

Independent Vietnam

Cao Bang No 157 Back Kan

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Live or die ?

1. Our Vietnamese nation is entering a very difficult stage. In Europe the Red Army won great victories over the Germans. The latter suffered heavy losses. In Asia Britain, the USA, and China are making preparations for counter-offensives against the Japanese, and the British troops are engaged in fierce fighting with the Japanese in Burma. The more the Germans suffer in Europe, the more the Japanese are in danger in Asia.

That's why the Japanese <sup>and the French</sup> in our country are making hectic preparations for the resistance against Britain, the USA, and China. The imperialist forces consist of our blood and flesh. They compel us to join their army to die for them. We are forced to construct fortresses. They rob us of rice, horses, and money. Now they are doing these things. So, what must we do now?

2. The French and the Japanese are getting ready to kill us. We must be ready to kill them. If we want to live we

must fight against them. If we do not fight them we will be killed by them. This time our people see it clearly. In the near future they will be in great danger and defeated, and they will resist more forcefully in order to save their face. By that time more young people will be forced to join their army and others will have to do much harder and more dangerous work. Nothing will be left in our houses. We will starve to death.

3. Of course, we do not want to die.

Our organizations will not let our people die. If we do not want to die

we must make preparations to take this

opportunity to rise up in arms. The chance

will be when the French and the Japanese

are attacked on all fronts in Indonesia,

Malaysia, Burma, the Philippines, China,

Indochina and in Japan itself. The chance

will certainly come.

If we want to make good preparations

the only thing we have to do is to

implement the resolutions made by

the representatives' congress of the

province, particularly the terms on

self-defence, organization, consolidation,

cadre training methods, and agitation

and propaganda among enemy troops.

B. V

## Volunteering to support BS.

We've got the news that Canton D in D.R. District took a large collection of money. In a meeting of 40 people they offered \$12. A family offered 150\$. A lot of members offered 40 or 50\$ each. We haven't got the list from Canton D.

worthy of praise!

## Newspaper price increase

Following the consultations and negotiations with the Province's V.M. Front we are going to increase the price to 5 cent an issue. The new price is not enough for paper, ink, other materials and the efforts made by the reporters, but better than 3 cent. So from issue number 158 whoever subscribes to the newspaper should remember to pay 0.15 ~~or~~ months.

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## Home news

1. The French have applied a new method to put their grip on property belonging to the people. The soldiers often go to shops and stores and search them. If there are a great number of goods they will confiscate them. The Japanese urge the French to do so, and at the same time, warn the French not to search the pro-Japanese shops and stores. So these shopkeepers are free to hoard merchandise for speculative purposes.
  2. The French bank note is now getting a lower value. One French Franc is now worth 0.20. The note is certain to reduce its value because the Japanese currency will gradually replace the French Franc. For example, in trading with foreign countries, Indochina are forced by the Japanese to pay in Japanese currency.
  3. The secret police have a way of arresting. They told the district chief to invite the person they want to their place. When he or she came to their place he or she would be taken to Cao Bang immediately.
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## Farmer advises his wife

Whether it is sunny or rainy,  
It's our job to do the farm work  
When it rains we plough wet fields, while  
waiting to sow rice seeds  
When it shines we hoe up dry gardens to  
sow melon seeds

We are determined to cultivate our trees and  
plants to bear good fruit (1)

And determined to get rid of superfluous  
weeds. (2)

In order to produce enough food.  
Everyone and all benefit.

Notes (1) it referred to the revolution  
(2) it referred to the French and the Japanese.

## Acknowledgement

Some women in Village Z Canton C  
offered jam, cake and mandarines. In  
Cantons B & C, peasant group (team E)  
offered 15 kilos of rice, and Cr. V.L.  
offered 2 kilos.

## World news

1. The Germans continued to suffered heavy losses in the central front this time. The Germans pulled out of Dep and Do-mi-ang — two very important bases in the central

front. The Red Army troop successfully advanced to Viat-ma, Bri-ang.

2. The Germans admitted that they made a poor calculation on the Russian ability to produce guns and ammunitions. A lot of factories were built in the thick woods. They could produce from ammunitions for small arms to aircraft.

3. The Germans suffered heavy losses in Russia. It is easy for Britain and the USA to open the second front to attack countries occupied by the Germans. But Britain and the USA have not established the second front yet. So the Russians urged them to do so. In Britain and the USA the people and the communists held meeting urging their governments to help Russia, that is, to establish the second front.

## "Mistakes and Corrections" book

We have printed a book entitled "Mistakes and corrections. If you want to act right and avoid mistakes and errors, cadres and members should buy this book and read it.

Secretaries of the District VM Fronts should make a list of cadres and members

who like to buy the book and send to  
me. The price is 15 cent each copy.  
B.V.

In support of the newspaper

D.R. District

Cantons B & A  
Women 0.50

Canton B village A  
training section 5.00

Gr. 2. Bao Village V 1.00

Gr. G. Kh 0.50

- D.L. 0.50

- C.S. 0.50

- T. 2. 0.30

L.S. District

Canton H.

Mrs T.T. 0.50

- X.D. 0.20

Mrs. N.A., T.Z., T.K.,  
V., P.D., N2,  
0.10 each

Region M 2 small  
groups Th & L : 1.20  
Mrs. C, M, X.D, M  
0.10 each.