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Members of the Alliance of National  
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1. Trinh-Dinh THAO. A Saigon lawyer, Trinh Dinh THAO, is the Chairman of the Central Committee of the Alliance of National, Democratic and Peace Forces. He has been active in peace movements since the 1930s. In 1935, he was elected president of the League of the Rights of Man, but he was unsuccessful as a candidate in the colonial elections. He participated in the founding of the Indochina Democratic Party in 1937. Two years later, in 1939, he was favorable to the Japanese occupation and allowed them the use of his residence. Due to his association with the Japanese he was appointed Minister of Justice in the government of Tran Trong KIM. THAO signed a petition in 1947 asking for negotiations with the Viet Minh, and since this period has continued to be involved in peace movements. He was arrested in 1965, and again briefly in the summer of 1967 for this activity.

THAO was born in North Vietnam on 20 July 1901, the son of Trinh Dinh BAO and Nguyen Thi MAI, both deceased. He was educated in Hanoi, and in 1922, he was married to the daughter of Tan Ham Ninh of Sa Dec, with whom he had six children. He traveled with his wife in 1922 to France where he received his law degree. In 1929, he returned to Saigon to establish a law practice.

2. Lam Van TET. TET, a Vice Chairman of the Alliance, read the announcement adopted by the April 20-21 conference establishing the Alliance. TET, an engineer, is about 70 years old, and a Cao Daist. He led a GVN opposition group, "The Nationalist Scholars Group," in 1962 and was a member of the 1963 "Council of Notables" and of the "Religious Citizens' Front."
3. Venerable Thich Don HAU. HAU, Second Vice-Chairman of the Alliance, broadcast an appeal on Liberation Radio for popular support of the VC Front in Huo on 28 February 1968. HAU is probably the most widely known member, and best "window dressing," of the new Alliance, although it is possible he made the above-mentioned broadcast under duress. Born in 1905, HAU is the representative of the Unified Buddhist Association in northern South Vietnam. He is Secretary General to Buddhist leader Thich Tinh KHIET and the supervisor of the Buddhist Holy Mothers' Temple in Huo. He has not been an active participant in Buddhist anti-GVN activity in the past, although he has been described as a Buddhist nationalist, close to Thich Tri QUANG. HAU's stature in the Huo-Danang area is reported by some to be second only to that of QUANG, and his popularity has been reported to extend even to some parts of Laos.

4. Tan That Duong KY. KY, reportedly Secretary General of the Alliance, was active in leftist and anti-GVN movements in 1964 and 1965 and was deported to North Vietnam in 1965. He was involved in the pro-neutralist "People's Self Determination Movement" and the "Movement for Peace and Neutrality in South Vietnam." He reportedly returned to Saigon in 1967 to resume political activities.
5. Duong Quynh HOA. HOA, assistant Secretary General of the Alliance, was a member of the French Communist Party while studying for her Doctor of Medicine degree in France and may have been associated with the Party as late as 1966. In 1960-61, she was picked up by the Police in Saigon for possession of a large quantity of French Communist Party literature.
6. Thanh NGHI. NGHI, an assistant Secretary General of the Alliance, is about 46 years of age and is a native of North Vietnam. He is a freelance writer who also is the author of a French-Vietnamese dictionary. While in North Vietnam, he reportedly was responsible for establishing various newspapers.
7. Le Hieu BANG. (also reported Le Hue DANG and Le Hien DANH). BANG, an assistant Secretary General of the Alliance, is a law student in Saigon. He was a committee member of the All University Students' Union between 1966 and 1967.
8. Nguyen Van NGHI. NGHI, identified as a "senior expert" of the Alliance Central Committee.
9. Tran Trieu LUAT. LUAT, a member of the Alliance Central Committee, is the eldest son of Le DUNG, former Assistant Director of Training in the Ministry of Information. LUAT is a graduate of the Saigon Normal University, and in 1968, he was Vice-Chairman of the All Students' Union. He personally has led numerous student anti-government demonstrations.
10. Nguyen Van KIET. KIET, a member of the Alliance Central Committee, was born in May 1906 at Duc Hoa, Long An Province. He is a professor, formerly of the Faculty of Letters, Saigon, and was reportedly Superintendent for Primary and Middle School Education for the GVN between 1964 and 1965. KIET, untainted by previous anti-GVN activity, could well be the most respectable of all the present Alliance members.