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The urgency of the fight against Red propaganda in the South was the main factor which influenced Pham Xuan An, 32, of Saigon to embrace journalism as a career.

Pham, who recently graduated from the Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, Orange County, will spend three months in The Sacramento Bee, studying American newspaper operations and learning the practical aspects of his college course.

He came to the United States under the auspices of the international cooperation administration. His stay in Sacramento is sponsored by the Asian Foundation with headquarters in San Francisco.

Psychological Warfare

Pham, a member of a family of four, was employed by the Psychological Warfare Department of the Vietnamese government of Vietnam during the daily dailies in Saigon for when he returns to
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To all who remembers,

Thank you for giving me the courage to coming back to the States. You left me the true to be a great survivor. I love all of you. Your spirit will always be with me.

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With our deepest gratitude for your counsel and encouragement
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To our beloved teacher Pham Xuan An, we will always cherish your wisdom and friendship.

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