

## **RAPID RESULTS OF A RIGHT POLITICAL LINE**

The most remarkable thing for us is the enthusiasm of the Vietnamese people in their labour, their respect for and absolute confidence in President Ho Chi Minh and other leaders. The people of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam has driven out all the dark shadow of poverty and epidemics, put an end to illiteracy and unemployment. There is nothing more encouraging for us than the rapid results of a political line, a just and equitable regime... Before every economic, cultural or social achievement or victory scored by the Vietnamese people, we also feel very proud and consider it as our own record.

MIA SENTUF  
Head of the Algerian Women Delegation  
1959

## **THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S MATURITY**

Although still very limited, the realisations show the Vietnamese people's maturity and their ability to manage perfectly their own affairs. These constitute a square refutation to the colonialist arguments. Such an experience is a precious encouragement to peoples of goodwill who struggle against the humiliating slavery of the colonial regime. It is up to our Maghreb people, who are inferior to nobody in will and dynamism, to draw lessons from the profitable experience of the Vietnamese.

ETOILE ALGERIENNE  
January 9, 1947

## **THE BURMESE PEOPLE WILL MARCH HAND IN HAND WITH THEM**

September 2nd, 1960 is the fifteenth anniversary of the successful founding of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam.

On this significant occasion, the people of the Union of Burma, the monks and the laymen congratulate the Vietnamese people.

The founding of the Democratic Republic, the political, economic and cultural life of which is to be built on Socialist lines, was proclaimed to the world 15 years ago after the Vietnamese working people, under the leadership of President Ho Chi Minh, had overthrown the French colonialists and the Japanese fascists. It is registering successes up to this day.

By this message we would like to make known the fact that the Burmese people will not only support the struggles of the Vietnamese people for national reunification and against the imperialists, but also will march hand in hand with them towards Afro-Asian Solidarity, the complete banning of nuclear weapons and towards world peace.

Success to the building of Socialism in the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam!

THAKIN KODAW HMAING  
International Lenin Peace Prize Winner,  
President, World Peace Congress  
Burma — 1960

## **NO MACHINATIONS OF POLITICIANS CAN COUNTERMAND HISTORICAL FORCES**

On behalf of myself, of the All India Peace Council and of the vast masses of the Indian people, I most heartily congratulate the people of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam on the auspicious occasion of the celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of their day of Independence. I congratulate them also on their splendid achievements, during these years of freedom, in agriculture, industry, transport and communications, in trade, culture and in general social welfare of the people. These are achievements of which any people can be justly proud...

It fills one's heart with pain and indignation to think that such a country as Viet Nam has been cut into two by western imperialist diplomacy. The peoples of the world have plenty of experience of such vivisection of their lands at the hands of western imperialists... One is grieved to learn that between north and south Viet Nam even ordinary family correspondence between husband and wife, parents and children and the like is legally forbidden by the U. S. - dominated south Viet Nam Government. The Geneva Agreements of 1954 drew a line between the North and the South. The agreements declared that the line was by no means a «frontier between two countries», but only a «temporary demarcation line».

The agreements also unequivocally stipulated for «joint nation-wide general elections within two years». But all that now remains a dead letter through the shameful machinations of the U. S. government and their stooges in south Viet Nam who are trying to convert south Viet Nam into a U. S. bastion in South-East Asia and a permanent market for American goods.

But no machinations of politicians can countermand historical forces. The fast developing dissatisfaction, discontent, and even open revolt against the U. S. - sponsored administration in south Viet Nam, in the face of atrocious repression and inhuman tortures, are clear pointers to the fact that the day of liberation of south Viet Nam and of the happy reunification of the two parts of the country, artificially separated from each other by the 17th parallel, is not very distant.

**PANDIT SUNDERLAL**

President, All India Peace Council,  
Member, Presidential Committee of  
the World Peace Council — 1960

The Vietnamese people form a single indivisible entity. Their economy, language and culture cannot be partitioned. The continued existence of the so-called « Republic of Viet Nam » in the south is absurd. And no diplomatic or juridical manœuvre can be an argument for this absurdity.

**P. ANTOGONSKI**

The strength of Viet Nam  
Writer of the Soviet Union  
1960

## **NATIONAL REUNIFICATION, A CAUSE OF JUSTICE**

Only when the determination for liberation is steeled in the course of a long revolutionary activity; when the national feeling arouses after long years of outrage and humiliation; when the truth cannot be hushed up because the trick is too flagrant and the people's consciousness is always ready to defend the truth; only then can freedom recover its rights and peaceful construction begin. Such is the brilliant lesson drawn from Viet Nam and other countries.

I fully subscribe to the cause of justice and national reunification of the Vietnamese people and, as a democrat and peace-lover, I support them wholeheartedly.

**OLGA POBLETTE**  
University History Professor  
Chile — 1958

## **GENEVA AGREEMENTS IMPLEMENTED**

In the course of these last five years the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam has strictly adhered to and correctly implemented the Geneva Agreements. Its government has many a time made proposals to the effect of unifying the country through peaceful means. This is the fond hope of the Vietnamese people on their way to the successful building of socialism.

**IZVESTIA**  
Soviet Union — 1959

During the past five years, the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam has correctly implemented the Geneva Agreements and has made ceaseless efforts to reunify the country. Since July 1955, the Government of the Democratic Republic has many times proposed to the south Viet Nam authorities to open a consultative conference to discuss the question of holding nationwide general elections to reunify the country. The efforts of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in these five years have had great influence among the people throughout Viet Nam. The south Viet Nam authorities, however, ignored the Vietnamese people's interests, and opposed all those reasonable proposals.

PEOPLE'S DAILY  
China — July 20, 1959

## PROFOUNDLY CONVINCED

I have been profoundly convinced of two things :

— That the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam will fight for the letter and spirit of the Agreements signed by so many governments in Geneva in 1954 and will always respect them.

— That the Vietnamese people will steadily build up their country into a prosperous industrial country with a modern agriculture.

ALAN WINNINGTON  
Daily Worker Correspondent — 1959

## **READY TO FIGHT FOR THE JUST CAUSE**

I have seen Viet Nam beautiful, strong and heroic. It by no means differs from the young but firm hearts of the Vietnamese people in their struggle against the imperialists who are attempting to divide their country into two parts, an unremitting struggle for national independence and reunification.

Fine images and feelings I could find around me, on the various occasions when I had the pleasure to contact Vietnamese friends, have proved that the Vietnamese are ready to fight for the just cause, and make no racial discrimination.

**ABDUL RAHMAN ABOUKOSS**

Syrian journalist — 1958

## **ENTHUSIASM AND ARDENT DESIRE FOR NATIONAL REUNIFICATION**

Two things remain engraved in our memory: firstly, the determination, enthusiasm and zeal of the Vietnamese youth; the second point of no less importance is their ardent desire for national reunification. Everywhere we went, we saw his desire and the spirit of struggle to reach this goal.

**GOPAL KISHNAN**

Secretary-General of the National Union  
of Students of India — 1958

## **TIRELESS STRUGGLE**

We know that the Vietnamese youth and people are carrying on a tireless struggle for the reunification of their country, which the American imperialists want to maintain partitioned, in violation of the Geneva Agreements and with the aim of turning half of it into a military base. We are firmly convinced that the determination and sacrifices of the Vietnamese youth and people will thwart all American imperialist schemes.

**FOSSO FRANCOIS**

General Secretary of the Democratic  
Youth of the Cameroons — 1959

## **A MOVEMENT CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH PEOPLE'S LIFE AND DAILY WORK**

We have visited many spots in north Viet Nam. In the countryside, factories, barracks or colleges, everywhere, we clearly realized that the Vietnamese people are doing their utmost in their struggle to safeguard peace, build socialism and achieve many more successes in order to consolidate the North, and struggle for national reunification. Everybody is urging himself to do something useful to this reunification. This has become a movement in which the masses and cadres are waging an active struggle, a movement closely connected with the life and daily work of the people and embodying the main goal and leading idea which promote the people's advance.

**CHAN CANG MENG**

Chinese writer — 1956

## **THE HO CHI MINH GOVERNMENT HAS MADE NO BONES ABOUT PROPOSING...**

Under the leadership of President Ho Chi Minh, the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam in the North has been developing as a people's democratic state. Truly confident in the people's abilities, it has made no bones about proposing to the Southern authorities a reduction of armed forces and an extension of trade relations between North and South to facilitate Viet Nam's reunification. It stands to reason that these pursuits, instrumental to the struggle of the Vietnamese people, have been opposed by those who want to be the imperialists' puppets for the sake of their own interests.

**REPUBLIK**

Indonesian newspaper — 1958

While the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam is working on a programme of peaceful construction and implementing the Geneva Agreements, the authorities in the South show an opposite attitude for fear they would lose power as a result of the general elections. They act under pressure from outside. The withdrawal of the French army and the suppression of the French Military Command at Saigon in April this year made it necessary to put the primary question dealing with the responsibility of the continuation of the implementation of the Geneva Agreements. The Diem government does not recognize these agreements. The initiative taken by Hanoi as well as the recent appeal made by the Co-Chairmen of the Geneva Conference remain unanswered.

**TRIBUNA LUDU**

Poland — 1956

## **THIS STATE OF DIVISION IS ABSURD**

This state of division is all the more absurd since in Viet Nam, the South is a rice granary and the North the source of energy and the seat of industry. The South needs coal, the North rice. However, this man-made frontier compels each of the two zones to try to satisfy its own needs. The U. S. A. has given to south Viet Nam four and a half times more aid than China and Russia have to north Viet Nam ; and there is an obvious difference between these kinds of aids. While Russia and China concentrate on the tool industry and industrial capital, the U. S. A. have poured out huge quantities of consumer goods together with military organizations and some basic installations.

Technicians from Russia, China and Eastern European countries help the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam stabilize her economy. Thanks to these gifts the Ho Chi Minh government increases month after month its economic standard. Even in Hanoi, the shortage of technicians is deplorable, but this will be overcome very soon, and I have seen how enthusiastically young students of engineering institutes worked.

HAROLD DAVIES, M. P.

12 years of Viet Nam's history.

**Horizons**, December 1957

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## **GENEVA SPIRIT CANNOT BE DESTROYED BY ACCEPTING SOUTHERN VIEWPOINTS**

I found on discussing with the International Control Commission that the Commission has many difficulties. Nevertheless, I am sure they have done a good

job of work and they should be maintained. But to coordinate their work it is necessary for them to be able also to act in the South. But the southern government washes its hands completely of the Control Commission. I do not want to enter into the causes and consequences of this, but it is clear that one cannot just destroy the spirit of Geneva by accepting the southern view-points that the Commission should have no control whatsoever in the South.

HAROLD DAVIES, M. P., Labour Party  
Great Britain — 1957

## **BUT THIS CANNOT LAST LONG**

In Viet Nam I have met many people of goodwill and good ideas. They are worthy citizens of the Republic and valiant people who resolutely advance along the path they have chosen and who know what is the aim of their existence and what are their aspirations.

Speaking of the beauty of the souvenir, of the sun in the South and the pleasant rains, of the Red River delta and the picturesque Halong Bay, of the valiant fighters and beloved sons of Viet Nam, I cannot help remembering above all the injustice imposed upon Viet Nam, the injustice of the separation of two brothers, of the South from the North, of rivers, rice-fields, etc. But this cannot last long because the right of the people for freedom and for living in the sun and the right to build up the common future of their offspring are great and unalterable.

And I also know that my Vietnamese comrades will believe me when I say: « We are with you in your just struggle ».

BOGOMILE NONEFF  
Chief Editor of the Bulgarian Review.  
*Motherland* — 1960

## **90% OF PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH LOOK TOWARDS PRESIDENT HO CHI MINH'S GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR SALVATION**

The only elected government and the only National Assembly in all of Viet Nam is the National Assembly of the D. R. V. N., the government headed by President and Prime Minister Ho Chi Minh.

Diem's background and career were typical for his role as an American puppet.

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Like all other informed people, including American officials in Saigon, Mr Hoang Van Co, director of « Viet Nam Presse », the official news agency and as such, chief mouthpiece of the Diem regime, did not bother to deny that ninety percent of people in the South looked towards the government of President Ho Chi Minh for their salvation.

It was impossible during two visits I paid to Saigon, to find anyone even in the upper ranks of those paid by Diem and the Americans to popularise the regime, who had any faith in the dictator of the regime they serve. Among the broadest sections of the population

on the other hand, one found a unanimous desire to end the dictatorship and unify the country by democratic means.

One found also among the ordinary people a rather touching faith that the great power who had negotiated the Geneva Agreements would ensure fulfilment of the provisions for unification by free, general elections.

**WILFRED BURCHETT**  
**North of the 17th Parallel**

## **TWO VIET NAMS, BUT ONLY ONE**

My fellow-countrymen, looking at the world, see two Viet Nams. They see north Viet Nam, and south Viet Nam. And between the two, the main newspapers and propaganda organs in my country spare no effort to make them see south Viet Nam in a good light and north Viet Nam in a bad.

I will try to prove to them what I believe to be true : that no force on earth can create a viable power in Viet Nam in opposition to the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, and that the Diem regime is foredoomed to failure.

I will tell them another thing which I believe to be true : that the south Viet Nam people, those who are represented in the press of the capitalist world as 'Communist terrorists' and 'bandits' because they are struggling against the U. S. - Diem regime, are the true patriots of south Viet Nam, the modern bearers of the banners of national liberation struggle which the whole Vietnamese people have carried so heroically in the past.

I will also tell them this: just as south Viet Nam has in the past been the gate through which imperialism has forced its way into Viet Nam, so it will be the gate through which in the future the south Viet Nam people will throw imperialism out of Viet Nam forever.

MALCOLM SALMON  
South-East Asia Correspondent  
for Australian newspapers  
Tribune and Guardian — 1960

## **THIS NATURAL ASPIRATION WILL SUCCEED**

When we speak of uniting the whole world and when peoples of the world are anxious for peace and happiness, we cannot understand why this unnatural division (of Viet Nam — Ed.) is being maintained. But we have learnt from our history that no government can succeed in trying to suppress the natural aspirations of the people and therefore we are confident that this natural aspiration will succeed.

RAJA MANTRI  
Secretary General of Maharashtra Pradesh  
Congress Committee  
India — 1958

## **I SUPPORT YOUR STRUGGLE**

We are aware of your pain which is ours, because we face the same situation as your country does. Therefore I support your struggle.

MIRA VON KUHBAUN  
West Germany — 1958

## **HAIL THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF VIET NAM**

Together with all people who love freedom and justice for others as well as for themselves, I hail the struggle of the people of Viet Nam for the peaceful reunification of their country by free general elections, in accordance with the Geneva Agreements on Viet Nam which was signed four years ago today.

**WILLIAM CARY**

Writer,

Bolton, Massachussets, U. S. A. — 1958

## **WE ARE BROTHERS-IN-ARMS IN OUR COMMON STRUGGLE**

We are brothers-in-arms in our common struggle for the liquidation of colonialism and imperialism so that peace will prevail in the world, and so ensure happiness and friendship among the Youth.

We hail the valiant Vietnamese Youth for their victory which, despite the U.S. imperialists' domination in south Viet Nam, will be an impetus in the struggle for the reunification of Viet Nam.

Success to everybody!

**RAMAMONJISOA CLEMENT  
RANDRIAMASIVELO JULIEN**

Malagasy — 1958

## **THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WILL SOON CELEBRATE THEIR DAY OF NATIONAL REUNIFICATION**

At present, we are free, but your south Viet Nam is still occupied by the imperialists and is becoming a military base threatening peace in the Far East. The people in south Viet Nam are being repressed and terrorized by the imperialists, but they are heroically struggling for freedom and national unification. The people of our two countries must carry on their struggle in order to annihilate imperialism. We are convinced that Viet Nam will be soon reunified, the Vietnamese people will soon celebrate their day of national reunification, as the Iraqi people will wipe out all reactionary plots. Our two countries will successfully build happiness.

Mrs. SALIMA PHARI  
Head of the Iraqi Women Delegation  
1959

## **PROGRESSIVE MANKIND SUPPORTS THIS PEOPLE**

Faithful to its undertakings, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, which stands by the letter and spirit of these decisions, tirelessly looks for the rapprochement of both sides of the country. Long since it has proposed to the authorities of Saigon to raise, even partially, the restrictions of passage on the demarcation line, and set up economic and cultural exchanges ; it has reduced the formalities for traffic between the Democratic Republic and the South of the country to their simplest forms.

But, the south Viet Nam authorities consider the 17th Parallel in quite a different way...

The Geneva Agreements had provided for elections to be held in July 1956.

Basing itself on these provisions, the Government of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam proposed to the south Viet Nam authorities to proceed to the preliminary consultations concerning the elections, as stipulated in the Agreements on the cease-fire. But the Saigon authorities flatly refused.

The Government of the Democratic Republic brings about far-reaching democratic transformations and at the same time proves its sincere will to finish with the division of the country.

Not only has reunification a great importance for the Vietnamese people, but also for the strengthening of peace and security in Asia. Progressive mankind supports this people who longs to build a peaceful, united, independent, democratic and prosperous Viet Nam.

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Soviet Union, April 12, 1956

... We deeply believe that the aspiration of the Vietnamese people for an early national reunification will be achieved, as well that of the Indonesian people for the recovery of their West Irian will certainly be achieved. The struggle for national reunification of the Vietnamese people is a struggle against imperialism, to bring about territorial integrity and national sovereignty; it is also a struggle to safeguard peace in Asia and in the world. Therefore it enjoys the support and sympathy of the Indonesian people and the peace-loving peoples throughout the world.

The Vietnamese territory is not yet reunified, colonialism still holds sway in south Viet Nam. What we have seen in north Viet Nam shows that colonialism and misery have gone for ever, and the people in north Viet Nam are building socialism jubilantly and enthusiastically.

AMAN KOMBALI  
Head of the Delegation  
of Indonesian students — 1959

## **ASIANS SHOULD TAKE PRIDE IN THIS**

Judging from the fact that the situation in south Viet Nam (which is separated from the North by the provocations of the U. S. imperialists who would turn it into their colony in violation of the Geneva Agreements), is deteriorating in the field of rice cultivation as well as in the fields of industry and national culture, we find that the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam has shown by example that a country can make progress only when it makes a clean bid under a correct party leadership to leave the imperialist fold. The Asians should take pride in this.

MYO MYINT  
Secretary General  
Burma Trade Union Congress  
1960