

## TAM DUC

Tam Duc, whose name sometimes appears as Tan Duc and may also be Nguyen Tan Duc, was elected a Vice President of the South Vietnam Patriotic and Democratic Journalists Association in September 1963. He was identified at that time as director of South Vietnam Liberation Radio, the voice of the NFLSV. Duc was first elected to the vice-presidency of the Patriotic and Democratic Journalists Association when it was founded in early 1962. Later that year an NFLSV source listed him among newsmen who were formerly prominent in Saigon and had joined the front. He was said to have been associated with the newspaper Nhan Loai.

A Tam Duc was named Secretary of the Union of Vietnamese Journalists of South Vietnam in late 1948, and in 1953 a journalist named Tam Duc signed a petition to have Pandit Nehru named as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1958 Tam Duc, who used the pen name Tam Da, was associated with the newspaper Thoi Cuoc (Current Affairs), a politically moderate publication. He contributed a daily satirical column and a biweekly theatrical commentary to the paper and was said to be a good writer and quite popular. Later in 1958 Tam Duc was named Secretary General of a Saigon journalists society. A Nguyen Tan Duc, identified as a journalist, was listed in a Hanoi news announcement of May 1962 among ten "intellectuals" of South Vietnam who had signed a letter thanking Americans who had urged an end to US military intervention in South Vietnam. Again in May 1965 a journalist named Nguyen Tan Duc signed a similar letter; it is possible that he is the same person as the NFLSV official.

A Tam Duc was reported in mid-1962 as a cadre of the Central Office for South Vietnam who was working with Viet Cong leaders in the Western Region Zone. About a year later a Tam Duc was listed as Chairman of an NFLSV district committee in Kien Giang province.