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(This is the last of a three-part series on Communist strategy for the remainder of 1968).

SAIGON, JULY 10--Communist units around Saigon have been ordered to hold a massive, three-month indoctrination session teaching their cadre-soldiers how to promote "the people's uprising" and to siphon off the Vietnamese government's political-military strength.

The Viet Cong High Command, with headquarters near the Cambodia border, ordered its subordinate echelons around Saigon to hold long-term education course during the months of April, May and June. The order was contained in a top-secret Communist document recently captured by Allied forces. The course supplements ^{Regular} ~~various~~ short-term indoctrination sessions and panel discussions for the Communist troops and political cadre.

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The high-level directive explains in rather elaborate detail the Communist policy called "military-civilian proselytizing"—that is, gaining support for the Communists, even among its own enemies—the Vietnamese government employees, soldiers, sympathizers and uncommitted persons living in government-controlled areas.

In effect, the indoctrination sessions seemed geared to make each Communist soldier effective as a propaganda agent and political missionary, to spread the Communist message into the governm areas of Vietnamese government political control, and military presence. ~~is~~ "Military-civilian proselytizing" is defined as "one of the three most important spearheads of attacking the enemy, ~~more reuter~~ during this decisive period," the other two being overt military action and covert political action. "The soul of this mission of attacking the enemy is the policy of the Party for proselytizing," the captured document reads.

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Regarding the civilian population, the directive orders in militant tones: "You should intensify the campaign to push the people to uprise, to overthrow the enemy government, to destroy all the enemy apparatus, especially the violent apparatus, ^{APPARATUS} which ^{OFES} ~~these apparatus~~ are used by ^{THE} the enemy to control the people, to take over the government into the hands of the people. This is the duty of the whole (Communist) Party, the whole armed forces and the whole people. It can not be done by one group out of the three. But, if all three groups are coordinated, they will succeed. ~~The military armed forces plays an im~~

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"The military armed forces plays an important role in promoting the people's uprising because they are the spearhead into the enemy's areas, ^{HENCE} and so the troops should be well educated on civilian proselyting, on making propoganda and ^m in carrying out the campaign among people living in the enemy-controlled areas."

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For actions leading up to the "people's uprising," the Viet Cong soldiers and political cadre have been directed to take these seven steps:

1. Make the ~~people~~ people (living in Vietnamese government-controlled areas) "clearly and deeply understand the policy of the (Communist) Party during this period of ~~at~~ assaulting the cities and explain why we assault the cities."

2. "Help the people--not only lead the people--~~but help them to an uprising--~~ but help them to ^{FND} uprising to destroy the evil-doer," referring to Vietnamese government police, military and government officials.

3. Help the people put pressure on government posts ⁵⁰ so the defenders will withdraw without fighting.

4. Push the people to uprising, encircle the post and appeal to the defenders to lay down their arms.

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5. "When the people see ~~any~~ see any enemy unit moving into position to attack you, you must help the people uprise and encircle that unit. But you have to protect the people in case the puppets (Vietnamese government) shoot at the people. The people should ask the puppets to lay down their weapons or withdraw from their attacking position, so the revolutionary troops can move forward without fighting."

6. "Anywhere the revolutionary troops move in without fighting, they must help the people to produce foodstuffs, to build combat hamlets, to help the guerrillas improve their fighting and ^{they} you must try at all times ^{To} to create ~~solidar~~ ~~solidatir~~ solidarity with the people and the local guerrillas."

7. The Communist troops are to observe all the details of local customs and habits ^{word is that} so they can "mobilize the people through persuasion and propaganda so they will voluntarily contribute manpower and property for the resistance in order to bring the war to an end faster and victoriously."

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The Communist indoctrination sessions for their troops to convert or neutralize Vietnamese government soldiers and officials is also carefully mapped out. First, the cadre Communist cadre-soldiers should know the Communist Party policy before approaching the "enemy." Second, when they understand clearly that proselytizing is the "soul of the policy," the troops are ordered to begin the ~~campi~~ campaign by ~~practi~~ practicing on other members of their unit. Third, they ~~satismunthium~~ begin to call on their own relatives to move from the Vietnamese government area to the Viet Cong zones. Fourth, they try to persuade friends their personal friends or former classmates or associates to join them. If the soldier-cadre can not contact his friends or relatives directly, then he must write a full report for his superiors so that other Viet Cong can contact them.

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During battles with their enemy soldiers, the Viet Cong have been directed to "know how to combine the shooting with surrender appeals. You should not shoot to kill all the time, because you kill other Vietnamese. But, you should NOT REPEAT NOT ALL the enemy to surrender all the time without shooting, because he will shoot you. So you have to combine ~~shootings~~ equally the shooting with the surrender appeals. The shooting and killing is on the same level as surrender appeals causing the enemy to disintegrate."

The directive also states it is "categorically forbidden" to execute any defector or prisoner, which marks a change from known battlefield atrocities of last year.

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Whether the Communist indoctrination sessions have been effective enough in launching a future "people's uprising" may will determine the outcome of what they term this historic and decisive phase of the Vietnam war.

(Hank: I'm leaving for the Seventh File Fleet today, returning this evening. I assume you'll cover the Honolulu Conference with Washington people. IF SAIGON REMAINS QUIET. What do you think about a very short trip to I Corps early next week, first to check Hue refugee situation and also the Khe Sanh situation, which looks serious. I'd plan to return Saigon by the twentieth, which Geneva Conference anniversary and some fireworks are expected. IS THE AGREEMENTS. ~~Regards Beu.~~ DR. DAN IS HOLDING THE

Press Conference Friday. Do you WANT MORE COVERAGE ON Him? —end—router REGARDS BEU).

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