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1. After the purging of officials (Gian Chinh), the Cong An of the various provinces and districts were reorganized. The authority for this reorganization was an order issued by the Minister of Interior.

Personnel

2. The Chief of the Provincial Cong An must be a member of the Lao Dong Party, and must be nominated by the Chief of the Interzone Cong An. His function is to handle the administrative matters of the Cong An.
3. The Deputy Chief must also be a member of the Lao Dong Party. He concerns himself with the technical functions of the Cong An and is also responsible for discipline within the organization itself.
4. The Chief of the Propaganda and Education Bureau (Tuyen Huan) of the Cong An, who must also be a member of the Lao Dong Party, is in charge of the preparation of all studies and tracts, and guiding the members of the Cong An.
5. The chiefs of bureaus and the chiefs of local dependent Cong An posts should be selected from among the tested members of local Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) population.

Working Methods

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6. Cong An agents and other officials obtained reports from local authorities and from local committees of semi-official organizations. the Cong An's aim was to enlist the entire population in the gathering of information, and there was a considerable increase in the amount of information gathered. In People's conferences, the point was often made that each citizen had the duty of participating in the Resistance and aiding

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the Cong An, and the right of criticizing the Cong An for its abuse and shortcomings.

7. In the villages, the Cong An, which had been in some ways a formalized organization aided by individual members of the local DRV Committee, found itself greatly enlarged by the direct and active participation of local committees and various semi-official organizations. In each of these organizations there is, in effect, a private Cong An charged with the surveillance of the members, including children, of the respective organizations.

Organization

8. Province: A typical provincial Cong An is now divided into three bureaus:
- a. The Administrative Bureau (Hanh Chinh), divided into three sections:
 - (1). The Police Service (Cong An Trat Tu).
 - (2). The Mobile Cong An (Cong An Luu Dong).
 - (3). The Assault Cong An (Cong An Xuan Phong).
 - b. The Political Bureau, responsible for the Economic Blockade Section (Cong An Bao Vay Kinh Te Dich), shares with the Bureau of Propaganda and Education the responsibility for the Bureau of Investigation (Nghiem Cuu).
 - c. The Bureau of Propaganda and Education, which also has under its supervision the Bureau of Instructional Techniques and the primary and secondary cadre schools of the province.
9. District: On the district level, the Cong An is divided into the same three bureaus as the provincial Cong An. The village Cong An is not divided into sections of bureaus and is directly responsible to the various semi-official local organizations. Both the district and the village Cong An are directed by a Chief and a Deputy Chief.

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