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① We should study our history

1. Our people must know our history. Our history teaches us the glories of our ancestors. Our nation was the descendent of Dragon and Angel, producing many gifted figures who were excellent at fighting, ruling and defending the country so that their reputations lasts forever.

2. Before King Gia Long sold our country to France, Vietnam had been an independent state. At any time there were always heroes who united the people to fight the enemy and defend the country.

Under the Tran period, the Yuan army had been invincible, having occupied China and half of Europe, but finally smashed by Tran Hung Dao. So ordinary were LE Loi and Nguyen Trai, but had defeated the Chinese army and brought independence to our country. So old as Ly Thuy Kiet who was over 70 but had for several times driven the enemy away and saved the people. As young as Phu Dong Thien Vuong who was under 10 but had saved the country and nation. Tran Quang Toai who was only 15 or 16 but helped Tran Hung Dao to fight the Yuan. With regard to women, there were the Trung sisters and Madam Trieu who restored the country. Thanks to these heroes, our country became independent and free and far-flung in East Asia.

Because of the desire to become a king, Gia Long sold our country to France. So this beautiful country became disintegrated and deserted, the children of Lac Hong become slaves. From then on many people have heroically stood up in insurrections to fight France such as Phan Dinh Phung, Hoang Hoa Tham, etc.

3. Our history teaches us this lesson: whenever our people unite, millions as one, our country becomes independent and free. On the contrary, whenever our people are not united,

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Our country is invaded. So we must unite, unite quickly and tightly under the banner of the V.M to expel France and Japan, restore freedom and independence.

The book "Our history" has just been published in the form of poems. Very interesting. Each is priced 10 cents. Who wants to buy it, please ask the local responsible cadres.

(2) Supports to the Newspaper and Thanks to Supporters.

(3) Domestic News:

1<sup>o</sup>) The V.M is expanding in various regions. Recently the organization has held a tremendous propaganda. In all 7 days there were everywhere leaflets, speeches delivered, demonstrations hanging of the red flags with star calling the people to unite under the V.M flag. This propaganda was very influencing. Everywhere workers, peasants, young people, women have joined the V.M in great numbers.

2<sup>o</sup>) France has recently raised taxes: land tax, housing tax, match tax, trading tax. The waste lands are also taxed. If anyone who cannot pay the taxes, France will send soldiers to confiscate all properties or land. Very miserable for our people.

(4) World News: The Red Army is fighting Germany with great ardour. There were 2 stories demonstrating the heroism and enthusiasm of the Red Army soldiers.

(5) Song of the Self-Defence Unit

(6) Books for Propaganda

In 1941, the V.M in Cao Bang published and distributed to its members:

1. Program and Regulations of the V.M : 300 copies
2. Experiences of China : 500 —
3. Guerrilla Tactics : 250 —
4. The Road of Liberation : 200 —