

**Hungarian Embassy to North Vietnam, Report, 1 November 1956.  
[Summary]**

The Hungarian diplomats who wrote that report stated that "a serious political and economic crisis" appeared in the DRV, manifested "in the political field in the leftist-sectarian policy of the party, the absence of internal party democracy, the frequent and serious violation of democratic rights, the serious mistakes made in the course of the land reform, and the dissatisfaction of writers, artists, the intelligentsia in general, and the cadres and soldiers relocated from South Vietnam to the North, and in the economic field in the scarcity of goods (a black market has already emerged), the perpetual and quick rise of prices, the inflation etc. The wages of workers, employees and cadres are low and insufficient for making a living. Peasants - either earlier owners of land or people who got land recently - cannot make a living from the products of their land, even in case of a good harvest, because of the [compulsory] deliveries and taxes."