

## **Democratic Republic of Vietnam 1945 - 1960 Impressions of Foreigners, FLPH, Hanoi, 1960**

### **Viet Nam - The lovely land, 1957**

Tireless and indefatigable, the peasants, with the dirt covering their feet and their hands work with a new spirit and enjoyment in their own fields, which were distributed to them after land reform. p 9

### **They embody magnitude and strength, 1960**

We realize that these people who were able to overcome all the difficulties arising from their struggle for freedom, will surmount the obstacles on their road to happiness, peaceful socialism and national reunification. p 11

### **No difficulty nor obstacle, 1958**

...under the socialist regime there will be no such word as "difficulty and obstacle" in the dictionary of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam, whether that struggle is waged in war time or in peace time. p 16

### **They have the full support of every Indian, 1947**

If their case ultimately goes before the United Nations, it will be a challenge to the integrity of the purpose of that august body. One can only hope that it will receive a full measure of justice. p 29

### **Ten times more schools, 1955**

It suffices to consider that in 1945, only two per cent of children learned, while more than 90 per cent go to school now. p 40

### **Astonishing not long ago - now becoming everyday actual occurrence, 1960**

Libraries, public reading rooms, workers' clubs have taken the place of refreshment bars, night cafes, and 'famous' opium dens in Hanoi. p 42

### **Unrivalled anywhere in South East Asia, 1960**

A national resolution that Socialism through co-operation, which does not yet involve fully most families in north Viet Nam, though of vital importance to the country's development, will be gradual and strictly in accordance with the wishes of the people. p 47

### **This state of division is absurd, 1957**

This state of decision is all the more absurd since in Viet Nam, the South is a rice granary and the North the source of energy and the seat of energy. The South needs coal, the North rice.... The USA has given to South Viet Nam four and half times more aid than China and Russia have to north Viet Nam; and there is an obvious difference between these kinds of aids. While Russia and China concentrate on the tool industry and industrial capital, the USA have poured out huge quantities of consumer goods together with military organizations and some basic installations. p 63

### **90% of people in the South look towards President Ho Chi Minh's Government for their salvation (date unknown)**

One found also among the ordinary people a rather touching faith that the great powers who had negotiated the Geneva Agreements would ensure fulfilment of the provisions for unification by free, general elections. p 66

### **A skilful horticulturist, 1958**

The Vietnamese people have struggled against the American and French imperialists in the light of rich revolutionary experiences from the brother peoples of the Soviet Union and China. p 81

### **Example of wholehearted devotion, 1960**

The successes scored by the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam are connected with comrade Ho Chi Minh's activities. Being an experienced revolutionary, a faithful Marxist and Leninist, comrade Ho Chi Minh struggles unceasingly for the sake of the working class and of his compatriots' happiness. p 84