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① Advance on the Glorious Road.

Recently the newspapers of the Allied countries have carried a good news for us:

"The Indochinese peoples have shaken hands with the France to fight Japan. Most enthusiastic are the Vietnamese youth. They destroyed the highways of Japan, bringing about great losses to Japan."

It is very good for us that the Allied countries are aware that we are fighting Japan with zeal. Because they will try their best to support us now and in the future.

Another better news for us:

"The De Gaulle's government has recently declared that Indochina would be given political and economic self-rule. Indochina will have a parliament elected by the people. There will be a council of ministers which assumes its responsibilities before the parliament (which is to say the council of ministers has to submit ~~the~~ reports of their work to the parliament which is authorized to examine the work of the council of ministers.)"

It is so the De Gaulle's government are more progressive than before to have recognized our self-rule.

Why were there the two news: because of our efforts to strive. But is it enough? No! We must make more efforts even twice, three times, ten times as many as that to make the Allied countries to ~~recognize~~ acknowledge our anti-Japanese forces and our rights to freedom and independence in future.

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② The Local Armed Units

~~Our~~ most urgent and important task at present is to organize train the local armed units and ~~develop~~ ^{lead} them onto the road

of fighting Japan

Opportunity has come

For several years we have been preparing our force to expect the opportunity. Now the opportunity has come. The overthrow by the Japanese fascists of the French has forced the French to take side with us to fight Japan. Japan now fully dominates our country but it is already very weak; it is being seriously defeated everywhere. Now they are only able ^{at most} to keep the major cities and communication and transport lines to face with the Allied countries which are going to attack Indochina.

To kill the weakening Japanese, we have a big strength of the entire people and strong force of the Allied countries. We will certainly win.

Where our forces come from

In order to win, we must fight, so we must have forces. Where do our forces come from? The forces are the local armed units that are being organized and trained locally. Our army can not be formed by hundreds of people, but by thousands of people. Who are young and strong, patriotic, courageous to fight the enemy to save the country, now it is high time for them to join the local armed units. What are they waiting for if they do not join them?

Is it difficult to fight Japan?

It is neither hard nor easy to fight Japan. A strong determination to fight and the skillful use of guerrilla tactics are enough to defeat them. If we can not fight big battles we will fight small ones. Unable to fight in great number fight in small ones. Unable to kill the enemy, cause troubles to them. We should do everything to cause losses to them as seriously ~~many~~ as possible. It would also be a victory if the enemy is troubled so much that they have to leave.

In China, women, children can fight Japan; empty hands can fight Japan.

It is now easier than before to fight Japan, firstly because they are weaker, secondly they have lost their morale. Additionally, a part of their army is formed by the soldiers whose countries are occupied by Japan; so they are not willing to fight.

Determination and Initiative

So the local armed units should have an emulation in fighting Japan and set examples for other localities to follow.

The Viet Minh fighters! March forwards!

3/ Women Task (a comrade wrote a letter to the newspaper asking about the women task. Here are some answers)

1. Can women join the local armed units? Why not. They should join and set examples for other women to follow and to emulate with men. In the liberation army of Yugoslavia, a quarter are women soldiers. Why our women are inferior to the Yugoslavian women. The newspaper has recently been informed that a woman, comrade K. H., a commissar for a local armed unit, was much more resolved and courageous than many men in executing traitors. For what reasons other women are inferior to Comrade K. H.

2. What should they do if they do not join the local armed units. They can do everything possible. But the local women should concentrate on production and supply necessary goods for the units such as clothes, shoes, shinguards, dry provisions bags. This task must be well organized, and the women should ^{learn} follow the ribbon of the women of Hoa - Ba.

3. What are the shortcomings of our women?

Our women have two major shortcomings: one is the low level education, two is inferior ability, because they are not educated. So they must study and work more to correct these shortcomings. The conditions at present are favourable to organize schools. If they are educated, they can do a lot of things. So the women should try more.

4) Something that should be paid attention to!

1. At present we have only one enemy which is the ^{Japanese} ~~French~~ imperialist fascists. The French have sided with us to fight Japan,

so all documents must be changed in their direction as well as the songs.

2. Now the Japanese soldiers often sell the properties that they plundered. They will continue to do that if there are buyers of these properties. So the inter-province committee has adopted a resolution prohibiting the purchase of these properties.

3. At present the Allies' planes have been increasing their attacks on ^{the} Japanese. So our people should not stay near when the Japanese are stationed.

4. ~~to~~ the question of land there are two solutions: 1) rent them to the farmers and give one third of profits to the commune funds; 2) organize collective production and give the profits to the commune funds.

⑤ Major News Items

2. In Asia the Allied forces have made considerable progress in Burma. The American forces have landed on the island of Rin Kiu and 5 islands north of Taiwan. So the Allied forces are only 500 km from Japan, and the sea lanes from Japan to China R. is increasing danger. The Japanese government is so worried that they have provided arms to militia and organize an army to defend Japan's territory.

⑤ Newspaper's Announcement

1. Newspapers should not be brought in great amount locally because ink and paper are not sufficient. There should be local newspapers to be responsible for the purchase and distribution, explanation of the newspaper and supporting it. 2) Newspaper must be read and explained to many people. Important tasks and information are in the newspaper.

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② Garden of Literature: A poem for Tet holiday from the American people to the Vietnamese people. It was dropped by American planes to major cities and provincial capitals. The poem expresses best wishes to the V. people who they hope will assist the Allied forces and try to fight Japan for freedom and independence of Viet Nam.

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