

DIRECTIVE OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON THE
POLITICAL ACTIVITY DRIVE TO STUDY AND COMPLY WITH PRESIDENT HO'S WILL

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The passing away of President Ho, the talented leader of the Vietnamese working class and people and of the entire Vietnamese nation, the great teacher of the revolution, and the stalwart, eminent combatant of the international communist movement and the movement for the liberation of peoples was an extremely great loss for all our party and people and all progressive mankind.

All our compatriots nationwide boundlessly mourned for President Ho. All our party and people always remember his great merits and works, pledging to follow his path all their lives.

Our friends in the five continents boundlessly grieved at his death. The world's peoples esteemed President Ho as a symbol of the struggle of various nations for independence and freedom and of the most beautiful qualities of the present era.

President Ho has passed away. But he left us a very precious legacy. These are his great works, his thoughts, his ethics, and his behavior. It is a duty for all our party and people to closely unite around our party Central Committee, to resolutely carry out President Ho's will, to persist in and accelerate the anti-U.S. national salvation resistance to liberate the south, defend the north, and proceed toward national reunification, to strive to emulate in stepping up socialist construction in North Vietnam, and to make contributions to the revolutionary undertaking of the working class and world people.

In this spirit, the Political Bureau decides to launch an "all-party, all-people and all-army political activity drive to study and comply with President Ho's will." The objective of this drive is to make everyone understand more clearly his great merits and works for our party, our nation, and the world revolution, and his beautiful, pure revolutionary qualities so as to strengthen pride, enthusiasm, confidence and determination to move forward to continue President Ho's revolutionary undertaking and carry out in one way or another his will.

Regarding his great merits and works, it is necessary to make our cadres, party members, and people see:

That President Ho was the Vietnamese nation's great leader, the stalwart, eminent combatant of the international communist and worker movement, and the symbol of the movements to liberate peoples, to oppose imperialism and colonialism, and to regain independence and freedom of the oppressed nations in the world in this 20th century.

That President Ho was the founder, builder, and trainer of our party and the founder of the national united front, the people's democratic state, and the Vietnam people's armed forces. He led the two revolutions in our country: the people's democratic national revolution and the socialist revolution and the protracted resistances of our people against French colonialism and U.S. imperialism.

President Ho's thoughts, ethics, and comportment are the crystalization of the Vietnamese people's good traditions and characteristics during 4,000 years of their history, in association with the working class' thoroughly revolutionary and Marxist-Leninist thoughts. President Ho was a great communist combatant, devoting his entire life to the staunch and unsubmitive struggle for the people's independence, freedom, and happiness, for the communist ideal, and for virtues such as diligence, thriftiness, integrity, justice, impartiality, modesty, simplicity, unity inside the party and among the people, and love for comrades and compatriots.

All our party members and people are very proud of having a great leader like President Ho. The more we are proud of President Ho, the more enthused, confident, and resolute we are in our efforts to surge forward, because we realize:

That thanks to the leadership of President Ho and the party, our revolutionary force has grown up and developed constantly. Our party has correct, independent, and creative lines. Our cadres and party members have strengthened their

solidarity and unity of mind and have been trained and tested for years. Our people are very confident in the party, are united, and have reached a pretty high level of political enlightenment. Our state has become increasingly stable and strong. Our army is very heroic. Our party, state, and people enjoy great prestige in the world.

That our people's revolutionary achievements during past decades have been scored thanks to the leadership of our party headed by President Ho and thanks to the fact that President Ho and our party have had correct lines, that our party and people have been united and unanimous, and that our people have enthusiastically struggled under the leadership of President Ho and our party. In addition to President Ho, there is the party Central Committee composed of comrades who are united, clear-sighted, loyal, and devoted to our people's revolutionary work.

That under present conditions, if all of us exert great efforts and do our best to serve the revolution and the people, we will surely be able to make new progress and acquire new qualities in organizing our party and state and cause our people's revolutionary movement to advance strongly, pursuing President Ho's great career in a glorious way.

During this political study phase, the following concrete tasks should be fulfilled:

1. To hold public discussions of President Ho's testament, the party Central Committee's appeal in order to attain the goal of heightening our pride, enthusiasm, and confidence and to resolutely struggle for progress. (Apart from these three documents, we can also read President Ho's brief summary and the National Assembly Standing Committee Chairman's speech at the National Assembly's fifth session, third term.)

The bases charged with organizing political activities are enterprises, cooperatives, city wards, troop units, schools, hospitals, and agencies. At these bases, the party chapters will carry out separate activities and will then organize common activities for all cadres, personnel, and people.

In the party chapters, as well as among the masses, when discussing President Ho's testament, everyone must relate to his (the individual's) thoughts and acts and to those of his unit and must have concrete resolutions concerning what is to be done in order to develop his strongpoints, overcome his weak points, satisfactorily fulfill his immediate tasks, and materialize his oaths of honor to President Ho.

In each locality and sector, this wave of political activity will be completed approximately in 15 days. Each basic unit will organize activities four to five times, in off-duty hours.

2. To satisfactorily organize and lead the patriotic emulation movement and step up the revolutionary action of party members and the masses.

A. It is necessary to conduct an emulation drive to implement President Ho's testament among all our party and people from now until the end of 1969, with a view to satisfactorily realizing the "turn grief into revolutionary action" slogan with a determination to achieve a number of immediate objectives in party-building, production, combat, serving the front line, and organization of the people's lives, and to fulfill the 1969 state plan.

In order to insure that this revolutionary-action drive achieve practical results, each zonal party committee, municipal party committee, provincial party committee, party division, party group, and party committee directly subordinate to the central echelon, must study and set forth the concrete objectives of the actions of each sector and locality and of the basic echelons and leading organs, in order to insure that every unit concentrates its efforts on carrying out most satisfactorily a number of main, immediate tasks. For example, in the rural areas, it is necessary to concentrate efforts on fertilizing the 10th-month paddy, preparing for the 1969-70 winter-spring crop cultivation, formulating the 1970 agricultural plans, and popularizing and implementing the agricultural production cooperative regulations in coordination with consolidating the three-contract task in conformity with the party secretariat's circular 224/CTTU dated 12 December 1968. It is necessary to work our common action plans for all the masses in various localities and units and to draw up separate action plans for party chapters, mass organizations and administrative organizations.

It is necessary to satisfactorily conduct this political activity drive among party ranks, primarily among party committees of various echelons. On this occasion, party committees of various echelons, party divisions, and party groups must carefully study President Ho's testament and seek measures to strengthen internal unity, develop democracy, heighten the sense of collectivity, improve leadership and working methods, seriously carry out all lines, policies, and systems, and positively eliminate all shortcomings with regard to character and life. Vis-a-vis party members, it is necessary to adopt measures to continuously raise their qualities and

revolutionary ethics according to the spirit of the political activity drive launched on the occasion of the celebration of President Ho's birthday this year. Any place which has not yet conducted the political activity drive related to revolutionary qualities must coordinate it with this drive.

B. This political activity drive is only the initial step. All echelons and sectors must work out a long-range plan for implementing President Ho's will, pay attention to improving the economic and financial management task and readjusting the leadership of party committees of various echelons and government organs, and strengthen the building of the party and the consolidation of the people's administration.

To centralize and unify leadership and to gain time for the masses to work practically and have conditions for rest, the Political Bureau has decided that from now on, no party echelon nor leading organ of every sector may willfully dispose of the study problem among the masses without instructions from the Political Bureau, the party secretariat, or the government's premier.

The political activity drive to "study and act upon President Ho's will" has a very important effect upon the development of the revolutionary sentiments and the spirit of cadres, party members, and the masses.

It will help all our party, armed forces, and people increase their solidarity and combat strength, turn their grief into revolutionary actions, and successfully complete the immediate duties and tasks.

All party echelons and sectors must carry out direct and concrete leadership and insure that this political activity drive achieves practical results and obvious progress in the present vigorous, seething, patriotic emulation movement of the masses. This is the best way to remember and to show our profound gratitude to our beloved and venerated President Ho.

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