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In 1960, the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation came into being with its 10-point programme aimed at uniting the entire people against the US imperialists and their lackeys.

Since then, the Front has achieved a broad unity of the various sections of the people, the political parties, organisations, nationalities, religious communities, and patriotic personalities, with a view to fighting together against US aggression for national salvation. It has successfully consolidated its base among the broad masses of the people; at the same time, it has carried out joint actions with many political and religious forces and won over many industrialists and traders, many officials and functionaries of the puppet administration, and many officers and men of the puppet army.

The Front has constantly enjoyed the whole-hearted encouragement and assistance of our compatriots in the North and abroad. It has also enjoyed ever stronger approval and support from the peoples of neighbouring Cambodia and Laos, from the peoples of the socialist, nationalist and other countries in the world, including progressive people in the United States.

Under the leadership of the NLF our people in the South have gone from victory to victory. The prestige of the Front has been increasingly enhanced at home and abroad. The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation has become the sole genuine representative of the heroic South Vietnamese people.

These great achievements have proved that the line and policy of the Front are correct, and that the strength of our people's unity and struggle is invincible.

At present, despite heavy defeats, the US imperialists are still unwilling to give up their aggressive designs against Vietnam. They are stepping up the war, trampling upon the South and intensifying the bombing of the North of our country. The monstrous crimes of the US imperialists, however, have only served to deepen our people's hatred and increase their indomitable will. The people of South Vietnam, regardless of social standing, and even a number of persons in the puppet army and administration, have seen through the US imperialists and their lackeys, and realised their true features; they hate them, and want to contribute to the struggle against US aggression for national salvation.

Never before in our nation's history has the mettle of our entire people, united for the fight to wipe out the enemy and save the country, been so strong as now. Our people are taking the initiative for victory, and occupy an offensive position. The US imperialists and their lackeys have been increasingly driven into passivity and embarrassment, their defeats have driven them into an impasse.

At this juncture, developing the former programme, the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation has worked out the following political programme with a view to further broadening the bloc of great national union, encouraging and stimulating the entire people to move forward, resolved to fight and defeat the US aggressors and to build an independent, democratic, peaceful, neutral and prosperous South Vietnam.

Mr. Nguyễn Hữu Thọ, president of the presidium of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation paying a visit to a unit of the Liberation Army



I. Unite the entire people, fight the US aggressors, save the country

- 1. During four thousand years of their history, the Vietnamese people have united and fought against foreign invasion to preserve their independence and freedom.**

Ever since our country was conquered by the French colonialists, our people have fought unremittingly for their liberation. In 1945, from North to South, our people, rose up, successfully carried out the August Revolution, seized political power from the Japanese militarists and their lackeys and founded the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

When the French colonialists came back to invade our country once again, our entire people fought heroically for nearly nine years, carrying our sacred resistance to the great victory of Dien Bien Phu, smashing the aggressive schemes of the French colonialists and the interventionist policy of the US imperialists.

The independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Vietnam were formally recognized by the 1954 Geneva Conference. Since then, our people in South Vietnam, together with those of the rest of the country, should have been living in peace, building a free and happy life. However, the US imperialists sabotaged the Geneva Agreements, ousted the French colonialists, set up in South Vietnam an extremely cruel puppet regime, and tried to turn the Southern part of Vietnam into a neo-colony and a military base in an attempt to prolong the partition of our country, conquer the whole of

Vietnam and impose their domination throughout Indochina and Southeast Asia.

The US imperialists have shrunk from no cruel method in carrying out their dark designs. Defeated in their «special war», they switched over to a «local war», using over half a million US and satellite troops, along with more than half a million puppet soldiers, in their aggression against South Vietnam. At the same time, they have undertaken a war of destruction against the Northern part of our country. They have also stepped up their «special war» in Laos and carried out continual provocations aimed at wrecking the independence and neutrality of Cambodia.

The US imperialists are daily causing untold sufferings and mourning to our people throughout the country. They have resorted to all kinds of modern war methods and weapons, including strategic aircraft, napalm bombs, toxic chemicals and poison gas, to massacre our countrymen. They have launched repeated operations, «mopping up» again and again many areas, carrying out the «kill all, burn all, destroy all» policy to raze villages and hamlets to the ground. They have herded together the population, grabbed land and set up «no man's lands», and fascist-type concentration camps dubbed «strategic hamlets», «prosperity zones», «resettlement areas», etc. In the North, they have wantonly bombed and strafed streets, villages, industrial centres, heavily populated areas; they have even struck at dikes, dams, schools, hospitals, churches, pagodas.

Obviously, the US imperialists are the most ruthless aggressors in history, the saboteurs of the 1954 Geneva Agreements, the saboteurs of the peace and security of the peoples of Indo-China, South-East Asia and the world, the enemy Number One of our own people and of mankind.

Over the past few years, the US imperialists have continually escalated the war; they have unceasingly clamoured about «peace negotiations» in an attempt to fool the American people and the peoples of the world.

The Saigon puppet administration has sold out South Vietnam to the US imperialists. It has oppressed and exploited the people in an extremely ruthless way. It has forced South Vietnam youths into the army to serve the US in massacring their fellow-countrymen. In a demagogic bid, it has also staged the farce of «working out a constitution» and «holding elections». The puppet administration is only a clique of traitors, an instrument for the US imperialists to enslave the South Vietnamese people, prolong the partition of our country and further the US war of aggression.

- 2. The US aggressors and their lackeys think they can intimidate our people by the use of force and deceive them by tricks. But they are grossly mistaken. Our people will absolutely never submit to force, never let themselves be deceived!**

Bringing into play our nation's tradition of undauntedness, our 31 million compatriots from the South to the North have resolutely stood up, united as one man, to fight against the US aggressors and save the country.

On the frontlines of the Fatherland, our Southern countrymen have, over the past 13 years, shown marvellous heroism. Irrespective of age, sex, political tendencies, religious beliefs, and no matter whether they live in the plains or in mountain areas, our people of all strata and all nationalities have resolutely fought shoulder to shoulder to liberate the South, defend the North and proceed toward the reunification of the Fatherland.

Since 1959-1960 our compatriots in the South Vietnamese countryside have carried out successive «simultaneous uprisings», destroyed a series of concentration camps and «prosperity zones» of the US imperialists and the puppet administration and liberated vast rural areas.

Our armed forces and people then rushed forward, destroyed thousands of «strategic hamlets», liberated millions of people, and defeated the US «special war».

Since 1965, although the US aggressors have brought in hundreds of thousands of US expeditionary troops for direct aggression against South Vietnam, our armed forces and people have repeatedly won big victories, smashed two successive US dry-season strategic counter-offensives, defeated over one million enemy troops (US puppet, and satellite). The liberated areas have continuously expanded and now already comprise four-fifths of the territory of South Vietnam which includes two-thirds of its population. In these liberated areas, a national and democratic power is taking shape and a new light is dawning. In addition to military victories, we have also recorded important successes in the political, economic, cultural and diplomatic fields.

In the beloved Northern part of our Fatherland, our 17 million compatriots are heroically defeating the US imperialists' war of destruction, maintaining and even boosting production, wholeheartedly encouraging and helping the cause of liberating the South, thus fulfilling the obligations of the rear-guard towards the Front.

In the world, the peoples of the socialist, nationalist and other countries, including the progressive people in the United States are forcefully condemning the US imperialists' war of aggression, and approve, support and assist our people's struggle against US aggression and for national salvation.

The facts have clearly shown that the more the US imperialists stubbornly intensify and expand their war of aggression against our country, the more they sustain bitter defeats and are driven into isolation; on the other hand, our people win greater victories and gain more friends.

3. The most dangerous enemies of our people at present are the US imperialist aggressors and their lackeys, the traitorous puppet administration.

back our sacred national rights and build up the country. together against the US imperialists and their lackeys, wrest back our sacred national rights and build up the country. irrespective of political tendencies, in order to struggle against the US imperialists and their lackeys, all individuals and all patriotic and progressive forces, establish a broad national, democratic, peaceful, neutral and prosperous South Vietnam, and proceed toward the peaceful reunification of the Fatherland.

The force that guarantees the fulfilment of the above task of fighting against US aggression and saving the country is our great national union. The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation is working resolutely for the unity of all social strata and classes, all nationalities, all political parties, all organizations, all religious communities, all patriotic personalities, all individuals and all patriotic tendencies, in order to struggle together against the US imperialists and their lackeys, wrest back our sacred national rights and build up the country.

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation is prepared to invite and welcome all patriotic forces and individuals who oppose the US aggressors to join its ranks, and to shoulder together our common duties. It proposes that any force which, for one reason or another, does not adhere to its ranks, act jointly against the common enemy — the US aggressors and their lackeys.

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation pledges itself to strive, shoulder to shoulder with the Vietnam Fatherland Front, to fulfill gloriously the common mission of fighting against US aggression, to liberate the South, defend the North and proceed toward the peaceful reunification of the Fatherland.



July 1954: fulfilling the Geneva commitments, the fighters of the popular army, operating south of the 17th parallel, say good-bye to their families before going to their respective areas in the north to await the general elections there, to be held, according to the Geneva Agreements, in July 1956 at the latest...

While fighting for their sacred national rights, the people of South Vietnam are accomplishing their internationalist duty. Their war of resistance against US aggression is an integral part of the revolutionary struggle of the people of the whole world.

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation undertakes to stand within the united bloc of the Indo-Chinese peoples to fight against the US imperialists and their lackeys, to defend the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation pledges to take an active part in the common struggle of the world's peoples against the bellicose and aggressive imperialists headed by US imperialism, for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress.

- 4. The cruel US aggressors are trampling upon our homeland. We, the people of South Vietnam, must stand up, revolt and wage a people's war to annihilate them, drive them out of our borders, and wrest back our national independence and sovereignty.**

Having experienced over 20 years of war our people in the South are eager to live in peace and rebuild our war-devastated country. But the US imperialists have cut across this legitimate aspiration. That is why our people have to fight against them to win peace in independence.

Nothing is more precious than independence and freedom. Only when real independence is secured can we have peace.

The enemy of our nation is ruthless and stubborn. But our entire people is determined to fight and to defeat the US aggressors and their lackeys. Until the US imperialists end their war of aggression, withdraw all US and satellite troops from our country, and let the South Vietnamese people settle themselves the internal affairs of South Vietnam without foreign intervention, our people will resolutely fight on until total victory. The South Vietnamese people's liberation war is a long and hard one, but it is sure to end in victory.

Our people rely mainly on their own forces; at the same time, they strive to win the sympathy, support and assistance of the peoples of the world.

To defeat the US aggressors and their lackeys, our people spare no sacrifice. They enthusiastically contribute manpower, material resources and their talent to the national liberation war in which everything is done for the frontline, everything for victory.

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation undertakes to develop the Liberation Armed Forces comprising the main-force units, the regional troops, and the militia and guerilla units, to promote people's war, combining guerilla with regular warfare, wiping out as many enemy forces as possible, crushing the enemy's will to fight and winning final victory.

The Front undertakes to build and develop the political forces of the masses, promote the movement of political struggle and agitation among enemy troops, thus forming three converging prongs to defeat the enemy.

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation undertakes to encourage all strata of the population in the towns and rural areas still under enemy control to unite and struggle

in every possible way to break the grip of the US aggressors and their lackeys, destroy the «phuong» (corporation) and «strategic hamlets», demand democratic freedoms, national sovereignty and a better life, oppose the forcible induction into the army and into labour camps, struggle against enslavement and depraved culture, and march forward together with the entire people, to overthrow the enemy's rule and seize political power.

At the same time, the Front undertakes to encourage all strata of the population in the liberated areas to unite closely, to build the system of people's self-government, to achieve step by step a nationwide democratic local administration, to build base areas, to strive to produce and fight against US aggression and for national salvation, to proceed with the proper settlement of the agrarian question, to build a new economy and culture of the liberated areas, to foster the people's forces with a view to ensuring supplies for the frontline and carrying the war of resistance through to complete victory.

II. Build an independent, democratic, peaceful, neutral and prosperous South Vietnam

The people of South Vietnam are determined to defeat the US aggressors and their lackeys and to devote all their efforts toward building a political system that guarantees the independence and sovereignty of the nation and the freedom and happiness of the people; to heal the wounds of war, to liquidate the social evils left by the US-puppet regime, to restore normal life, and build an independent, democratic, peaceful, neutral and prosperous South Vietnam. To achieve these objectives, the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation lays down the following concrete policies:

1. To achieve a broad and progressive democratic regime

— To abolish the disguised colonial regime established by the US imperialists in South Vietnam, to overthrow the puppet administration, hireling of the United States, refuse to recognize the puppet «national assembly» rigged up by the US imperialists and their lackeys, to abolish the «constitution» and all anti-national and anti-democratic laws enacted by the US imperialists and the puppet administration.

— To hold free general elections to elect a National Assembly in a really democratic way in accordance with the principle of universal, equal, direct suffrage and secret ballot. This National Assembly will be the State body with the highest authority in South Vietnam. It will work out a democratic Constitution which fully embodies the most fundamental and



This is how American «pacification» is being carried out

eager aspirations of all social strata in South Vietnam and guarantee the establishment of a broad, progressive, democratic, State structure. The immunity of the deputies of the National Assembly will be guaranteed.

— To set up democratic government of national union including the most representative persons among the various social strata, nationalities, religious communities, patriotic and democratic parties, patriotic personalities, and forces which have contributed to the cause of national liberation.

— To proclaim and enforce broad democratic freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of the press and publication, freedom of assembly, trade union freedom, freedom of association, freedom to form political parties, freedom of creed, freedom of demonstration.

— To guarantee the inviolability of all citizens, freedom of residence and lodging, privacy of correspondence, freedom of movement, freedom to work and rest, and the right to study.

— To enforce equality between man and woman and equality among the various nationalities.

— To set free all persons detained by the US imperialists and the puppet administration on account of their patriotic activities.

— To dissolve the concentration camps set up in all forms by the US imperialists and their lackeys.

— All those people who have had to seek asylum abroad because of the US puppet regime, have the right to return home to serve the country.

— To severely punish the cruel agents of the US imperialists.

2. To build an independent and self-supporting economy, to improve the people's living conditions.

— To abolish the policy of economic enslavement and the monopoly of US imperialism.

— To confiscate the property of the US imperialists and their cruel agents and turn it into State property.

— To build an independent and self-supporting economy. To rapidly heal the wounds of war, to restore and develop the economy to make the people rich and the country powerful.

— To protect the right of ownership of the means of

production and other property of the citizens under the laws of the State.

— To restore and develop agricultural production. To improve farming, animal husbandry, fish-rearing and forestry. The State will encourage the peasants to unite and help one another in boosting production, grant them loans at low interest rates for the purchase of buffaloes, oxen, farming implements, agricultural machines, seeds, fertilizers, etc., help them develop irrigation works, and apply advanced techniques in agriculture.

— To guarantee outlets for agricultural products.

— To restore and develop industry, small industries and handicrafts.

— To guarantee to workers and employees the right to take part in the management of enterprises.

The State will encourage capitalists in industry and trade to help develop industry, small industry and handicrafts.

— To enforce freedom of enterprise for the benefit of the nation and the people's welfare, to apply a customs policy designed to encourage and protect home production.

— To restore and develop communications and transport.

— To encourage and step up economic exchanges between town and country, between the plains and the mountain areas.

— To give due consideration to the interests of small traders and shopkeepers.

— To set up a State bank.

— To establish an independent currency.

— To apply a fair and national tax policy.

The State will adopt a policy of granting loans at low interests to encourage production, and will prohibit usury.

— To develop economic relations with the North; the two zones will help each other so that Vietnam's economy may prosper rapidly.

— In accordance with the Front's policy of neutrality and on the principle of equality, mutual benefit and respect for the independence and sovereignty of the Vietnamese nation, trade with all countries will be expanded, and economic and technical assistance from foreign countries will be accepted, regardless of political and social systems.

3. To enact land policy, to carry out the slogan «Land to the tiller»

— To confiscate the lands of the US imperialists and the landlords, their lackeys, to allot those lands to landless or land-poor peasants.

— To confirm and protect the ownership of the lands allotted to peasants by the Revolution.

— The State will negotiate the purchase of land from landlords who possess land upward of a certain amount varying with the situation in each locality; it will allot these lands to landless or land-poor peasants. The recipients will receive the lands free of charge, and will not be bound by any condition whatsoever. In areas where the required conditions for land reform do not yet obtain, land-rent reduction will be carried out.

— To entrust the lands belonging to absentee-landlords to peasants for cultivation and enjoyment of the produce. Adequate steps will be taken in this matter at a later stage in consideration of the political attitude of each landlord.

— To allow landlords to offer land to the Peasants' Liberation Association or to the State. The Peasants' Liberation Association and the State will allot those lands to landless or land-poor peasants.

— To encourage the owners of industrial crop or fruit-free plantations to keep them going.

— To respect the legitimate right to ownership of land by the churches, pagodas and holy sees, of religious sects.

— To carry out a fair and national re-distribution of communal lands.

— To guarantee the legitimate right to ownership of re-claimed lands to those who re-claim them.

— Those compatriots who have been forced into «strategic hamlets» or concentraion camps in any other form will be free to return to their former villages.

— Those who have been compelled to «evacuate» or to «change abodes» and who wish to go on living there, will enjoy recognition of their ownership of the lands and other property which have resulted from their labour and will receive help to continue earning their living in the same place; those who wish to return to their native places will also receive help.



The young Vietnamese Nguyen Van Trôi, murdered by the occupying American soldiers in Saigon on November 15, 1964, has become the symbol of all the Vietnamese youth

4. To build a national democratic culture and education, to develop science and technology, to promote public health.

— To fight against the American-type of enslaving and depraved culture and education now adversely effecting our people's fine, long-standing cultural traditions.

— To build a national democratic culture and education,

to develop science and technology in the service of national construction and defence.

- To educate the people in the Vietnamese nation's tradition of struggle against foreign invasion and its heroic history. To preserve and develop the fine culture and good customs and habits of our nation.

- To raise the people's cultural standards: to liquidate illiteracy, to promote complementary education, to open new general education schools, higher learning establishments and vocational schools. To make an all-out effort to train and foster the contingent of scientific workers, technicians and skilled workers.

- To use the Vietnamese language as the teaching medium in higher learning establishments.

- To reduce school fees for pupils and students, to exempt poor pupils and students from school fees, or grant them scholarships.

- To reform the system of examinations.

- The State will give every help possible to the youths and children who have rendered services in the fight against US aggression and for national salvation, to the children born into families who have rendered services to the Revolution, and to other outstanding youths to enable them to study and develop their capabilities.

- Every citizen is free to carry out scientific and technological research, to indulge in literary and artistic creation and to participate in other cultural activities. To encourage the intellectuals, writers, artists and scientists and to afford them favourable conditions for research work, creation and invention in the service of the Fatherland and the people.

- To afford opportunities to the writers and artists who have been persecuted by the US imperialists and their lackeys for their patriotic activities.

- To develop health service and the movement for hygiene and prophylaxis; to attend to the people's health. To control epidemics, to do away with dangerous diseases, left by the US-puppet regime.

- To develop the movement for physical training and sports.

- To develop cultural relations with the North; the two zones will help each other to raise the people's education.

- To promote cultural relations with foreign countries on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

5. To guarantee the rights and cater for the livelihood of workers, labourers and civil servants.

— To promulgate labour legislation, to put into practice the 8-hour working day, to provide facilities for rest and recreation, to set up a national system of wages and bonuses for increased productivity.

— To improve the living and working conditions of the workers, labourers, and civil servants.

— To apply a policy of adequate remuneration for apprentices.

— To provide jobs to the workers and the poor people in the towns; to make every effort to do away with unemployment.

— To put into practice a social security policy, to care for and assist workers, labourers and civil servants in case of disease, incapacitation, old age or retirement.

— To improve living conditions in working people's residential quarters.

— To settle disputes between employers and employees through negotiations between the two sides and mediation by the national democratic administration.

— To strictly prohibit the beating of workers and labourers, to strictly prohibit fines deducted from wages and unjustified sacking of workers.

6. To build up strong South Vietnam Liberation Armed Forces to liberate the people and defend the Fatherland.

— The South Vietnam Liberation Armed Forces (comprising the main-force units, the regional troops, and the militia and guerilla units) are the children of the people. They are boundlessly loyal to the interests of the Fatherland and the people, and duty-bound to fight shoulder to shoulder with the entire people to liberate the South, defend the Fatherland and make an active contribution to the defence of peace in Asia and in the world.

— To pay due attention to the development of the Liberation Armed Forces. To strive to raise their quality and increase their fighting capacity in order to step up the people's

war, to defeat the US satellite and puppet troops, and bring the fight against US aggression, for national salvation to total victory.

— To strengthen the political work in order to enhance the patriotism, sense of discipline, and determination to fight and to win of the Liberation Armed Forces, continuously tightening the close relations between the army and the population.

— Officers and men of the Liberation Armed Forces have the right of vote and eligibility, and have the right to land and all other rights of the citizens.

7. To show gratitude to the martyrs, to provide for the needs of disabled armymen, to reward the fighters and compatriots with an outstanding record in the fight against US aggression and for national salvation.

The entire people are grateful to, and constantly bear in mind the memory of the martyrs who belonged to the Liberation Armed Forces or to various services and revolutionary organisations, as well as those who laid down their lives in political struggles. Their families are provided for and assisted by the State and the people.

— Armymen and compatriots disabled in the course of the armed and political struggle are given care and assistance.

— To reward in a worthy manner all fighters and compatriots who have an outstanding record in the struggle against US aggression and for national salvation.

The entire people are grateful to and help the families who have rendered services to the Revolution.

8. To organise social relief.

— To give relief to the victims of the war of aggression unleashed by the US imperialists and the puppet regime.

— To attend to orphans, old folk, and invalids. To organise relief for the areas affected by natural calamities or bad crops.

— Consideration is also given to disabled puppet armymen and to the families of puppet armymen killed in action who are poor and forlorn.

— To help those people driven to depravation by the US imperialists and their lackeys to rebuild their lives and serve the Fatherland and the people.

**9. To put into practice equality between man and woman,
to protect mothers and children.**

— To pay the utmost attention to raising the political, cultural and vocational standards of women in a manner fitting with their merits in the struggle against US aggression and for national salvation. To develop the Vietnamese women's traditions of heroism, undauntedness, loyalty and aptitude to shoulder every responsibility.

— Women are equal to men politically, economically, culturally and socially.

— Women who do the same job receive the same wages and allowances and enjoy all other rights as men.

— Women workers and civil servants enjoy two months' maternity leave with full pay before and after childbirth.

— To put into practice an active policy of helping, perfecting and training woman cadres.

— To protect the rights of mothers and children. To de-

The Liberation Army holds in check an army of aggression consisting of a million soldiers and has liberated four-fifths of South Vietnam which includes two-thirds of the population



velop the network of maternity homes, creches and infant classes.

— To do away with all the social evils brought about by the US imperialists and their lackeys, which are harmful to women's health and dignity.

10. To strengthen unity, to practice equality and mutual assistance among nationalities.

— To abolish all systems and policies applied by the imperialists and their lackeys with a view to dividing, oppressing and exploiting the various nationalities. To oppose discrimination among and forcible assimilation of the nationalities.

— To develop the long-standing tradition of unity and mutual assistance among the various fraternal nationalities with a view to defending and building the country. All nationalities are equal in rights and obligations.

— To implement the agrarian policy with regard to minority peasants. To encourage and help them settle down in fixed residences, to improve their lands, to develop economy and culture, to raise their living standards so as to keep abreast of the general level.

The national minorities have the right to use their own spoken and written languages, to develop their own culture and art and to maintain or to change their customs and habits.

— To strive to train minority cadres in order to quickly bring about conditions for the good management of its local affairs by the minority concerned itself.

— In the areas inhabited by the communities of a specific minority and where the required conditions exist, autonomous zones will be established within independent and free Vietnam.

11. To respect freedom of creed, to achieve unity and equality among the different religious communities.

— To fight against all manoeuvres and tricks of the imperialists and their lackeys, who use a number of persons under the cloak of religion to oppose our people's struggle against US aggression and for national salvation, to sow dissension between believers and non-believers and among different religious communities and to harm the country, the people and religion.

— To respect freedom of creed and worship. To preserve pagodas, churches, holy sees, temples.

— All religions are equal and none is to be discriminated against.

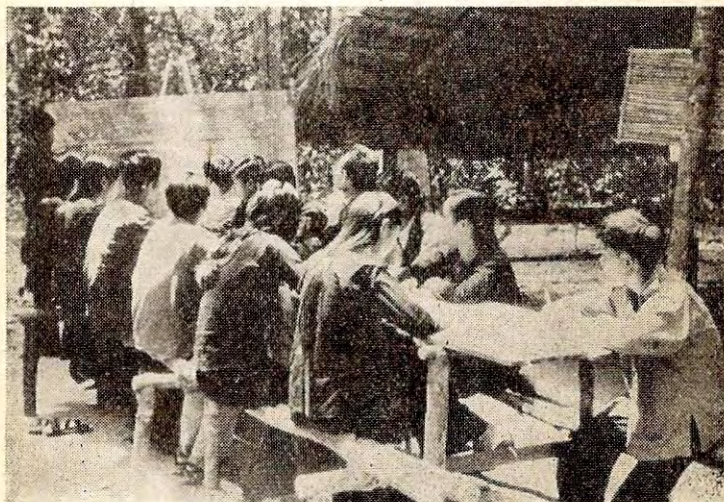
— To achieve unity among believers of various religions and between believers and the entire nation for the sake of the struggle against the US aggressors and their lackeys, to defend and build the country.

12. To welcome puppet officers and men, and puppet officials back to the just cause, show leniency and give humane treatment to rallied army-men and prisoners-of-war.

— To oppose the US imperialists' and the puppet administration's attempts to press mercenaries into serving the US aggressors against the Fatherland and massacre the people.

— To severely punish the thugs acting as efficient agents of the US imperialists.

In the liberated areas of the South, the Front makes tremendous efforts to do away with illiteracy



— To afford conditions for puppet officers and puppet officials to come back to the just cause and join the people's fight against US aggression to save and build the country.

— Those individuals, groups or units of the puppet army and administration who render services to the fighting against US aggression, for national salvation will be rewarded and entrusted with responsible jobs. Those who sympathize with and support the struggle against US aggression for national salvation or those who refuse to carry out orders of the US and puppets to harm the people, will have their merits recorded.

— Those individuals, groups or units who have broken away from the puppet army and voluntarily apply to join the Liberation Armed Forces to fight against the US and save the country are welcomed and enjoy equal treatment.

Regarding those individuals or units who have broken away from the puppet army and administration and risen against the US aggressors to save the country, the Front stands ready to join hands with them in the fight against the US aggressors, on a basis of equality, mutual respect and assistance so as to protect together the people and liberate the Fatherland.

— Those functionaries of the puppet administration who volunteer to serve the country and the people in the State machine after the liberation of South Vietnam will enjoy equal treatment.

— Those in the puppet army and the puppet administration at any level who have committed crimes against the people but are now sincerely repentant will be pardoned. Those who redeem their crimes by meritorious deeds will be rewarded accordingly. Captured officers and men of the puppet army will enjoy humanitarian treatment and clemency.

— Those in the US army and its satellite armies who cross over to the people's side will be given kind treatment and helped to return to their families when conditions permit.

— Captured US and satellite troops will be treated as captured puppet troops.

13. To protect the rights and interests of overseas Vietnamese.

— To welcome the patriotism of overseas Vietnamese and highly value all their contributions to the resistance against US aggression for national salvation.

— To protect the rights and interests of overseas Vietnamese.

— To help those overseas Vietnamese who wish to return to take part in the building of the country.

14. To protect the legitimate rights and interests of foreign residents in South Vietnam.

— To welcome those foreign residents who have contributed to the Vietnamese people's resistance against US aggression for national salvation.

— All foreign residents living in South Vietnam must respect the independence and sovereignty of Vietnam and obey the law of the national democratic administration.

— To protect the legitimate rights and interests of all foreign residents who do not cooperate with US imperialists and their henchmen in opposing the Vietnamese people, who do not harm the independence and sovereignty of Vietnam. To give adequate consideration to the rights and interests of those foreign residents who have directly or indirectly supported the Vietnamese people's resistance to US aggression for national salvation.

— To resolutely oppose and abolish all policies of the US imperialists and their henchmen aimed at sowing discord between the Vietnamese people and Chinese resident in South Vietnam, exploiting and repressing them and forcing them to adopt Vietnamese citizenship.

— To punish the die-hard agents and secret agents of the imperialists and the South Vietnam puppet administration.

III. Restore normal relations between North and South Vietnam, proceed toward peaceful reunification of the Fatherland

Vietnam is one, the Vietnamese people are one. No force can divide our Fatherland. Reunification of the country is the sacred aspiration of our entire people. Vietnam must be reunified.

The policy of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation consists in the following:

1. The reunification of Vietnam will be realized step by step and through peaceful means on the principle of negotiation between the two zones without either side using pressure against the other and without foreign interference.

2. Pending the reunification of the country, the people in both zones will make joint efforts to oppose foreign invasion and defend the Fatherland, at the same time endeavouring to expand economic and cultural exchanges. The people in both zones are free to exchange letters, to go from one zone to the other and to choose their place of residence.

IV. Apply a foreign policy of peace and neutrality

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation applies a foreign policy of peace and neutrality, a foreign policy which guarantees the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the country and helps safeguard world peace. In more concrete terms this policy consists in the following points:

1. To establish diplomatic relations with all countries regardless of their social and political system, on the principle of mutual respect for each other's independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-infringement upon each other's territory, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality, mutual benefit and peaceful coexistence.

To abolish all unequal treaties which the puppet administration has signed with the United States or any other country.

To respect the economic and cultural interests of those countries which sympathize with, support or assist the struggle against US aggression, for national salvation of the Vietnamese people.

To accept technical and economic assistance from any country without any political conditions attached.

To join no military alliance, to accept no military personnel or military bases of foreign countries on South Vietnam territory.

2. To strengthen friendly relations with all countries which sympathize with, support or assist the struggle against US aggression, for national salvation of the Vietnamese people. To strengthen the relations of good neighbourhood with Cambodia and Laos. To unceasingly consolidate the solidarity and mutual assistance among the peoples of the Indo-Chinese countries with a view to defending their respective independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity against the aggressive policy of the US imperialists and their henchmen.

3. To actively support the national liberation movement of the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America against imperialism and old and new colonialism.

To actively support the struggle of the American people against the US imperialists' war of aggression in Vietnam.

To actively support the just struggle of the black people in the United States for their fundamental national rights.

To actively support the struggle for peace, democracy and social progress in all countries in the world.

4. To actively contribute to the safeguarding of world peace, to oppose the bellicose and aggressive imperialists headed by US imperialism. To demand the dissolution of the aggressive military blocs and foreign military bases of imperialism.

To unceasingly consolidate and develop relations with international democratic organizations and the peoples of all countries including the American people.

To actively contribute to the consolidation and development of the world peoples' front in support of Vietnam, against the US imperialist aggressors, for national independence and peace.

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The struggle against US aggression for the national salvation of our people is an extremely arduous but glorious cause.

It concerns not only the destiny of our people at present and all our future generations, but also the interests of the peoples of the world who are struggling for peace, national independence, democracy and social progress. In order to gain



Medical research, scientific research, vaccinations, laboratories, established by the Front are functioning in the middle of the jungle and in the liberated areas

that glorious cause, our people already united must unite still more closely and broadly!

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation warmly welcomes all political parties, mass organizations, patriotic and progressive personalities who rally within and outside the front in order to defeat together the US aggressors and their henchmen.

The struggle against US aggression for the national salvation of our people is a just cause. Our people throughout the country are of one mind to fight and defeat the US aggressors and their henchmen. The sympathy, support and assistance of the peoples of the socialist countries, the Asian, African and Latin American countries and peace and justice-loving people all over the world, including progressive people in the United States, are becoming deeper and stronger day by day. We are winning and will surely win complete victory.

No matter how frenzied, brutal, obdurate and perfidious the US imperialists may be, they will inevitably meet with bitter failure in their criminal schemes.

In the supreme interests of the Fatherland, let our entire people in South Vietnam strengthen their solidarity, millions as one, and rush forward shoulder to shoulder in the impetus of our victories to completely defeat the US aggressors and their puppet administration, and together with our Northern compatriots to fulfil the great and glorious cause of liberating the South, defending the North and proceeding toward the peaceful reunification of the Fatherland.

The South Vietnam National Front for Liberation pledges itself to be always worthy of the confidence of its compatriots and our friends in the five continents.

The Vietnamese people will surely be victorious!

The US aggressors and their henchmen will certainly be defeated!

The program of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation is sure to materialize!

Fighters and compatriots throughout South Vietnam, under the glorious banner of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation, march heroically forward!

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