

WE ARE BROTHERS

Soviet Union and Viet Nam
United as sworn brothers,
Struggle hand in hand
For friendship and peace,
For Viet Nam's reunification,
For a world without war.

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Soviet Union is far, but
Wholehearted and eager
In helping devotedly
With all her strength,
Her everlasting and loyal friendship.

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Viet Nam, our young friend,
Is courageously pushing her way upward,
Building a fine and firm North,
Wiping out famine, illiteracy,
And increasing her rice crops.

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From the Soviet land,
Technology and science

Covering long-distant roads,
Following cadres and experts,
Are handed to the Vietnamese people
Together with all her warm helping spirit.

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Happiness will blow in,
Glorious days will come
Like the Celestial King Phu Dong
Stretched out to rise up.
Oh! how it will change
The heroic Viet Nam.
The industrial Viet Nam
Built up by one's hearts,
By both parts reunified
In the socialist family.
Oh! how happy will be
Our brothers, far and wide,
Seeing the Viet Nam Democratic Republic
Advancing, firm and rapid.

AVARELAMOVA
Poetess
Soviet Union — 1960

UNITY OF THE PEOPLE'S WILL

Anyone who has visited Viet Nam, even only once, will forever keep in his mind the image of wonderful Viet Nam. The memory of his meeting with Vietnamese people will always remain in his heart.

All my life I will remember how Viet Nam fought against the colonialists. It was a genuine people's war. The army fought the enemy and so did the guerillas. Millions of peasants, workers and intellectuals proudly and bravely made sacrifices, moving forward to face death, always advancing to perform feats of arms. Even the women and children, side by side with the men, took part in the struggle. The heroic struggle on an unprecedented scale ended in victory. The Viet Nam Lao Dong Party has led the Vietnamese people to success and work along the path of peaceful economic construction and the building of socialism.

I have had the honour of witnessing the enthusiastic spirit of the entire Vietnamese people in the struggle against the imperialist aggressors. The heroism of the glorious Viet Nam People's Army and guerillas has won the admiration of the whole world. People in all countries are much surprised at the great results of the Vietnamese people's labour. Deep

in the jungle they built factories and workshops, printing houses, colleges, libraries and scientific laboratories.

The life in the deep jungle in Viet Bac was a wonderful life that will go down to posterity. It symbolized the determination, heroic organizational spirit and united will of the nation.

... In the same way that during the war years, millions of Viet Nam's friends throughout the world followed the armed struggle of the Vietnamese people with anxiety, sympathy and support, at present, in the years of peaceful construction, each labour success scored by the Vietnamese workers, peasants and intellectuals has brought joy to the friends of Viet Nam. And there are a great many of them the world over !

... But the song of victory and happiness of peaceful labour of millions of people of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam is troubled by the sufferings of millions of their compatriots who are still living in an inferno under the terrorist regime in south Viet Nam. The traitorous Ngo Dinh Diem clique who are clinging to state-power by means of terror backed by the bayonets of their American masters, are driving millions of people to suffering and poverty.

The people in the free North cannot for even a minute forget their compatriots who are leading a hard life under the frightful yoke of the evil-doers, enemies of the Vietnamese nation.

The people living on both sides of the 17th parallel that is keeping them apart from each other, have firm confidence in the bright future when the Vietnamese nation will be unified into an inseparable happy family of people of the same blood. And the friends of Viet Nam are also confident of this.

Viet Nam will certainly be unified and free !

R. CARMEN
Lenin Prize

A GREAT REVOLUTIONARY LEADER

Ho Chi Minh is a great Vietnamese revolutionary leader in the international workers' movement. He has devoted his whole life to the struggle against the French colonialists, for the liberation of his country, for the victory of Socialism and the happiness of his people.

We are entirely justified in saying that Ho Chi Minh has made noble contributions for the realization of the Vietnamese people's ideals.

NOTICIAS DE HOY
Cuba newspaper
1960

A LEGENDARY LIFE

The simplicity of this thatched house surprises every foreigner but not those who know Uncle Ho. Modesty is characteristic of the whole eventful life of this Head of State. He has always lead the same life as his people — in self-sacrifice, work and struggle. He has been a steward, cook, journalist and politician. He has been shadowed by imperialist agents, living in exile and hiding in caves and forests. Always thinking of his people, he fought for their interests in France; China, in the mountains and the jungles of his country. He has unified the anti-colonialist movement of his people whom he has lead to the victories at Viet Bac, Hoa Binh and Dien Bien Phu. His life has become a legendary one.

BOREK HOMOLA
Czechoslovakia — 1960

It was my first meeting with President Ho Chi Minh, the man who has contributed much to his country's liberation and is still contributing to its construction and reunification. It is not surprising therefore that 95% of south Vietnamese people are behind President Ho Chi Minh. He is modest and very simple in manner. He willingly sits down on the steps of thatched-roofed huts, to talk to peasants ; in barges of fishermen. All have confidence in him and talk to him, of their secrets and difficulties.

JIRINA DUMASOVA
Czechoslovakia — 1960

President Ho Chi Minh whom we are very happy to meet is a very simple but also an eminent and learned man, affectionate towards everybody, like father and son.

Venerable AMRITANAN
Leader of the Nepalese Buddhist
Delegation — 1959

FRIEND AND TEACHER OF THE PEOPLE

President Ho Chi Minh is the best representative of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and its people. I was present when he was delivering a speech to the workers of the Power Station in Hanoi. There he was called Uncle Ho, the friend and teacher of the people. Just as Ho Chi Minh has learnt the most progressive ideas in Europe which he is now teaching his people and applying to the historical and social conditions of Viet Nam, his nature and appearance can set an example in the furtherance of art and promotion of the artists in Viet Nam.

To the Vietnamese people, their President and all the friends I have met during my trip, I wish happiness and success in the future development of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam. I hope it will soon be unified with the southern part of the country under the golden-starred red flag.

WALTER HEISIG

Director of the Applied Arts Institute
German Democratic Republic — 1960

SOURCE OF INSPIRATION TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE

Recalling our short stay in Viet Nam two years ago we were deeply impressed by the rapid progress made during the last thirteen years in the field of economy, industry and culture which go to prove that the great national leader Dr Ho Chi Minh has been the source of inspiration to the Vietnamese people. His leadership and wise counsel have been the guiding forces all these years to the great heroic national strive for material and spiritual progress and prosperity of the new independent sovereign state, as well as for the peace and well-being of the neighbouring countries and the world.

BA THAN

Burmese journalist — 1958

HO CHI MINH

Who is this King we hear of ?
Who is this saint !

Who removed the thorn from the foot,
The foot of sleeping beauty named the life !

Who gave the helping hand to the victims,
Victims on the grinding wheel of suffering !

A tiny little earthen lamp seems to be walking,
Walking over the difficult paths of darkness !

Even the passing winds seem to be enquiring,
Enquiring from the lovely lands of Viet Nam !

Eh ! Who has wiped out the tears ?
The tears from the face of its history !

The earth has dreamt a promising dream,
A dream in the wake of night !

'That some one has sown the seed,
The seed of rising sun in the fields of sky'

Visible are the pinkish feet of flowers,
Flowers walking on the autumn twigs.

Who is this lover of humanity ?
Who is this sage ?

AMRITA PRITAM
Indian poetess — 1958

A SKILFUL HORTICULTURIST

After a careful study, we realize that the seed of prosperity has grown into a great success because it is sown in a fertile soil. The skilful horticulturist who

is President Ho Chi Minh has sown that seed in a fertile soil which is the Vietnamese people.

The Vietnamese people have struggled against the American and French imperialists in the light of rich revolutionary experiences from the brother peoples of the Soviet Union and China. This spirit of struggle and enthusiasm was tested in the Dien Bien Phu campaign. The peace-loving peoples all over the world have warmly supported that heroic cause of the Vietnamese people.

Venerable PANNYO ZAWTA
Buddhist Priest
Burma — 1958

YOUTHFUL SPIRIT WHICH PLEADS FOR LIBERATION OF ALL MANKIND

We were fortunate enough to witness the great National Day celebrations on September second. On that day we found the real cross-section of Vietnamese people and their love and respect for their great leader President Ho Chi Minh. We listened to the President's speech with great enthusiasm and admiration and we could find in him the youthful spirit which pleads for the liberation of all mankind from the yoke of imperialist powers. When the thousands of people assembled in the square shouted «Long live President Ho», we too joined in this, because of the very fact that the long life of your President Ho Chi Minh is not only necessary for Viet Nam, but is also equally necessary for the peace-loving people of Asia.

M. M. JACOB
Zonal Organiser of Bharat Sevak Samaj
India — 1958

THE MOST PERSISTENT REVOLUTIONARY

The French identified Ho Chi Minh as Nguyen Ai Quoc, the most persistent and canny of all the revolutionary nationalists in Indochina... He became (in France) an international figure, the representative of his country's struggle for liberation from the French. In the years that followed, his name became universally known throughout Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina. It became synonymous with the most dogged and persevering attempts to create and keep alive kernels of resistance to French rule. Nguyen Ai Quoc was like a shadow across French mastery in Indochina. His presence was reported everywhere. His name was spoken in whispers. His influence stirred young people in the villages and towns.

HAROLD R. ISAACS
New Republic, Feb. 1947

HE HAS DEVOTED HIS WHOLE LIFE TO HIS PEOPLE'S CAUSE

A personality such as President Ho Chi Minh is worthy of veneration, for he is a great fighter for the freedom of his country and his people. One may say that he has devoted almost his whole life to the cause of the Fatherland and the nation.

THE MERDEKA
Indonesia — 1959

President Ho Chi Minh is the embodiment of the Revolutionary struggle of the people of Viet Nam.

THE HINDUSTAN

India — 1958

The self-denial which he has practised throughout his life is unparalleled by any other President.

THE HANTHAWADDY

Burma — 1958

GREAT SYMBOL FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM-IMPERIALISM

President Ho Chi Minh is a great symbol for African and Asian struggles against colonialism-imperialism. His revolutionary achievements and activities are an inspiration for all people in Asia and Africa who are struggling against colonialism and every form of exploitation.

MUNYI KAMWITHI

Kenya Students' Delegate — 1959

Today, India is welcoming not only the leader of the Vietnamese people, but a great leader of the awakened peoples of Asia as well.

THE JAGARAN

India — 1958

FATHER OF THE REPUBLIC

For three years, all sections of the Vietnamese people have commemorated the birthday of their revolutionary President, Ho Chi Minh, on whom an honorary title of «Father of the Republic» was conferred as the Chinese people did on Sun Yat-sen.

ECHO DER WOCHE
Munich — 1948

EXAMPLE OF WHOLEHEARTED DEVOTION

The life of comrade Ho Chi Minh, one of the best-known leaders of the national liberation movement in the Eastern countries is an example of wholehearted devotion for the sake of the people's interests, for the noble cause of the proletarian class throughout the world.

The successes scored by the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam are connected with comrade Ho Chi Minh's activities. Being an experienced revolutionary, a faithful Marxist and Leninist, comrade Ho Chi Minh struggles unceasingly for the sake of the working class and for his compatriots' happiness.

PRAVDA
1960

During these few minutes, through the brilliant personality of the President, I have seen the inexhaustible fighting ability and the irresistible force of the people.

M. MALEK RIDHA
Editor-in-Chief of
the **Al Moudjahid** (The Fighter)
Algeria, October 3, 1958

WE HAVE LEARNT MUCH

Let we wish our great Leader and Teacher President Ho Chi Minh long life to do much for oppressed African and Asian peoples. Also I am expressing my tribute to Viet Nam Lao Dong Party, which is doing much in constructing this country towards Socialism, mankind's real last system... We have learnt much about his revolutionary activities and experiences.

Viet Nam should immediately be unified so that peace can exist in Indochina and the world over.

JONI KAMWITHI MUNYI
Vice-President of the Kenya United
Workers' Party — 1959

GOODBYE TO VIET NAM

By the Red River
Where teams of workers carry heavy logs
And sampans glide past on the glowing water
I leave behind a little of my heart.

In North-West hills
Where men once fought for freedom and now at dusk
The graceful Thai girls walk down to the river
I leave behind a little of my heart.

In thatched-roof hut
Where a peasant woman sang a song to welcome us...
In Hanoi streets where little children run
To grasp a stranger's hand in chubby fist...

And in the hearts
Of men and women who through the sunlit days
And through the cloudy hours became our friends
I leave behind a little of my heart.

LEN FOX

Correspondent for Sydney paper
Tribune — 1958.

FAREWELL TO VIET NAM

Viet Nam so green
as long as a **dan bau** *
its string broken
on the **Ben Hai** ** river
your river today
runs with tears between its banks...
your song remains unfinished.

Viet Nam... a country split
the sword dipped in your blood
remains in strangers' hands
Viet Nam... on your neck, on your arms
I still see
traces of the yoke and the irons

Viet Nam... from afar I bring you
the wounded hand of my country
to place it in yours
damp with the sweat
of your fighting and your efforts

Viet Nam... I shall never forget
the burning fire of your sun
the golden powder of your stars
never shall I forget your flowers
nor the flowered names of your girls

* A one-stringed folk musical instrument.

** On the 17th parallel, which serves as a provisional demarcation line between north and south Viet Nam.

Never shall I forget the waters of the Red River.
embroidering a purple ornament
on the apron of Hanoi
and floating on its waves
junks and the corpses of yester-year

I shall never forget your Small Lake
that vase of flowers in the heart of the town
the pink lotuses, the grey pagodas
which bending over the waters to mirror their gods
saw in them only the faces of men

Viet Nam... your palaces are only bamboo
so many times throughout the ages burnt down
but in an instant risen again
for these palaces are your houses
each one has cradled a hero

And the days of your joy
will be more numerous by far than the grains of your rice
more vivid than the flowers of your flame-of-the forest
land of low houses
and small wiry men
but big through its heroes

Viet Nam... land of great tomorrows
your happiness is there, is arising
more brilliant than the moon in your sky
more rapid than your winds
more impetuous than your torrents

Land of peasants...
where since all time
a buffalo is worth more than a king
a branch of bamboo dearer than a sceptre
a shoulder pole more exact than the scale of the gods

Unforgettable land...
the distant sounds you hear yet
are no longer the enemy returning
but your friends building the future

Viet Nam... I am leaving, lonelier still
while the train carrying me away moves on
my heart turns back
towards you
But to find it again
I shall return one day
Farewell Viet Nam! Farewell!

MENELAUS LUDEMIS
Greek writer and poet — 1959

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