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HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS: THE STATEMENT OF THE DELEGATES WHO LEFT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1ST NATIONAL CONGRESS OF DELEGATES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VIETNAMESE REVOLUTIONARY YOUTH

Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese No 2, Feb 86 pp 43-44

[Text] Editorial Note: in May 1929, the 1st Congress of the Association of Vietnamese Revolutionary Youth was held overseas. At that congress, the delegates from Tonkin proposed the establishment of a communist party. This proposal was not endorsed by the congress. The Tonkin delegates immediately left the congress and returned home. Upon their arrival in Tonkin, they issued the following statement appealing for "the immediate establishment of a communist party." This statement was printed in leaflet form and distributed in many localities of the country.

On the occasion of the 56th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of Vietnam, we are publishing this statement for use as a reference material by our readers.

Dear comrades,

Dear fellow countrymen,

We, who were entrusted by our comrades with the responsibility of representing them as delegates at the 1st National Congress of Delegates of the Association of Vietnamese Revolutionary Youth that was convened on 1 May 1929, always sought to express, with the full measure of our spirit and minds, opinions consistent with Annam's circumstances and the aspirations of our cadres--our objectives being for the revolution to quickly achieve success and workers to quickly seize political power in order to build a society of equality, liberty and fraternity.

Because such was our responsibility,
Because such were our objectives,

And recognizing that:

1. In Annam, capitalism has flourished and capital is beginning to become concentrated in the hands of only a few persons;

2. The proletariat in Annam is becoming increasing large and aware and poor peasants are also becoming increasingly numerous;

3. Annam currently has no party that represents the proletariat;

4. The Association of Vietnamese Revolutionary Youth is a petty bourgeois, petty intellectual mass organization, a nationalist mass organization that endorses socialism. The association's line--"carrying out a national revolution first, then the world revolution"--is opportunistic and not genuinely revolutionary (since the association's establishment in 1924, its activities have been far removed from workers and peasants. The Association of Vietnamese Revolutionary Youth has not established liaison with the 3rd International ((the Communist International)), the revolutionary organization for the entire world, but instead sent delegates to attend the 3rd National Congress of Delegates of the Chinese Nationalist Party, an anti-revolutionary, anti-worker and peasant party).

We therefore had no alternative but to propose the establishment of a party that represents the proletariat, the only party that can solve the problems related to the proletariat, a party to lead the entire cause of revolution in Annam, that is, a COMMUNIST PARTY.

The issue of organizing a communist party was thus raised for discussion at the congress. After nearly 1 day of debate (5 May 1929), reasoning that:

This congress is a youth congress (the Association of Vietnamese Revolutionary Youth),

These delegates are delegates of the members of the youth association,

The majority of the delegates attending the congress decided:

1. The issue of organizing a communist party is not an issue related to Youth and thus need not be discussed by the congress;

2. The delegates will only discuss issues related to Youth; the issue of a communist party may not be raised.

True, this congress was a congress of the Association of Vietnamese Revolutionary Youth. However, persons who are genuine revolutionaries must discuss every issue related to workers and peasants, to the proletariat. Yet, the congress of the Association of Vietnamese Revolutionary Youth did not permit discussion of the issue of organizing a communist party, which is a very vital issue to the proletariat and poor peasants of Annam. A congress that does not permit discussion of this issue is not a congress that represents the proletariat.

The nature of the Association of Vietnamese Revolutionary Youth had thus been made very clear.

Because we never forgot our obligation to the proletariat of Annam, to all hard working citizens of Annam, because we could not forget the responsibility

entrusted to us by our comrades, we could not recognize this opportunistic national congress of delegates, this bogus revolutionary and anti-worker-peasant national congress of delegates and declared that we were leaving the congress and returning home.

What this opportunistic, bogus revolutionary and anti-worker and peasant congress discussed subsequent to our departure, we do not know.

The result of attending this national congress of delegates is that we know with full certainty that the Association of Vietnamese Revolutionary Youth is not a genuine party that serves the interests of the proletariat.

Thus, we sincerely and urgently appeal
to the workers of Annam,
to the poor peasants of Annam,
to the comrades of the Association of Vietnamese Revolutionary Youth,
to the members of the political parties in Annam,
to all those whose hearts lie with the revolution,
that:

1. We must make every effort to topple the gang of opportunists and bogus revolutionaries who are deceiving workers and peasants.

2. We must immediately organize a COMMUNIST PARTY before we can lead the proletariat in revolution.

We must topple French imperialism, bring down capitalism, eradicate the paralyzed village bullies, establish the dictatorship of the proletariat and achieve communism.

So declare the delegates who left the congress and returned home.

1 June 1929

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DISPLAYING HIGH REVOLUTIONARY HEROISM IN LABOR AND COMBAT

Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese No 2, Feb 86 pp 45-47

[Unattributed article]

[Text] The 5th National Congress of Heroes and Emulation Warriors was the first such congress to be held since the country was reunified. The congress met against the background of the people of our country having recorded large achievements in building and defending the socialist fatherland while still facing difficulties in many areas.

Due to the length of time since the previous congress and the breadth of the contributions and achievements that have been made and recorded, this national congress of heroes and emulation warriors represented a larger number of heroic units, heroic individuals and emulation warriors than any preceding congress and was attended by many collectives and individuals from all 40 provinces and municipalities representing practically all important sectors and fields and symbolizing the achievements recorded by the people of our entire country in the performance of the two strategic tasks. The corps of heroes and emulation warriors present at this congress consisted of workers, farmers and intellectuals, men and women, all nationalities and religions, veteran revolutionaries and youths new to the revolution; consisted of persons representing three to four successive generations that have fought and died for the revolutionary cause of the party, of the people.

Many heroic units, heroic individuals and emulation warriors emerged from the widespread revolutionary movements of the masses, from the patriotic emulation movements being carried out in the various fields to meet the requirements of the revolution. They are deeply imbued with the teaching of Uncle Ho: we must emulate one another in every job we perform. Emulation is patriotic, emulation is unity, emulation is the remolding of man.

Led and educated by the party, carrying on and building upon the fine traditions of the nation and displaying revolutionary qualities in a way highly visible, our heroes and emulation warriors of today very profoundly embody the precious materials possessed by our people in the past and the present--materials that are the origin of of each victory and achievement. These special materials are condensed in boundless loyalty to the party, the revolution and the fatherland.