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DEAR READERS:

THE AMERICAN IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION, AS WELL AS THE CRIMES PERPETUATED BY THEM, IN SOUTH VIETNAM, REVOLENT ALL CONSCIENCES.

THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PATRIOTS, COMING FROM ALL POLITICAL HORIZONS, RELIGIOUS FAITHS AND OF THE MOST DIVERSE ETHNIC GROUPS, ARE GATHERED UNDER THE BANNER OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF SOUTH VIETNAM TO FORM A FIRM BLOCK BEFORE THE ENEMY OF THEIR COUNTRY. THE EXPERIENCES ACCUMULATED IN THE COURSE OF A HUNDRED YEAR STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM ARE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO THEIR INFINITE WILL TO FIGHT AND TO WIN. THEIR UNCEASING VIGILANCE, FROM DAWN TO DUSK, THEIR POLITICAL POWER AND THEIR MILITARY STRENGTH, INCREASE DURING THE COURSE OF COMBATS; THE FINAL VICTORY WILL NOT ESCAPE THEM.

THIS SECOND RESISTANCE OF OUR PEOPLE CHARACTERIZES ITSELF BY THE ABUNDANCE AND THE SOLIDARITY OF THE NATIONAL UNION FRONT, BY THE MATURITY OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT AT ALL ITS ECHELONS.

WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT TODAY, TO OUR FRIENDS AS WELL AS THE WORLD, THE PEOPLE REPRESENTING MOST FULLY OUR MOVEMENT. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF OUR STRUGGLE IMPOSE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS, SO THAT, FOR THE MOMENT, WE ARE UNABLE TO INCLUDE IN THIS PUBLICATION, BIOGRAPHIES OF SOME OTHER LEADERS AND DELEGATES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE ACTIVE IN AREAS STILL CONTROLLED BY THE ENEMY.

COMMISSION OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS
OF THE
NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF SOUTH
VIETNAM

(1) NGUYEN HUU THO

PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.

DESCENDED FROM A LINE OF CIVIL SERVANTS, NGUYEN HUU THO, BORN ON JULY 10, 1910, IN CHOLON (SOUTH VIETNAM), HE ACHIEVED BRILLIANCE IN HIS STUDY OF LAW IN FRANCE, AND SOON AFTER, PRACTISED HIS PROFESSION IN SAIGON, AMIDST PUBLIC ESTEEM.

HIS COURAGEOUS DEFENSE, ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE RESISTANCE BROUGHT OUT ON TRIAL THROUGHOUT THE WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE AGAINST THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS, WON HIM RECOGNITION BY HIS COLLEAGUES AS A BEFITTING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VIETNAMESE INTELLIGENTSIA. UNDER THIS POSITION HE TOOK PART IN VARIOUS ACTIVE MOVEMENTS AND IN 1949, DIRECTED THE REVOLT OF THE STUDENTS, WHITE COLLAR WORKERS AND INTELLECTUALS IN THE SAIGON-CHOLON AREA AGAINST THE COLONIAL AUTHORITIES, AIMED TOWARDS THE ABROGATION OF REPRESSIVE MEASURES, THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES, AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

FROM 1950 TO 1952 HE WAS IMPRISONED AND DEPORTED TO LAI CHAUU IN NORTH VIETNAM FOR HAVING LED THE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION ON MARCH 19 AGAINST THE AMERICAN INTERVENTION INTO THE INDO-CHINESE WAR. HAVING REGAINED HIS LIBERTY HE ESTABLISHED AND BECAME THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PEACE MOVEMENT OF SAIGON-CHOLON (AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS IN 1954). HE WAS THEREAFTER ARRESTED AND FOR MANY LONG YEARS CARTED FROM PRISON TO PRISON.

THANKS TO THE ASSISTANCE OF THE POPULATION, HE WAS FREED IN 1961 FROM FORCED DETENTION IN PHU YEN (CENTRAL VIETNAM). SOON AFTER HE PARTICIPATED IN THE IMMEDIATE STRUGGLE AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION AND THE PUPPET GOVERNMENT.

(2) YBIH ALEO

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF. PRESIDENT OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS NATIONALITIES IN TAY NGUYEN AND THE HIGH-PLATEAU. MEMBER OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM COMMITTEE OF PEACE. MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NLF. LEADER OF THE RHAE MINORITY.

YBIH ALEO, A PROTESTANT EDEH NATIVE, WAS BORN IN 1901, IN THE NIENG HAMLET, IN THE PROVINCE OF DAKLAK, CENTRAL VIETNAM. AN OFFICER OF THE FRENCH COLONIAL ARMY, HE REVOLTED AND JOINED THE REVOLUTIONARY RANKS IN HIS YOUTH. HE TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE MOVEMENT FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN 1945, LEADING THE SOLDIERS OF THE GARRISON OF BAN ME THUOT. AFTER THE TRIUMPH OF THE AUGUST 1945 REVOLUTION, HE WAS ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF DAKLAK.

HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS IN 1946 AND CONDEMNED TO DEATH. FORTUNATELY HOWEVER, HIS SENTENCE WAS COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT. HE WAS RELEASED IN 1951 AFTER SERVING JAIL TERMS AT BAN ME THUOT AND YRING. THE ENEMY HAD HOPED TO WIN HIM OVER TO THEIR SIDE BY THIS "KINDNESS," BUT IT WAS PROVED FUTILE.

IN 1958, YBIH ALEO LED THE REVOLT AGAINST THE AMERICAN-DIEMIST FORCES, PARTICULARLY IN THE DISTRICTS OF BAN ME THUOT AND LAK (IN THE DAKLAK PROVINCE). IN 1961, HE BECAME ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE AUTONOMOUS NATIONALITIES IN TAY NGUYEN.

(3) VO CHI CONG

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF. REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY OF VIETNAM AT THE FORMATION OF THE NLF OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

BORN IN 1912 IN QUANG NAMM (CENTRAL VIETNAM), VO CHI CONG ACHIEVED AT A VERY EARLY AGE THE REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT OF THE GREAT PATRIOTS PHAN BOI CHAU AND PHAN CHU TRINH. AT THE AGE OF 16 HE JOINED THE RANKS OF THE PATRIOTS. REVOLTING AGAINST THE COLONIAL AND FEUDAL YOKE, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT OF 1930-33, AND LABORED WITHOUT ANY PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS FROM 1936-39 FOR THE ANTI-FASCIST FRONT. IN 1942 HE WAS CONDEMNED TO HARD LABOR FOR LIFE AND WAS DEPORTED. AFTER HIS LIBERATION IN 1945, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE AUGUST REVOLUTION IN CENTRAL VIETNAM. HE PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE RESISTANCE AGAINST THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS.

(4) PHUNG VAN CUNG

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF. CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM PEACE COMMITTEE. PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF CIVIL AND MILITARY HEALTH OF SOUTH VIET-

NAM.

BORN IN 1909 IN VINH LONG, PHUNG VAN CUNG WON HIS DIPLOMA FROM THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE IN HANOI. HE DIRECTED SANITATION SERVICES IN THE PROVINCES OF RACH GIA AND CHAU DOC BEFORE BEING NAMED AN ACTUAL DOCTOR TO THE FOUKIEN HOSPITAL IN CHOLON. HIS ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION WON HIM THE ESTEEM OF HIS COMPATRIOTS. HE OCCUPIED HIGH POSITIONS IN THE NGO DINH DIEM ADMINISTRATION. HOWEVER, HE SYSTEMATICALLY OPPOSED THE MACHINERY OF THE DICTATORSHIP, WHICH SOUGHT TO PERSECUTE THE INTELLECTUALS IN THEIR REPRESSION OF THE PATRIOTS, NOTABLY IN FOILING THE ORDER OF LEVY OF THE DOCTORS AND THE PRACTICE OF SO-CALLED "BENUNCIATION OF THE COMMUNISTS." IN 1960 HE REJOINED THE LIBERATED ONE WITH HIS ENTIRE FAMILY IN ORDER TO BETTER SERVE THE CAUSE OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.

(5) VENERABLE THOM ME THE NHEM

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
PRESIDENT OF THE BUDDHIST DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL AT BAG LIEU.

THE KHMER WAS BORN IN 1925 IN TAN LOC, CAMAU PROVINCE. THE VENERABLE THOM ME THE NHEM, WHO JOINED THE BUDDHIST ORDER IN EARLY CHILDHOOD, PLAYED AN ACTIVE PART IN THE RESISTANCE. AS PRESIDENT OF THE BUDDHIST DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL, HE CONTRIBUTED IN CONSOLIDATING THE UNION OF NATIONALITIES IN THE FACE OF COLONIAL FRENCH MANOEUVRES TOWARDS DIVISION, ALL THE WHILE DEFENDING WITH ARDOR THE INTERESTS OF HIS RELIGION. AFTER THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, HE DEVOUTLY SACRIFICED HIMSELF IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE KHMERS OF VIETNAM IN THE FORM OF A TIGHT NATIONAL UNION. DIRECTOR OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN SAIGON, HE LED AN UNTIRING MOVEMENT FOR THE UNION OF THE NATIONALITIES, THE STRUGGLE FOR VIETNAMESE LIBERTY, DEMOCRACY, AND FREEDOM OF BELIEF.

(6) HUYNH TAN PHATT

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SOUTH VIETNAM.
PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF SAIGON-CHOLON IN THE NLF.

A RENOWNED ARCHITECT, HUYNH TAN PHAT IS ORIGINALLY FROM MY THO, WHERE HE WAS BORN IN 1913. SINCE 1936, EVEN BEFORE FINISHING HIS STUDIES, HE ENGAGED IN THE DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT, AND AFTERWARDS RESISTED AGAINST FASCISM UNDER THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION. AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE MAGAZINE "JEUNESSE," HE WAS ONE OF THE PROMOTERS OF THE MOVEMENT CALLED THE "JEUNESSE D'AVANT-GARDE." HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE AUGUST REVOLUTION CAUSED HIM TO BE TWICE ARRESTED BY THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS. ONCE FREED, HE ASSUMED IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN THE RESISTANCE AS DIRECTOR OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES OF NAM BO AND MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND RESISTANCE COMMITTEE OF SAIGON-GIA DINH. RETURNING TO SAIGON AFTER GENEVA, HE CONTINUED THE STRUGGLE AGAINST AMERICAN AGGRESSION, WHICH LED HIM TO REJOIN THE LIBERATED ZONE IN 1958.

(7) TRAN NAM TRUNG

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY.
REPRESENTS THE LIBERATION ARMY ON THE PRESIDUM.

IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF TRUNG BO IN 1913, TRAN NAM TRUNG WAS BORN INTO A FAMILY OF PEASANTS. HE IS AN ADHERENT OF THE REVOLU-

TIONARY CAUSE SINCE HIS CHILDHOOD. AS A MILITANT ANTI-IMPERIALIST, ANTI-FEUDALIST AND ANTI-FASCIST SINCE 1930, HE CHERISHES MANY FOND MEMORIES OF COLONIAL PRISONS. HE TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE AUGUST 1945 INSURRECTION, AND DEDICATED HIMSELF TO THE RESISTANCE UNTIL VICTORY WAS ACHIEVED. AFTER THE GENEVA TREATY, HE STRUGGLED FOR A STRICT AND LOYAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE AGREEMENTS DESPITE AMERICAN SABOTAGE.

(8) BONZE SUPERIOR THICH THIEN HAO

MEMBER OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF FOR CENTRAL NAM BO.
PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF LUC HOA BUDDHISTS OF VIETNAM.
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM COMMITTEE OF AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY.

BORN IN 1909 AT GIA DINH, THE VENERABLE THICH THIEN HAO WAS ADMITTED INTO THE RELIGIOUS ORDER AS A CHILD. AFTER HAVING UNTIRINGLY RALLIED TO THE DEFENSE OF BUDDHISM AND NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DURING THE RESISTANCE, HE ESTABLISHED HIMSELF IN SAIGON IN 1954, IN GIAO NGAN PAGODA, TRUONG MINH GIANG ROAD. HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE LUC HOA BUDDHISTS OF VIETNAM, AND, WHILE RELIGIOUS PERSECUTIONS WERE UNLEASHED TO AN AGONIZING POINT BY THE DIEM REGIME UNDER AMERICAN INSTIGATIONS, HE ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE OF BUDDHISTS IN PEKING. HE VISITED NUMEROUS FRIENDLY COUNTRIES AT THE CONFERENCE'S CLOSE.

(9) TRAN BUU KIEM

MEMBER OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF STUDENTS FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM.
MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

BORN IN 1921 IN CAN THO (SOUTH VIETNAM), TRAN BUU KIEM RECEIVED HIS DIPLOMA AT THE FACULTY OF LAW IN HANOI. DEVOTED FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE REVOLUTIONARY CAUSE, HE REBELLED DURING THE GENERAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN 1944-45 AND PARTICIPATED IN THE WIDESPREAD INSURRECTION OF AUGUST 1945. DURING THE WAR OF RESISTANCE, HE WAS PLACED IN IMPORTANT POSITIONS, NOTABLY AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND RESISTANCE COMMITTEE IN NAM BO (1945-49) AND AFTER 1950, AS CO-DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC SERVICES. SINCE THE AMERICAN INTERVENTION AND AGGRESSION, HE HAS QUITE NATURALLY RESUMED HIS STRUGGLE.

(10) SUPERIOR NGUYEN VAN NGOI

MEMBER OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ASSISTANCE OF THE WOUNDED AND SICK OF THE LIBERATION ARMY.
CHIEF OF THE CAODAIST SECT TIEN THIEN.

HIS EMINENCE THE SUPERIOR NGUYEN VAN NGOI, WHO WAS BORN IN 1900 IN MY THO, FINISHED HIS STUDIES AT L'ECOLE NORMALE OF TEACHING (IN SAIGON) AND WAS GIVEN THE DIRECTORSHIP OF THE TAM BINH SCHOOL, IN VINH LING PROVINCE. AN ADHERENT OF CAODAIISM SINCE 1927, HE LEFT THE TAY NINH SECT FOR THE TIEN THIEN SECT. DURING THE RESISTANCE HE PRESIDED OVER THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OF VINH LING OF

LIEN VIET (UNION OF VIETNAMESE PEOPLE) AND THE CAODAI COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL SALVATION. IN 1954 HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE CAODAIIST HOLY SEAT IN THE TIEN THIEN SECT AT SOC SAI (BEN TRE). HE WAS RAISED TO THE POSITION OF PHOI SU IN 1955 AND TO NGOC DAU SU IN 1958. IN 1960 HIS EMINENCE NGUYEN VAN NGOI REJOINED THE LIBERATED ZONE.

(11) LE VAN HUAN

ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE LATIN-AMERICAN PEOPLES.
PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PATRIOTIC TEACHERS OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

BORN IN 1906 IN THE VILLAGE OF NHON AI (CAN THO PROVINCE) AND EDUCATED AT HANOI'S L'ECOLE SUPERIEURE DE PEDAGOGIE, LE VAN HUAN WAS WELL EQUIPPED TO BE A PROFESSOR AT L'ECOLE NORMALE D'INSTITUTEURS AND LYCEE PETRUS KY IN SAIGON. HE THEN BECAME THE DIRECTOR OF THE NAM VIET COLLEGE. AMIDST PUBLIC ESTEEM, HE PLAYED A SECRET ROLE IN THE FIRST PLAN DURING THE RESISTANCE. AS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE 1954 PEACE-MOVEMENT IN SAIGON CHOLON, HE WAS ARRESTED AND HELD FOR MANY LONG YEARS IN BIEN HOA, PHU QUOC, PHU LOI AND POULO CONDOR PRISONS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS LIBERATION HE RETURNED TO THE FREED ZONE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE HIS PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES IN THE BOSOM OF THE NLF.

(12) HO THU

ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NLF FOR LAUDATIONS AND COMPENSATIONS.

BORN IN 1910 IN PHAN THIET (CENTRAL VIETNAM) INTO A MANDARIN FAMILY, HO THU RECEIVED HIS DEGREE IN PHARMACY IN THE FIRST RANK IN 1933 (PRIX BAILLY, PARIS). MUCH TO HIS ADVANTAGE, HE IS NOTED FOR HIS PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCHES, WHICH RENDERED GREAT SERVICE TO THE POPULATION DURING WORLD WAR II. AN EARLY ADHERENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT, HE PLAYED AN ACTIVE PART IN PROGRESSIVE SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, NOTABLY IN THE COMMITTEE TO ASSIST PRISONERS. HE WAS ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED SEVERAL TIMES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE RESISTANCE (1951-54). HIS PERSISTING STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE COMPELLED HIM TO LEAVE HIS FAMILY IN 1961 FOR THE FREED ZONE.

(13) UNG NGOC KY

MEMBER OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SOUTH VIETNAM.
MEMBER OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM COMMITTEE OF PEACE.

BORN IN 1920 AT CAN THO, UNG NGOC KY, WHILE A CIVIL SERVANT DURING FRENCH DOMINATION, WAS MORE KNOWN BY HIS ARTICLES PUBLISHED UNDER THE PSEUDONYM OF TRUONG SON CHIN IN VARIOUS NEWSPAPERS IN SAIGON THAN BY HIS MILITANT ACTIVITY IN NUMEROUS CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS (COMMITTEE PHAN THANH GIAN, SAMIPIC, SOCIETY FOR THE DIFFUSION OF QUOC NGU, CULTURAL GROUP TAY DO, ASSOCIATION FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT IN STUDIES). HE PARTICIPATED IN THE RESISTANCE IN THE CAPACITY OF GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE OF RESISTANCE OF QUANG NAM AND EDITOR OF THE NEWSPAPER DOC LAP (INDEPENDENCE), ORGAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. SINCE 1954, AS PROFESSOR AT CAN THO, HE MILITATED ACTIVELY IN BOURGEOIS AND INTELLECTUAL MILIEUS AGAINST THE AMERICAN AGGRESSION.

(14) LE VAN THINH
MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.

BORN IN 1920 IN NORTH VIETNAM, LE VAN THINH PARTICIPATED IN THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT SINCE HIS DAYS OF YOUTH. ARRESTED AND DEPORTED TO POULO CONDOR BY THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS, HE WAS FREED IN 1945 FOLLOWING THE TRIUMPH OF THE AUGUST REVOLUTION AND FOUGHT IN SOUTH VIETNAM IN THE RANKS OF THE RESISTANCE UNTIL THE FINAL VICTORY. AFTER 1954 HE TOOK UP THE STRUGGLE AGAINST AMERICAN AGGRESSION. DESIGNATED IN 1962 BY THE NLF TO PARTICIPATE IN NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, HE WAS THE FIRST TO OCCUPY THE POSITION OF PERMANENT DELEGATE OF THE FRONT TO CUBA.

(15) TRAN VAN THANH
MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM.
HEAD OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE NLF IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.
MEMBER OF THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY.

TRAN VAN THANH, WHO WAS BORN IN 1921 IN VINH LONG, TOOK PART IN THE PATRIOTIC MOVEMENT, AND FOR HIS SERVICES, WAS ARRESTED AND DEPORTED TO POULO CONDOR DURING HIS YOUTH. LIBERATED AFTER THE AUGUST 1945 REVOLUTION, HE PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE RESISTANCE. AFTER THE GENEVA TREATY, HE REVOLTED WHILE IN THE TRADE-UNION MOVEMENT OF SAIGON-CHOLON AGAINST AMERICAN EXPLOITATION AND AGGRESSION. IN OCTOBER 1963, HE DIRECTED AT HANOI THE DELEGATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS AIMED TOWARDS THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE FSM OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKERS AND THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. SINCE SEPTEMBER 1964, TRAN VAN THANH HAS BEEN CHIEF OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE NLF IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

(16) NGUYEN VAN HIEU
MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM COMMITTEE OF PEACE.
LEADER OF THE RADICAL SOCIALIST PARTY. (EDITOR'S NOTE.)
HEAD OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE NLF IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

NGUYEN VAN HIEU, WHO WAS BORN IN 1922 AT CAMAU (SOUTH VIETNAM) STUDIED AT SAIGON AND AT HANOI. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE RESISTANCE AGAINST THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS, HE EXHORTED, WITH ALL THE ENERGY OF AN INTELLECTUAL PATRIOT, HIS COMPATRIOTS TO RISE AGAINST AGGRESSION. AS A POPULAR PROFESSOR AND JOURNALIST (PSEUDONYM KHAI MINH), HE MILITATED IN THE ARTISTIC AND LITERARY MILIEUS OF SAIGON, MANIFESTING GREAT COURAGE BEFORE THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AND THEIR PUPPETS. HUNTED BY THE AMERICAN-DIEMIST POLICE, HE AND HIS WIFE, THE PHARMACIST MA THI CHAU, FOUND SALVATION IN 1958 IN THE LIBERATED ZONE. HEAD OF NUMEROUS DELEGATIONS OF THE NLF ABOARD, HE IS TODAY THE HEAD OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE FRONT IN PRAGUE (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) AND BERLIN (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF GERMANY).

(17) NGUYEN THI BINH (MME)
MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.

NGUYEN THI BINH, BORN IN 1927 IN SAIGON, WAS THE GRANDDAUGHTER

OF THE PATRIOT PHAN CHU TRINH AND THE DAUGHTER OF A CIVIL SERVANT. SINCE ~~HER~~ SCHOOL DAYS, SHE TOOK UP THE DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF YOUTH AND THEIR DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES, WHILE REBELLING IN STUDENT AND INTELLECTUAL ORGANIZATIONS. NOT ONLY WAS SHE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PROGRESSIVE WOMEN, BUT SHE WAS ALSO ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS, PUPILS AND INTELLECTUALS IN SAIGON UNDER THE NAME OF THE TRAN VAN ON MOVEMENT. SHE SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK PART IN THE DIRECTION OF THE MARCH 19, 1950 DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE AMERICAN INTERVENTION. IMPRISONED IN 1951 BY THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS, SHE DID NOT REGAIN HER LIBERTY UNTIL AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS. SHE AGITATED IN THE SOUTH VIETNAM MOVEMENT FOR WORLD PEACE IN CONTINUATION OF HER STRUGGLE AGAINST THE NEW SURGE OF AGGRESSORS AND THEIR LAQKEYS. IN 1962, THE NLF CHOSE TO HAVE HER CONDUCT SEVERAL DELEGATIONS ABROAD.

(18) JOSEPH MARIE HO HUE BA

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF,
MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF OF CENTRAL NAM BO.
MEMBER OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM COMMITTEE OF PEACE.

DESCENDANT OF AN OLD FAMILY OF CATHOLICS FROM SADEO, THE R. P. HO HUE BA, BORN IN 1898, TAUGHT UNTIL 1945 AT THE SEMINARY OF THE ISLAND OF GIENG WHICH STEMMED FROM THE DIOCEASE OF PHNOM PENH IN THE PROVINCE OF LONG XUYEN. AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLICS IN THE PROVINCE OF LONG XUYEN, HE PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE AGAINST FRENCH COLONIAL AGGRESSION, ENERGETICALLY ASSUMING THE DEFENSE OF THE INTERESTS OF HIS RELIGION AND HIS FATHERLAND. SINCE 1954 HE HAS COURAGEOUSLY OPPOSED THE REPRESSION BY THE AUTHORITIES SUBORDINATED TO AMERICA AND THE FORCED ENROLLMENT OF CATHOLIC RECRUITS INTO THE ARMY OF MERCENARIES.

(19) LE THI RIENG (Mme)

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF WOMEN FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

LE THI RIENG WAS BORN IN 1925 AT GIA RAI (CAMAU) TO A FAMILY OF PEASANTS. WHILE WORKING IN A WEAVING FACTORY, SHE ENGAGED IN THE CLANDESTINE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE FRENCH COLONIAL DOMINATION. SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE IN 1945 FOR THE PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN FOR NATIONAL SALVATION AT BAO LIEU, AND ALSO AFTERWARDS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN OF EASTERN NAM BO. SHE HAS PURSUED SINCE 1954 HER REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE NEW ENEMIES OF VIETNAM.

(20) LE VAN THA

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
MEMBER OF THE PROVISIONAL DIRECTING COMMITTEE OF THE RADICAL SOCIALIST PARTY OF SOUTH VIETNAM.
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF SAIGON-GIA DINH OF THE NLF OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

LE VAN THA, BORN IN 1914 AT TAY NINH, WAS AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AND PROFESSOR UNDER FRENCH COLONIZATION. HE ENGAGED AT YOUNG AGE IN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES. BESIDES BEING A PROMOTER OF THE MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS AND VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS IN FRANCE AGAINST THE AGGRESSION ON VIETNAM BY FRENCH COLONIALISTS, HE ALSO MILITATED IN NUMEROUS PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZATIONS, NOTABLY IN THE

MOVEMENT FOR THE DEFENSE OF PEACE, AND WAS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS IN FRANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES FOR THE DEFENSE OF PEACE HELD IN PARIS AND WARSAW. HE WAS DEPORTED FROM FRANCE AND IMPRISONED BY THE PUPPET AUTHORITIES OF SAIGON. FROM THE MOMENT OF HIS LIBERATION HE RESUMED HIS REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES. AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE MOVEMENT FOR THE ASSISTANCE AND THE PROTECTION OF THE LIFE AND PROPERTY OF THE POPULATION, HE WAS ARRESTED IN 1955 BY THE AMERICAN-DIEMIST AUTHORITIES AND DETAINED IN VARIOUS PRISONS IN BIEN HOA, PHU QUOC, POULO CONDOR, ETC. AFTER REGAINING HIS LIBERTY IN 1961, HE IMMEDIATELY LEFT FOR THE LIBERATED ZONE.

(21) VENERABLE THICH HUNG TU

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
 PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BUDDHISTS OF EASTERN NAM BO.
 VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF OF EASTERN NAM BO.
 MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OF BARIA OF THE NLF.

THE VENERABLE THICH HUNG TU WAS BORN ON JANUARY 1, 1902 AT TUY AN, PROVINCE OF PHU YEN (CENTRAL VIETNAM), OF A FAMILY OF PEASANTS. (HIS REAL NAME: VO CHI THIEN). HE ENTERED INTO THE RELIGIOUS ORDER AT THE AGE OF 12. HE WAS SUPERIOR IN THE PAGODA CU AT PHAN THIET IN 1935, AND TOOK PART IN THE BUDDHIST MOVEMENT FOR NATIONAL SALVATION. AFTER THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS, HE JOINED A STUBBORN RESISTANCE AGAINST DIEMIST ATTEMPTS TOWARDS FORCED CONVERSION OF BUDDHISTS TO CATHOLICS AND AGAINST RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION. FORCED TO LEAVE HIS PAGODA, HE ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AT BARIA, AND WAS NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE BUDDHIST DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE FAITHFUL AND THE BUDDHIST MONKS OF LUC HOA IN BA RIA. HE LED A RESOLUTE ACTION FOR THE DEFENSE OF HIS RELIGION AND THE GAINING OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE.

(22) LIEUTENANT-COLONEL VO VAN MON

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
 MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF FOR EASTERN NAM BO.

THE COLONEL VO VAN MON, BORN IN 1918 AT CHOLON, WAS THE COMMANDER OF THE THIRD BINH XUYEN BATTALION OF THE "FRENCH UNION" FORCES. AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS, HE BECAME COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BINH XUYEN TROOPS AND UPHELD AN ENERGETIC RESISTANCE AGAINST THE AMERICAN-DIEMIST ATTEMPT TO ANNIHILATE BY FORCE THE OPPONENTS OF THE REGIME. DUE TO THE SUPPORT AND PROTECTION OF THE POPULATION, HE WAS ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THE ENCIRCLEMENT AND INFLECT SEVERE LOSSES TO ENEMY FORCES, NOTABLY AT PHUOC THO, LONG THANH, MINH THANH, BEN CUI, DAU TIENG, TOUR No. 2, PHUOC THANH, ETC. IN 1960, AT THE FOUNDATION OF THE NLF, HE PLACED HIMSELF, WITH ALL THE BINH XUYEN FORCES UNDER HIS COMMAND, UNDER ITS BANNER.

(23) ROCHOM BRIU

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
 GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE MOVEMENT FOR NATIONAL AUTONOMY OF TAY NGUYEN (HIGH PLATEAUS).
 MEMBER OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM COMMITTEE OF AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY.
 VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OF PLEIKU OF THE MOVEMENT OF AUTONOMOUS NATIONALITIES OF TAY NGUYEN (HIGH PLATEAUS)

ROCHOM BRIU WAS BORN ON JUNE 1, 1922 IN THE HAMLET OF AMA H'BU, IN THE VILLAGE OF D'AMA KNIK, IN THE DISTRICT OF CHEO REO, IN THE PROVINCE OF DAKLAK (CENTRAL VIETNAM) OF JORAI NATIONALITY. FOR MERELY HAVING DEMANDED THE EXPULSION OF A PARTICULARLY ODIOS FRENCH INSPECTOR, ROCHOM BRIU WAS RELIEVED OF HIS POST AS INSTRUCTOR AT PLEIKU BY THE COLONIAL AUTHORITIES. HE WAS ELECTED IN 1945 TO THE PEOPLE'S COUNCIL OF PLEIKU AND WAS CHARGED WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF YOUTH IN THE DISTRICT OF CHEO REO. ON THAT ACCOUNT HE WAS ARRESTED IN 1947 BY THE FRENCH TROOPS AND HELD SUCCESSIVELY AT BAN ME THUOT, PLEIKU AND KONTUM. HE ESCAPED IN 1949 AND THEREAFTER LED A FEROCIOUS STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION AGAINST THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS AS WELL AS AGAINST THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS TODAY.

(24) TRAN HUU TRANG

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF SAIGON-GIA DINH OF THE NLF.
PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF WRITERS AND ARTISTS FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

TRAN HUU TRANG WAS BORN IN 1906 AT PHU KIET, IN THE PROVINCE OF MY THO TO A FAMILY OF LETTERED PEOPLE. HE HAS SINCE 1932 WRITTEN NUMEROUS PLAYS OF GREAT MERIT FOR THE THEATRE. A FOUNDER IN 1948 OF THE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE OF ARTISTS, HE WAS A MEMBER OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 10 CONSECUTIVE YEARS. IN 1955 HE LED A CAMPAIGN TOWARDS THE FOUNDATION OF THE SYNDICATE OF ARTISTS AND THEATRE MECHANICS IN SAIGON. HE DEDICATED HIMSELF ENTIRELY TO THE CAUSE OF A PROGRESSIVE THEATRICAL ART AND STRUGGLED WITH COURAGE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE RIGHTS OF ARTISTS BEFORE REJOINING THE LIBERATED ZONE. (HE IS ALSO ONE OF SOUTH VIETNAM'S LEADING ACTORS AND AN ACCLAIMED JOURNALIST. EDITOR'S NOTE.)

(25) NGUYEN VAN TIEN

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
DELEGATE OF THE NLF TO THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF THE COUNCIL OF AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY IN CAIRO

BORN IN 1919 AT MY THO, NGUYEN VAN TIEN WAS AN ESTEEMED PROFESSOR, WHO TOOK PART IN THE PARTIOTIC MOVEMENT SINCE 1945. SINCE 1962, HE IS CHARGED BY THE NLF WITH VARIOUS MISSIONS ABROAD.

(26) NGUYEN NGOC THUONG

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE RADICAL SOCIALIST PARTY OF SOUTH VIETNAM.
PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM COMMITTEE OF AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY
MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NLF FOR LAUDATIONS AND COMPENSATIONS

NGUYEN NGOC THUONG, BORN IN 1923 AT CHOLON OF A MANDARIN FAMILY AND FORMER STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITIES OF HANOI AND SAIGON, TAUGHT DURING COLONIAL RULE AT SEVERAL SAIGON COLLEGES AND PUBLISHED THE MAGAZINE "JUSTICE," MOUTHPIECE OF THE SFIO. TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE PUPILS, THE STUDENTS, AND THE TEACHERS OF SAIGON AGAINST THE DEPRIVATION OF NATIONAL CULTURE, HE WAS A PARTISAN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHING AND IN THE USE OF VIETNAMESE AS A VEHICULAR LANGUAGE IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL AND THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. DUE TO HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE MOVEMENT OF PEACE AFTER GENEVA, HE WAS ARRESTED SEVERAL TIMES BY THE

SAIGON AUTHORITIES. IN 1960, HE DEFECTED TO THE LIBERATED ZONE.

(27) VO DONG GIANG

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. HEAD OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT IN CUBA.

BORN IN 1921, AT TAM KY, IN THE PROVINCE OF QUANG NAM (CENTRAL VIETNAM), TO A FAMILY OF WORKERS, VO DONG GIANG HAS TAKEN PART IN VARIOUS PATRIOTIC MOVEMENTS IN KNOTUM, AS WELL AS IN THE HIGH PLATEAUS OF CENTRAL VIETNAM.

DESIGNATED IN 1963, BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF SOUTH VIETNAM, FOR MISSIONS ABROAD, HE IS TODAY THE HEAD OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE FRONT TO THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA.

(28) MA THI CHU (MME.)

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF. MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF WOMEN FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM. MEMBER OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM COMMITTEE OF APPROXIMATE SOLIDARITY.

MA THI CHU, BORN IN 1924, AT CAMAU, AND A PHARMACIST OF THE FIRST CLASS, AGITATED IN THE CLANDESTINE RANKS OF THE RESISTANCE AGAINST THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS. AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS, SHE BECAME AN ASSISTANT OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACEUTICS OF SAIGON, AND CONTINUES HER ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE NEW AGRESSORS. IMPRISONED AND PERSECUTED BY THE SAIGON AUTHORITIES UNDER THE HEEL OF THE UNITED STATES, SHE HAS RESUMED HER STRUGGLE SINCE THE MOMENT OF HER LIBERATION.

SHE TOOK PART, IN 1962, IN NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, WHERE SHE REPRESENTED THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT. MA THI CHU IS, TODAY, A MEMBER OF THE PERMANENT DELEGATION OF THE FRONT IN PRAGUE, CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

(29) LE QUANG CHANH

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

LE QUANG CHANG, BORN IN 1924, AT CAMAU (WESTERN NAM BO), IS A PATRIOTIC TEACHER IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

A PROFESSOR AT MY TO SINCE THE WAKE OF THE AUGUST, 1945, REVOLUTION, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE RESISTANCE WAR FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AGAINST THE AGRESSION OF THE FRENCH COLONIALISTS. DURING THIS PERIOD HE MILITATED IN THE RANKS OF THE NAM BO YOUTH.

FROM JULY, 1954, UNTIL 1961, HIS PRESENCE AMIDST INTELLECTUAL PATRIOTS AND HIS FIRM WILL TO FIGHT THE AMERICAN IMPERIALIST AGRESSORS AND THEIR LACKEYS, CAUSED HIM TO BE ELECTED TO THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION OF YOUTH FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

BEING PART OF THE DELEGATION OF THE NLF OF SOUTH VIETNAM, HE PARTICIPATED, IN 1963, IN THE DECEMBER 20 FESTIVITIES, THE DAY COMMEMORATING THE FOUNDATION OF THE NLF, WHICH WAS ORGANIZED IN INDONESIA. HE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE REUNION OF THE WORLD YOUTH FOR THE WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTH KALIMANTAN.

IN AUGUST, 1964, LE QUANG CHANH WAS ELECTED MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF OF SOUTH VIETNAM, WHICH SOON AFTER, APPOINTED HIM TO THE POST OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NLF TO THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA.

(30) HUYNH VAN TAM

MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF. HEAD OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE NLF TO THE ALGERIAN DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

BORN IN 1919, IN SAIGON, HUYNH VAN TAM AFTER HAVING REBELLED AGAINST JAPANESE OCCUPATION, CONTINUED HIS REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF THE LABORING CLASS OF SAIGON-CHOLON DURING THE RESISTANCE.

HE ENGAGED HIMSELF IN THE MOVEMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION OF THE LIFE AND PROPERTY OF THE POPULATION AGAINST THE AMERICAN-DIEMIST REPRESSION. APPOINTED, IN 1962, FOR MISSIONS ABROAD, HUYNH VAN TAM IS, TODAY, THE HEAD OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE NLF TO THE ALGERIAN DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC.

(31) NGUYEN THI TU (MME.)

PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF WOMEN FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM. MEMBER OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMMITTEE FOR PEACE. SECRETARY OF THE LIBERATION RED CROSS OF SOUTH VIETNAM. PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF SAIGON-GIA DINH OF THE UNION OF WOMEN FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

BORN IN 1923, AT CAN THO, NGUYEN THI TU PARTICIPATED, BEFORE 1945, IN NUMEROUS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA. SHE DEDICATED HERSELF, IN 1949-50, TO THE STRUGGLE FOR DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS IN SAIGON. AGITATING IN THE TRAN VAN ON MOVEMENT, SHE BECAME GENERAL SECRETARY TO THE ASSOCIATION OF PROGRESSIVE WOMEN AND GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BAKERS AND CAKEMAKERS UNION OF SOUTH VIETNAM. SHE CONTINUED HER REVOLUTIONARY ACTION IN BOURGEOIS AND INTELLECTUAL MILIEUS AND CONSEQUENTLY REPRESENTED, IN 1955, THE ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN SAIGON IN THE COMMITTEE OF ASSISTANCE AND PROTECTION OF THE LIFE AND PROPERTY OF THE POPULATION. ARRESTED BY THE AMERICAN-DIEMIST AUTHORITIES, SHE WAS DETAINED SUCCESSIVELY AT BIEN HOA, PHU QUOC, POULO CONDOR AND PHU LOI.

SHE REJOINED THE LIBERATION ZONE, IN 1961, AND CONTINUED THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE AMERICAN AGGRESSION.

(32) THANH LOAN

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNION OF WOMEN FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM. MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF WRITERS & ARTISTS FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM. VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF SAIGON-CHOLON OF WRITERS & ARTISTS FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

BORN IN 1917, THANH LOAN IS CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT VIETNAM FOR HER TALENTS AS AN ACTRESS. FIGHTING IN SAIGON DURING THE RESISTANCE, SHE PARTICIPATED IN THE FOUNDING OF THE MUTUAL ASSISTANCE OF ARTISTS. AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS, SHE PARTICIPATED, CLANDESTINELY, IN ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES. ELECTED, IN 1955, TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF ACTORS & THEATRE WORKERS, IN SAIGON, SHE REJOINED, IN 1963, THE LIBERATED ZONE, WHERE SHE PLACED ALL HER TALENTS AT THE SERVICE OF THE NLF OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

(33) CHAU HOANG NAM

POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE AP BAO BATTALION, RENAMED "DIPON BATTALION" HERO OF THE HISTORIC BATTLE OF AP BAO (MY THO) IN JANUARY 1963. MEMBER OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM COMMITTEE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE LATIN-AMERICAN PEOPLE.

BORN IN 1932, CHAU HOANG NAM JOINED THE NAM BO ARMY AT THE AGE OF 14. HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS CITATIONS DURING THE RESISTANCE FOR HIS PART IN HUNDREDS OF BATTLES AND FOR HIS ELEVEN WOUNDS.

AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE GENEVA AGREEMENTS, HE TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT AGAINST THE AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR BOOTLICKERS. AMONG HIS RECENT EXPLOITS, LET US CITE THE VICTORY OF THE AP BAC ON JANUARY 2, 1963. THE BATTALION "AP BAC" LATER TOOK ON THE NAME OF "GIRON BATTALION" AS A SIGN OF BEING BROTHER-IN-ARMS WITH THE HEROIC FIGHTERS OF CUBA.

(34) AMI DOAN (MME)

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE MOVEMENT OF AUTONOMOUS NATIONALITIES OF TAY NGUYEN IN THE HIGH PLATEAUS
 VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF WOMEN FOR THE LIBERATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM
 MEMBER OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OF DAKLAK OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT OF SOUTH VIETNAM

AMI DOAN, A JDRAI, WAS BORN IN 1923 IN THE HAMLET OF D'UOR, IN THE VILLAGE OF CHU DRANG, IN THE DISTRICT OF CHEO REO, DAKLAK PROVINCE (CENTRAL VIETNAM).

SHE TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN THE RESISTANCE, AND WAS ELECTED ASSISTANT T-CHIEF OF THE ANTI-AMERICAN MOVEMENT IN HER VILLAGE AFTER THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES. HER UNTIRING WORK IN PROPAGANDA AND AGITATION FOR THE YOUNG RECRUITS GAVE HER A PRESTIGE WHICH GOES BEYOND THE REALMS OF HER NATIVE PROVINCE.

(35) ROCHOM BAN (MLLE.)

MEMBER OF THE MOVEMENT OF AUTONOMOUS NATIONALITIES OF TAY NGUYEN (HIGH PLATEAUS)

ELITE FIGHTER OF PLEIKU

BORN IN 1943 AT PHOI SUNG LA, IN THE DISTRICT OF LE THANH, PLEIKU PROVINCE (CENTRAL VIETNAM), ROCHOM BAN, A JDRAI, TOOK PART AT QUITE EARLY AN AGE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL SALVATION.

IN 1958, SHE ORGANIZED WITH THE YOUTHS IN HER VILLAGE A CAMPAIGN IN FAVOR OF NORTH-SOUTH NEGOTIATIONS, CALLING FOR MASSIVE PARTICIPATION AND MATERIAL AID TO THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT. SHE WAS AS ARDENT IN THE BATTLE FOR PRODUCTION AS SHE WAS RESOLUTE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST CONSCRIPTION AND THE SPOILATION OF THE LANDS OR THE INSTALLATION OF "AGRICULTURAL COLONIES". SHE ROSE TO PUBLIC RECOGNITION IN THE COURSE OF A DEMONSTRATION BY WOMEN FOR THE LIBERATION OF PEOPLE ARBITRARILY ARRESTED AND THE PAYMENT OF INDEMNITIES TO THE VICTIMS OF PILLAGE. WHEN THE LOCAL PUPPET AUTHORITIES FIRED ON THIRTY DEMONSTRATORS, ROCHOM BAN COMMANDED THE RETALIATION BY TAKING HOLD OF SOME WEAPONS. SHE LIBERATED THOSE ARRESTED AND KILLED ONE OF THE ENEMY.

(36) HUYNH THANH MUNG

FORMER HEAD OF THE BATTALION OF CAODIST TROOPS
 VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE AND COEXISTENCE

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE UNIFIED NATIONALIST FORCES
 BORN IN 1919 AT LONG XUYEN, HUYNH THANH MUNG BECAME AN



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OFFICER IN THE "FRENCH UNION" FORCES DURING THE INDOCHINESE WAR. BESIDES BEING MILITARY INSTRUCTOR AT THE "ST. SIEGE CAODAIISTE" AT TAY NINH FROM 1945-54, HE ALSO HELD UNDER HIS COMMAND A BATTALION AT GIANG TAN (TAY NINH PROVINCE).

IN 1955 HE RESCUED THE CAODAIIST POPE PHAM CONG TAC HELD PRISONER BY THE NGUYEN THANH PHUONG CLIQUE. ON THE ORDER OF THE FORMER, HE ENTERED INTO COLLABORATION IN 1957 WITH THE AMERICAN-DIEMIST FORCES BUT DID NOT DELAY IN BREAKING WITH THEM IN ORDER TO TAKE TO THE "MAQUIS" IN 1960.

WITH OTHER FORMER CAODAIIST OFFICERS, HE FOUNDED IN 1962 THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE & COEXISTENCE. HE TOOK CONTROL OVER THE UNIFIED NATIONALIST FORCES AND ALLIED HIMSELF TO THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT IN VIEW OF A COMMON ACTION AGAINST THE AMERICAN AGGRESSORS AND THEIR PUPPETS.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

EXPLANATION OF THE BANNER OF THE SOUTH VIETNAM NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION

WIDTH - $2/3$ LENGTH

STRETCH OF STAR - $1/3$ LENGTH

MEANING:

THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE CHERISH PEACE (AZURE BLUE).

BUT THEY ARE ROBBED OF PEACE, THEREFORE THEY HAVE TO STRUGGLE TO WIN IT BACK (RED).

TAKING PART IN THIS STRUGGLE ARE:

- 1 - PEASANTS
 - 2 - WORKERS
 - 3 - INTELLIGENTSIA
 - 4 - BOURGEOISIE AND THE PETTY BOURGEOISIE
 - 5 - THE ARMED FORCES
- I.E. - ALL SECTIONS OF THE PEOPLE (STAR WITH 5 POINTS).

THE STAR IS YELLOW, SINCE IN VIETNAMESE HISTORY, THE YELLOW COLOUR TRADITIONALLY REPRESENTS THE NATIONAL SPIRIT.

