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1) A Considerable Development in Indochina: Japanese Fascists Overthrow the French

1. On the days 8, 9, 10, 11 <sup>of</sup> March 1945, or 24, 25, 26, 27 of Jan. lunar calendar, in <sup>the whole</sup> all Indochina a very important development took place... In many places the Japanese fascists occupied the French military and political machinery and according to the latest news, the Japanese fascists have controlled Indochina.

2. So the development we had speculated for a long time has happened. It happened due to two reasons: firstly, the Pacific war, one front is the Philippines, another front is Burma, has driven Japan into a critically dangerous situation, and Japan was forced to occupy Indochina and use the latter as a base against the Allies. Secondly, among the French in Indochina, there were some who covertly opposed to Japan and had a good relation with the de Gaul's government and the Allies.

3. This event has a considerable impact on the general situation in Indochina.

The most important impact is that Indochina is currently under full control of the Japanese. Before Japan did not feel necessary for it to fully control the administration. They allowed the French to maintain the political machinery and used the French as their agents to help them in everything and in suppressing the liberation movement of the masses. But the situation has forced them to overthrow the French. Therefore in the political arena in Indochina now, the Viet Min and the Indochines people have only one enemy who are the Japanese fascists, and all the forces of the Vietnamese patriots will only target at that unique enemy who are the Japanese fascist forces.

This development has also greatly changed our attitude towards the French in Indochina. Previously they had been Japan's agents in suppressing us, now their collapse caused by Japan has driven them against Japan. Therefore it will be easier for us to form <sup>united</sup> anti-Japanese front with the French.

This development has also changed our general task. The anti-fascist front in Indochina will become clearer and the fight against fascism will become more urgent. Japan is facing their critical time and the Allied forces' attacks are coming closer to Indochina. We must direct the urgent opportunity timely and appropriately to gain a worthy position in the family of the future democratic countries.

V. N. D. L.

## 2/ The Road for Vietnamese Soldiers

This event has had a direct impact on the Vietnamese soldiers. Japan has overthrown the French, and now is controlling all the French political and military machineries. So the Vietnamese soldiers are now under Japan's supervision.

Japan has two purposes in supervising the Vietnamese soldiers: firstly, to use them to fight Viet Nam and die for their soldiers. Secondly, to use them to suppress the Vietnam movement for national salvation, becoming their agents who betray the motherland and bring harms to the people.

These two roads are both the roads of the death for the Vietnamese soldiers. A self-conscious Vietnamese soldier will resolutely not follow these roads. Their place is not in the line of the fascist aggressors, but ~~in~~ in the line of the national salvation fighters.

Certainly there have been soldiers who have ~~followed~~ followed the road leading to the national salvation.

or there will be such soldiers. On this road, they will meet us. So we must prepare to give them an amply and significant reception.

Accordingly, the cadres and members, whatever public or clandestine, must be quick and careful. We should always bear in mind that the soldiers are a big force in our movement for national salvation.

3/ A Communique of the Propaganda Unit of the V. L. A.  
(before the event)

On Jan. 16 lunar calendar or Feb. 28, 1945, while the enemy were mobilizing their troops from Ngăn Sơn to attack the patriots in the place between Ngăn Sơn and Nà Ri, the P. U. of the V. L. A. despatched a small group of fighters to spread leaflets, slogans and give speeches to call the people in the 4 communes in the district of Bãng Diéc and the Bãng Khá township. Some dangerous Vietnamese traitors were shot.

On 17, in all over the border province of Cao Bãng near Chơ Rô, there was an activity of spreading leaflets and slogans. Some dangerous Vietnamese traitors there were also shot.

These actions have been highly appreciated by the people and the enemy had become extremely confused that they remained quiet until 20.

4) Our Attitude towards the French.

In this event, the French will be suppressed by Japan, especially the French who show their opposition to Japan.

With regard to the French who are opposed to Japan and are suppressed by the latter, we should show our goodwill and sympathy, and will shake hands with them if they want to do that to fight Japan. Personally if they

want our help we will try to help them as possibly as we can.

5) World News (Some major News)

1. Russia - Germany Front : The Red Army has moved deeply into German territory from the North to the South. Now it is only 10 km from Berlin.

2. The Pacific Front : ~~more~~ the American forces have landed on one more island of Mindanao which is a big island of the Philippines.

4. In the newly-liberated European countries, the pro-Germany fascists are punished heavily in great numbers. In France more than 6,000 are interrogated over 500 people were executed. All the big factories and banks that had collaborated with Germany have been Confiscated.

6) To the Readers

At presents many developments are taking place, and some extraordinary events have happened in many places.

So the newspaper requests other comrades to kindly provide us with interesting informations that is available to you!

Thank you in advance!

V. N. D. L.

7) Garden of Literature : a poem by D. H.

An End to the Decoux's Ruling Machinery.

Summary : Japan made a coup d'eta, occupying the whole Indochina at the same time, arresting Decoux because it feared the Decoux's government would cooperate with the Allied forces to attack them when the latter came to Indochina. Now the French in Indochina are strictly dominated by Japan. They should shake hands with us to fight Japan for the liberation of both countries.