

NGUYEN THI MINH KHAI (1910-1941). Prominent woman revolutionary and leading member of the Communist Party in colonial Vietnam. Born the daughter of a railway clerk, in Nghe An Province, Nguyen Thi Minh Khai attended school in the province capital of Vinh and became involved in anticolonial activities. Joining the Tan Viet Revolutionary Party, she became a member of the Indochinese Communist Party in the early 1930s and married Le Hong Phong, a leading member of the Party. Her sister married another colleague, Vo Nguyen Giap.

In the mid-1930s she studied in Moscow and attended the Seventh Comintern Congress in 1935 with her husband. Returning to Vietnam a few years later, she was named secretary of the Party's municipal committee for the city of Saigon. She was captured by French authorities in July 1940 and executed a year later. She is now considered one of the heroic figures of the Vietnamese revolution. (See Indochinese Communist Party; Le Hong Phong; Tan Viet Revolutionary Party; Vo Nguyen Giap)