

MME NGO DINH NHU PRESIDES AT MEETING OF VWSM CITY DISTRICT CHAPTERS AND
CENTRAL SUB COMMITTEES

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The chairman of the movement noted that the emancipation of Vietnamese women has become a fact and that this result was attained thanks to the understanding and effective aid of the Great Leader of the nation.

She emphasized that even if it was not necessary for the Vietnamese women to organize themselves into a force to acquire their present rights, it is absolutely necessary for them to become a force now in order to preserve these rights. Thus, the raison d'etre of the organization which has decided to create true solidarity among women by basing its activities on home visiting which will enable women to know each other better and to train for greater efficiency.

The principle on which our organization is based, she said, is never to require too much or too little from women -- a minimum of two visits or meetings a month is sufficient.

VWSM members have the duty of spreading the Personalist doctrine, she said, adding that this will not be able to triumph by itself without their aid; especially when it is faced with Communism which, with its dynamism and machiavellism, does not hesitate to use any strategy even the most ignominious ones to achieve the final goal, world domination.

Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu denounced conceit and indifference in women, which she said, are prejudicial to the achievement of a homogenous force.

In a solemn voice, she noted that the true strength and actual prestige of the Movement depend on the solidarity of those who want to do good and not on the title or social position of the members' husbands.

Lastly the chairman of the VWSM urged total participation in the forthcoming election because, she explained, "it is for all of us Vietnamese women an opportunity to express our opinions. We are a majority bloc -- if we all vote, the final decision could not be different from our own. By our own decision, we can choose shame or glory."

Last VWSM session before October

Madame Ngo Dinh Nhu also called a meeting of VWSM executive members of chapter in Saigon districts I, II, III, IV on Tuesday.

The next day she presided at another meeting which convened some 400 delegates of VWSM members of sub-district committees in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th districts.

Opening the session, the VWSM President recalled with horror and indignation the atrocious crime recently committed by the VC at Dat Do (Phuoc Tuy). The murdered victim, 19-year-old Mai Thi Tren was one of the girls who had survived the earlier VC ambush which took the lives of two Cong Hoa Youth girls and maimed three others for life.

Emphasizing each word, Mme Ngo Dinh Nhu declared: "The Viet Cong, before the violent reaction of the whole country to the murder of the two girls of the Republican Youth, began saying over Radio Hanoi on March 28, that they had not intended to kill women, but had intended only to stop the truck with a warning salvo. According to them, the ten slightly wounded, the four grievously injured and the two killed (they even cited the exact numbers without error) were so only due to stray bullets. With this new third murder, their own agents have given the lie to their declarations, especially since they even went to the home of Mai Thi Tren who lived along with her elderly father, to kill her in her sleep. Her crime? Is it perhaps because she showed too much grief at the funeral of her team sisters, Ut and Ban?"

She even assured: "This assassination will, more than ever, induce the women to allow no longer infiltration in the nationalist ranks. The enemy has thus far benefited impunity because of the lack of concern among the women; but this situation will continue no longer. The murderers will be unmasksed by the women themselves and they will pay with their lives at the site of their crimes."

"The Communists will be the victims of their own errors", Mme Ngo Dinh Nhu continued. Because they do not believe in the after-life, they think everything can be settled by murder. But death is often far from defeat. The death of the Trung Sisters, 2,000 years ago, still inspires their people and serves them

