by Ho Chi Minh, at the age of 17. He was imprisoned by the French for subversive activities from 1943 to 1945, and again from 1951 to 1954. When he was not in jail, Chan was First Secretary of the PCI Ha Dong Provincial Committee and then First Secretary of the Hanoi City Party Committee. From 1955 to 1959 he was head of the Manpower Department in the Ministry of Labour, before reverting to his position as First Secretary of the Hanoi Party Committee. In 1960 he was elected an



alternate member of the Central Committee of the Lao Dong (Workers) Party, the successor of the PCI. He moved to be First Secretary of the Provincial Party Committee for the coal mining area of Quang Ninh in the Eastern provinces of North Vietnam. He held this post until 1967, when he was appointed North Vietnamese Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

His duties in Moscow are frequently performed by Chargés d'Affaires since he appears to spend much of his time in Hanoi, returning to Moscow for important functions there. He led the North Vietnamese delegation to the Finnish Communist Party Congress in Helsinki in March, 1969, arriving from Hanoi, but returning to Moscow after the Congress. In June, 1969, he became the first North Vietnamese Ambassador to Sweden, but also remained Ambassador to the USSR.

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