

To the President of the Republic of Vietnam

To the Bishop at Vinh Long,

Faced with the present situation of Viet Nam, a group of sincere patriots are overwhelmed with grief when they realize that some people dare to sell flatly the name of the President to make fortune on their countrymen blood and bone; and as result, rumors running abroad and at home comment that Viet Nam's situation is similar to that of the Republic of Korea. These rumors existed since long time and yet the situation still remains the same.

Vietnam's story and that of China's as well as of any country in the world have shown us that the flattering courtiers who over used their powers always are those who lead the country to disaster and ruin. Since 5 years, Tran Kim Tuyen and his staff have exploited much from the people; they did avail themselves of the name of the President and that of Mr. the Advisor to enrich themselves; as all people know about it, so we only quote some following evidences:

- 1 - They arrested doubtful chinese, at the time of Binh Xuyen Affairs to get from them some millions piasters;
- 2 - They falsely accused honest citizens as Viet Cong to make from them money; on the contrary, real Viet Cong could be liberated at once if the latter are rich.
- 3 - They organized in secret gambling places in Cho Lon to collect fees.
- 4 - They provided cards and order of mission to their men authorizing them to call for bid the fishering in HauGiang area (Rear of Mekong River) in order to get 100 millions piasters.
- 5 - Tuyen's wife is authorized to contact all contractors to bid the National Lottery and she sells back at 13.00 piasters each. This affair brought to them some 10 millions piasters a month.
- 6 - They simulated the orders from the President and from Mr. the Advisor to request the department of Economy to provide import-export licenses in 1955, 56, 57, 58; the profit per month is around 4 to 5 millions piasters.
- 7 - They organized in Saigon as well as in provinces and districts small groups of 4 or 5 members to make "combines" in the bidding for the construction of government

buildings, market, ferry, airport, etc...

- 8 - To get promotion, military officers, civil servants in all fields and at every level have to have the pull of Tuyen. His wife and his men often said that the secretaries, the deputies, the ambassadors, the general directors, the province chiefs, the district chiefs etc... are decided and nominated by Tuyen. He can place any man in any position as well as he can take him away of it. Unfortunately, all these are true. Everybody knows that the only thing Tuyen has to do is to submit his suggestions to the President for signature (only for formality) and everything is o.k.
- 9 - They took profit of the name of the Labor party to organize sub-sections; (Tuyen and his group) officially, these sub-sections are responsible for the development of economic and financial resources for the Party but in fact they are means of making fortune for themselves.
- 10- He organized in all departments, directions, provincial offices, districts and small group of Labor Party. Even in the National Assembly, all deputies are Labor party members except Mr. Phan Khac Suu; therefore people considered them as puppets and that they are there merely to obey; hence, what Vietcong has criticized is true. A secret affair between two persons may be known by a third person, how could the Labor party be kept secretly!
- 11- He and his men have the monopoly of issuing passports; anyone who wished to go out of the country or to get in has to have their approval. They will decide upon each case by submitting their suggested decisions to Mr. the Advisor and the later, as always, will give his approval. Making use of this tradition, he and his men have received great deal of money from many people.
- 12- People know well that in the last election Tuyen and his men had organized trickery in many a place and that was far worse than the election in the Republic of Korea. The most typical trickery known by every people in Dalat as well as in Saigon was the case of one of his wife's relatives, named Nguyen

thi Xuan Lang, a candidate of Dalat region. The Mayor of Dalat at that time was ordered by Tuyen's wife to use all means of trickery (such as taking off the ballots, correcting the votes records, menacing with death those who dare to ask difficult questions or who will oppose Mrs. Lang.) The purpose was to get elected all those who associate with them.

13 - He tried to enlarge his organization wider and wider so to make fortune and to keep the President from seeing the going things more easily.

He brought to him the secretary Nguyen Dinh Thuan and the secretary Nguyen Luong in order to steal more easily foreign aids and to transfer their fortune abroad to buy plantations, factories, houses, etc... and in case of unhappy event may occur they will take plane and fly off, so much the worse for the innocent citizens. Also Tuyen associated with Pham Ngoc Thao (a young brother of a well known communist named Pham Ngoc Thuan) - the two brothers usually did have liaison with each other (by means of VietCong agents), Captain Nguyen Van Phuoc, an important member of the Labor party responsible for organizing a small group to hold the monopoly of the bidding for all construction projects of the Directorate of Reconstruction and City Planning and Cao Xuan Vy, a vicious, uneducated, unskilled man who had share love with his father's concubine (a man without any educational background, even having not the secondary school capacity but thanks to flattering technique has become now general director of Youth.) Tuyen uses the later to transform Vietnamese youth into a tool for the Labor party to consolidate their position; this fact is well known to every body. Also, one should mention Ton That Tue (a pirate who is specially skilled in his flattering manners vis-avis Mrs. Nhu to make fortune for himself,) two other pirates, one is Major Vu Minh Duc and the other Major Le Minh who frequently kidnap rich persons to get money from them and Pham Ngoc Nhu (an incompetent, unvirtuous - the intelligentsia of Saigon still remember the behavior of that man during the French time and now he is repeating the same

behavior towards Tran Kim Tuyen's group; he is now chief of 2nd or 3rd bureau of the Labor party and in a very hypocritical manner, he spends all his time to flatter Mrs. Nhu in order to have honor and privilege.

14 - To those who refuse to obey Tuyen's orders, he will order his men to try by all means to sabotage these people, Even he would make false reports on these people and submit them to Mr. the Advisor - there are many sorts of reports informing how these people are corrupted, denouncing them courting girls, going to night clubs every night etc... These reports come from different sources but in fact they are issued from only one organization which is his own. He used all sordid means to revenge (for example the case happened in July of the last year; Le Minh drove himself a jeep to help one of his men to place a plastic bomb on Tran Hung Dao street)

In one word, Tuyen has his men everywhere; he and his men organized Labor party membership in every department, direction, service, government offices as well as political, social, religious, professional groups to develop their strength in order to maintain their position better, to immobilize the President, to keep him from seeing the reality so the latter can't do nothing against Tuyen and his group. Therefore, one is afraid of him and his men more than of the President because Tuyen's powers, authority, organization are too large. Only by saying that one belongs to Tuyen's group, one could be served at will. The secretaries (except some of them), the general directors, directors, province chiefs, district chiefs are afraid of Tuyen and his men because Tuyen and his men have a so efficient machinery for revenging any one who would refuse to obey them.

Vietnamese people and foreign diplomatic groups in Saigon are quite anxious to know why the President and specially Mr. Ngo Dinh Nhu have backed Tuyen in such a blind while knowing well the abuses of powers and authority Tuyen has done which are worse and what Dong Trac, Bao Tri, Dat Ky, Bang Hong, Tong Tu, Tan Coi, Nghiem Trung did in the old time. Vietnamese people and foreign diplomatic

corps have raised to themselves a question and they found the following answer themselves. Obviously, the President and Mr. the Advisor and specially Mrs. Nhu (another Dat Ky and Bao Tri of Viet Nam in the present time) have shared the giant amount of money of 700 - 800 millions piasters Tuyen has collected; no one dares to eliminate him for fear of a possible scandal the latter may make.

We respectfully suggest Mr. President and Mr. Bishop to replace him at once in order to calm the people, to avoid a bloody demonstration which can take place due to the hate and the frustration of the people at an extreme degree vis a vis the traitorous actions of Tuyen and his men towards the country and the people, These people have indiscreetly helped the Viet Cong creating troubles in South Viet Nam, While the level of the Vietnamese is high enough, one should not look down them or treat them as young kids or to blind them. An aggressive demonstration has not taken place yet just because the people worry that Viet Cong may jump on such an occasion to create troubles; but the resignation of the people has a certain limit and they would refuse to let Tuyen and his men continuing to fatten on their blood. Also as far as we think, the Service of political and social affairs is not necessary because all government programs are carried on by concerned departments. While no country in the world having the presidentship regime has such a service, why does Viet Nam? All affairs either important or not have to be approved by that service first before going down to departments and directorates for execution; an affair can be delayed for several years if that one come from anyone who doesn't have any money to offer to him. All these seem strange but it is true. People know well that Mr. Nhu has ordered the secretaries, general directors, etc... to ask advice of this service. What are the functions of that service? From experiences, one can see that this service is only necessary for making fortune, for monopolizing every national activities, for collecting some 700 - 800 millions piasters in the last few years. Top people in the government would argue that due to the special situation of the

country, Vietnam needs special organism and one can't compare Viet Nam with any other country. Any thing becomes a special one, even the robbery of some billions of piasters is a special need; one would argue that to fatten on the blood of the people is also necessary if not, no freedom, no democracy can be achieved. We respectfully suggest that the Labor party should be dismissed too because of its secret activities, this party could become very dangerous. It can be said that the members of this party have done nothing else beside making profit of their membership to build their own fortune, to advance in power and authority. Member cards have been distributed widely in every agency although it is illegal but one has to receive for fear. Actually, most of province chiefs, province deputy chiefs, district chiefs, general directors, etc.. are member of Labor party. As they do have a mutual help system, they are free to do what please them without being afraid to be denounced. They will continue to collect money untill their pockets are completely filled up and to keep the President from seeing anything. It would be unuseful although the President would assign someone secretly to investigate what thing are going on because they have their men everywhere, because most of top people in the government employees, those who did not obey them have been falsely denounced Either they invented facts to accuse them or they may set traps. As result, nobody dares to open his mouth.

In the army, since many years, promotions are granted only to those who are members of Labor party and belong to Tuyen's group. For the others, who are not members, even they do have 4, 5, 6 or 7 years of seniority in grade and great performances would not be promoted. Everybody knows that promotions are decided by Mr. Nhu according to Tuyen's proposals. All these are the main cause leading to frustration, division within the army among soldiers, officers and defect their morale. Obviously, Vietcong would profit a lot. While the republic regime in South Viet Nam accuses the dictatorship regime of North Viet Nam at the same time she authorizes a party to organize secretly its membership in her administration, army, surete, social, religious, and

professional groups. Naturally, people are aware of it; such a policy only serves as a tool for Viet Cong in their propaganda. They are right when they criticize that the regime in South Vietnam is a dictatorship, a one-party, a one-family ruling regime. We may take an example: Mrs. Nhu is not holding any executive position and hence she is authorized to participate in, to give orders to secretaries, general directors, province chiefs... As result, she is blamed by the people (except the members of Labor party, servants of Tuyen) and doubted by foreigners. A gentleman would put into light what he is doing. An honorable man should know to sacrifice his own interest and the interest of his family; if he sees someone doing bad things for the country he has to eliminate that person at once and present that case before the justice for punishment. That is the behavior of a gentleman. He must have the will to listen to honest criticism.

The lesson drawn from the ROK is very precious. We pray the President and the Bishop to think about the future of the country, to consider our suggested ideas and the heartfelt proposals of the 18 eminent persons in the capital which are published in foreign newspapers. We wish them not be blind as Mr. Nhu who has intentionally backed Tran Kim Tuyen, a traitor, and Tuyen's men. Don't wait until the water is already around your legs to jump out! It will be too late. We said that Tuyen and his men are traitors because they by their actions have discouraged the people, made the people tired and having a negative attitude towards all government programs. Their actions have encouraged the people to follow Viet Cong to refuse to inform the government Viet Cong activities even they know and see. We entirely believe in your patriotism, your virtue which are rooted in the President and the Bishop and we hope that we will not be disappointed.

Sincerely yours

A group of sincere patriots