



HO CHI MINH'S VIEW ON BUILDING A GOOD PARTY CELL

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Abstract:

President Ho Chi Minh - the founder and trainer of the Communist Party of Vietnam to become a genuinely revolutionary party. Hence, Ho Chi Minh also became the leader of the Communist Party of Vietnam before being elected Party Chairman at the Second Congress of the Party in February 1951. In this article, the author studies two main contents in Ho Chi Minh's view on building a party cell. First, Ho Chi Minh's view of the role and tasks of the party cell. Second, Ho Chi Minh's view on building a good party cell.

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1. Introduction

In the process of leaving to find a way to national salvation, Nguyen Ai Quoc (Ho Chi Minh) has joined many organizations, participating in the struggle for the rights of the Vietnamese and working class worldwide. In June 1925, Nguyen Ai Quoc founded the Vietnam Youth Revolutionary Association. This association is a revolutionary organization with Marxist tendencies; it has a clear political line and a strict organizational system. The establishment of the Vietnam Revolutionary Youth Association was an organizational preparation step for the later birth of the Communist Party of Vietnam.

The Vietnam Revolutionary Youth Association organized the proletarianize movement, sending its members to plantations, factories, mines, and rural areas to study and propagate Marxism-Leninism and develop workers' movements and mass movements in the direction of the proletarian revolution. With the positive influence of this movement, the mass movements realized the need for a revolutionary party to lead, so by the middle of the end of 1929 in Vietnam, there were three appear communist organizations as Indochina Communist Party (6/1929) and Indochina Communist League (9/1929), Annam Communist Party (11/1929). However, the three communist organizations have not been linked, leading to a dispersion of forces and a lack of organizational unity. Faced with this situation, as an envoy of the Communist

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International, Nguyen Ai Quoc convened communist parties in Hongkong (China) to consolidate three communist organizations into the Communist Party of Vietnam.

In the process of Party building, Nguyen Ai Quoc always focuses on building the party cell because the cell is a grassroots organization of the party, which directly brings the party's guidelines and policies to the masses. The party cell is also the place to organize the line implementation and turn the party's policy into reality. A party cell is also a place to capture the masses' aspirations directly; grasp revolutionary practices, helping the party have enough scientific bases to constantly improve its guidelines, guidelines, and implementation measures to realize its policies. Since then, the party can cling profoundly and firmly to the masses through the party's cell.

2. Methodology

The article mainly uses the method of document research and systematization of the theory presented in the book series "Ho Chi Minh Complete Collection". The use of this method is to select the views of Ho Chi Minh related to party building and cell building. Hence, build a theoretical framework suitable for research purposes and requirements for future application-oriented research works. Along with that, the study also used the method of synthesis and analysis to clarify the value of views of Ho Chi Minh for building a party cell in Vietnam today.

3. Results

3.1. Role and tasks of the party cell

The Brief Charter of the Communist Party of Vietnam, drafted by Nguyen Ai Quoc, defined the party's organizational system as consisting of 4 levels. The cell is the lowest level, but it is the core organization of the party. Thus, the party cell is considered the core of the party. From the party cell that the organization develops or expands. At the time, Ho Chi Minh says, "*the cell to be the stronghold of the Party fighting among the masses, ... is the necklace to link the Party with the masses*" (Minh, 2011, vol.8, p.288), and "*A strong party cell means a strong party*" (Minh, 2011, vol.8, p.289). Ho Chi Minh attaches great importance to the party cell building and development role. Doing an excellent job of building the party cell means making an enormous contribution to creating a clean and strong party.

According to Ho Chi Minh, the party cell is the root of the Party among the masses. Therefore, "*if the cell is good, all party policies are well implemented, all work is constantly progressing. On the contrary, the work is not smooth if the cell is poor*" (Minh, 2011, vol.14, p.193). Therefore, to cope with its role as the foundation of the party, the united nucleus of agencies, units, and society, the cell needs to perform the following tasks well:

"The party cell is necessary to research and study Marxist-Leninist theory. In the research process, learning must pay attention to being suitable for specific subjects and circumstances. In particular, drawing practical conclusions and learning from foreign experiences is necessary to supplement and enrich Marxism-Leninism."

It must help everyone to practice good "*industrious, thrifty, industrious and upright*". That is a vivid expression of the quality of "*loyalty to the country, filial piety to the people*". According to Ho Chi Minh, "*industrious, thrifty, industrious and upright*" are the "*four virtues*" of humans, the foundation of new life and the patriotic Emulation movement.

Encourage and educate the people to actively participate in the struggle to eradicate individualism because it is a maternal disease that produces hundreds of dangerous illnesses that spoil cadres. According to Ho Chi Minh, it is necessary to regularly identify shortcomings and propose corrective measures, making organizations and individuals progress together.

First, the party cell needs to strengthen political education for Party members to understand the Party's and the Government's policies. After that, educate and encourage the people to promote a sense of responsibility and democracy in giving opinions well to implement the guidelines and policies of the party.

Regularly "*carefully review the agency's budget, improve work productivity, preserve state secrets, carefully arrange and check to have proper all work*" (Minh, 2011, vol.8, p.453). This is an essential material facility for the party cell to operate well and prevent and limit defects in the work process.

Thus, to fulfill the above tasks, the party cell must promote the role of party members. Making "*each party member always volunteered to be an example for everything*" (Minh, 2011, vol.8, p.453) and clear about ideology, knowledgeable about guidelines and policies, always keep disciplined and honestly united to help each other and help the people. Constructive, it must expand party democracy to promote the intellectual power of the collective and individual in the cell. In particular, it must always be "*honest self-criticism and frank criticism*" (Minh, 2011, vol.8, p.454).

3.2. Building a good party cell

To lead the cause of resistance to victory and build socialism successfully, Ho Chi Minh set out the criteria for building up a good party cell with particular and understandable content. When answering the question: of what is the "good four" cell, He summarily said: "*exemplary party members in all jobs; close contact with the masses; internally truly united; well comply with the Party's guidelines and policies; good leadership produces and fights; one-heartedly serving the people, practically taking care of the material and spiritual life of the people; for the Party, it is well consolidated and well developed*" (Minh, 2011, vol.15, p.98).

Let's try to analyze four criteria expressed in Ho Chi Minh's point of view as follows:

First, party members are exemplary in all their work, closely related to the people, and within the party must unite.

According to Ho Chi Minh, a strong party is due to a good party cell, and a good cell is due to good party members. Therefore, party members must first agree on words and actions, exemplary in performing their duties in front of the people. This is a standard requirement for each cadre and member of the party, which is the basis for building and strengthening the people's trust in the party; against talking without doing, talking a lot, doing little, sounding great or doing bad or "*speak with one's tongue in one's cheek*". To do

that, party members must constantly cultivate revolutionary ideals and morals. Ho Chi Minh demanded: "*We communists must not forget our noble ideal of striving for a completely independent Fatherland, for complete victory for socialism in our country and in the worldwide*" (Minh, 2011, vol.14, p.467). Concurrently, each party organization and party member must constantly raise revolutionary morality and wipe out individualism.

In Ho Chi Minh's view, each cadre and party member must put the interests of the revolution, the party, and the people first and foremost, cultivating revolutionary morality regularly, persisting throughout life; talk goes hand in hand with doing, setting a good example; building goes hand in hand with resisting; upholding self-criticism and criticism, resolutely anti-individualism; must be genuinely respected and promote the people's collective mastery. This is the basis for the existence and sustainable development of the party, the source of the party's strength, helping the party always fulfill all glorious tasks. Ho Chi Minh likened the Party-People relationship to blood with flesh. Therefore, each party member must practice democracy and follow the right path of the masses. This is, so the Party cell promotes the people's spirit of collective mastery. When the people have genuine democratic rights and party members are exemplary, it will prevent negatives in the party and the society, and everything will succeed.

A crucial issue to affirm in Ho Chi Minh's thought is that he never separates morality from talent. According to Ho Chi Minh, having talent without virtue is useless; having virtue without talent is difficult to do anything. Therefore, in addition to cultivating personal ethics, each Party member must constantly improve their level of knowledge in all aspects, including culture, science, technology, politics, and ideology... have understanding, knowledge, and morality to lead the masses. Therefore, Ho Chi Minh asked everyone: "*if we are alive, we must learn and work revolutionarily*" (Minh, 2011, vol.15, p.113).

Concurrently, to have a good party cell, the internal party must be united, worthy of the role of a nucleus to unite the entire masses around the party, creating the power to complete all tasks assigned by the people.

Second, it is necessary to comply well with the party's guidelines and policies, lead well in production, and fight.

Building a political party includes many issues, such as: Building a political line; protecting politics; formulating and implementing resolutions; developing political ideology. In particular, building a political line is a crucial issue in the existence and development of the party.

The right political line will promote the party's development and move the nation forward. Improper political lines will drag back the nation's development, even affecting the lives of millions of party members.

According to Ho Chi Minh, to have the right political line, the following conditions must be met: Firstly, it must be based on a correct theory - that theory is Marxism - Leninism because it is the most genuine, sure, and revolutionary idea. Second, the party's political line must be consistent with practices in the country and abroad. Third, it must be in line with the aspirations of the masses of the people. This is the most critical issue because "*the will of the people is the will of God*" (Minh, 2011, vol.10, p.63).

Having the right path, the party must educate and thoroughly implement its guidelines and policies to party members and the masses so that they always maintain their stance and political bravery in all circumstances. And more so that localities and units understand that applying correctly and creatively brings high production labor and fighting efficiency. According to Ho Chi Minh: "*A good or bad Party leader considers local work to know, the results of local work are a measure of the Party's leadership*" (Minh, 2011, vol.12, p.150).

Third, the party cell must be a wholehearted service to the people, utilitarian taking care of the material and spiritual life of people.

Ho Chi Minh requested party members must be close to the people and understand the people to bring the party's lines and policies into people's lives to bring into play the people's talents, strength, and material wealth to benefit the people.

Party members must strive for a lifetime of sacrifice for the cause of people's liberation. It is the ideal goal, the life of each party member, and the noble ideal of the party because there is no happiness like the happiness of serving the people. Party members must regularly recognize their role as "servants" of the people, constantly contributing to improving the material and spiritual life of the people.

For Ho Chi Minh, only by loving the people, party members will accept arduous sacrifices for the people's happiness. Therefore, one of the noble qualities of party members is "*loyalty to the country, filial piety to the people*". That view means party members must be loyal to the cause of nation-building and defense of the nation, faithful to the country's development path, trust and grasp the situation of the people, and understand the needs and aspirations of the people. Hence, it improves people's lives and improves people's understanding.

Each cadre and party member must gradually improve their moral and intellectual qualities to serve the people longer and more effectively.

Fourth, the party must be regularly well-strengthened and well-developed.

Building and strengthening the party is a continuous, regular job. It is the party's law of existence and development. The party is a living organism, so the party is always influenced by many elements of society. In it, there are positive and negative factors. Therefore, the party must be regularly built to gradually improve its bravery and intelligence to meet the requirements of the network's career. Concurrently, this is an opportunity for party members to be self-awareness, correct, and promote their strengths. The construction and strengthening of the party is also regular and continuous work to eliminate the party's negatives and correct the party members who make mistakes to make the party organization clean and robust.

According to Ho Chi Minh, the party must be strengthened in all aspects, ideologically and theoretically; politically; the organization; about morality so that our party is "*both moral and civilized*". Along with strengthening the party, according to Ho Chi Minh, it is necessary to focus on party development, ensuring that the party cell and the whole party is strong enough in quality and quantity for leaders to perform theirs.

4. Conclusions

Ho Chi Minh's view on building a good party cell has great value both theoretically and practically, becoming the ideological foundation of the Communist Party of Vietnam in the current party cell building. The study, research, and practical application of Ho Chi Minh's views on building a good party cell will promote the leadership role of the party cell at the grassroots level. And contribute to providing party members implement the party's guidelines and policies, becoming an excellent example of ethics, wisdom, and bravery in serving the Fatherland and serving the people, building unity in the party, improving the leadership capacity and fighting power of the party in the current period.

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