

## Report on the campaign for life-improvement in Ca-mâu.

I. Ca-mâu makes part of Bac lieu province, It is composed of 22 villages . Each village has a population raising between 2000 and 15.000, one thirds of whom are chinese.

Apart from the villages adjacent to Camau capital the others are surrounded by deserted swamps.

### II. Political situation

Many religions : Catholic, Caodai, Bouddhist, Protestant, Hòa hảo. Each religion adopted a policy, some are siding with the National Government, the other with the Communists, the Chinese are almost pro-Viet Công. Brief, the 4/5 of the population are pro-Viet Cong, that is the result of the Viet Cong's flattery since the Geneva agreement. They have implanted in some of their cadres mind the communist doctrine. These later are secretly very active in Camau and that is an eminent obstacle for us.

The local administration has not yet the required qualified fonctionnaires which would have to work side by side with the villagers; and to know well the people's wishes - So, some of them are afraid of the Viet Cong's terrorism and dare not return to their village (village council in exile)

In the military post, there is no discipline, because of the insufficient census there are the Viet cong cadres who never meant to be the national soldier when you get down to it. So, they have conspired to kill two of the officers of the post and brought out in the forest about 30 soldiers with all their arms. They are also active in the kidnapping of those who work for the national gov't.

### III. Internal situation of the teams on their arrival

- Discouraged-Lowspirited for the security is not ensured
- lack of technical agent of material.

### IV. The Campaign preparation

For getting good result, the leading Committee must first solve the question of security. There is a meeting of the team cadres, the local militaries and local authorities. After been awared of the mission of the CA, These latters promise to defense and ensure the cadre's life in their mission. The leading committée reorganizes the team members shares the responsibilities, gives the discipline.

### V. Campaign organization

Internal meeting of the team cadres, to draw the campaign program, to give a name to the campaign : Ngo Dinh Diem, setting up a stage with

banderole bearing these words: Wellcome the C.A. team, Unification for the Nation Reconstruction, Against and down the Communist, imperialism...

#### First stage of the campaign.

- Proclamation of the opening and program campaign with the presence of all the administrative officers .

- Mission in the 5 projected places : village of Hoa thanh, Tan thanh, Thanh Phu, Tân Duyệt, and the capital Ca Mau, is acclaimed very much'.

- With a high spirit, the teams had carried out very well the mission given by the leading Committee.

The first stage ends on August 8th, 1955.

#### Second stage of the campaign.

- In new places : Tân Hưng, Tân Duyệt B, An Xuyên, Dien An and the Capital Năm Căn.

Besides the 5 ordinary missions, the teams had crowded a great number of people to start the mov't of communist denunciation in each village.

We had won the people's confidence therefore there were many demand sent from other village to require us acting there.

The second stage ends on September 18 th 1955.

With its best success to open the future bright way for the third stage.

#### Third stage of the campaign

In 6 new villages, which are ~~not~~ in security, Tân Hưng Dong A, Tân Hưng Dong B, Phú Mỹ, Hưng Mỹ, Tân Thuận B and Tân Hưng Tây B. Although the documents and the material are not sent to us in due time, we had got some medicament from the Brotherhood operation of Philippine.

Because of the high spirit and sacrifice of all the cadres each meeting counts from 500 to 1000 people and the villagers denounce and point out the Viet Cong cadre directly to the local authorities.

Impediment happened upon the three stages

- 1/ difficulty to move, lack of means of transport
- 2/ Trip by river way so the relation between the teams and the leading committee is very difficult.
- 3/ Difficulties caused by the activities of Viet Cong cadres
- 4/ local climate incompatible to the teams cadres.

Camau, October 10th 1955

The leading committee  
of communist denunciation mov't  
the Chief,  
Phan Dinh Phung.