In each hamlet one operations committee member should be assigned to protect popular organizations. In each cell, the cell leader is assigned the protection task.

One operations committee member or able cell leader should be assigned to protect popular organizations in places where executive committees have not yet been established.

4. Working in the direct chain of command.

Province cadres are responsible for disseminating directives, resolutions and guidelines concerning the protection of popular organizations to districts and villages. They should learn lessons and disseminate them to districts and villages to assure the success of this task.

District cadres are responsible for disseminating these resolutions to village cadres, helping them implement the resolutions, controlling and prodding them and reporting the results to the province.

Village cadres are responsible for guiding, prodding and coaching their association members in maintaining security and protecting their organizations. They should regularly follow up, make preliminary and recapitulative reviews of security activities in order to draw experiences in the security tasks of counterespionage, suppression of reactionaries and anti-revolutionaries, and surveillance of suspects.

Cell leaders should keep an eye on each member's daily behavior and report any developments, whether good or bad, to the operations committee member in charge of security maintenance. In accordance with the system of direct chain of command, the report should be successively forwarded to the comrade of the executive committee responsible for security maintenance, then to the district headquarters, and finally to the province headquarters.

Lateral [coordination] at each level:

This is necessary to correctly carry out the motto: "The Party commands, specialized cadre provide professional guidance, and the people implement."
For this reason the task of motivating the people to preserve secrecy, safeguard security, and counter spies and reactionary elements requires the close cooperation of the security branches of all levels. There are many problems which need to be solved through the professional services of the security branches.

Copies of monthly or special reports concerning the security maintenance of each organization should be sent to the security section at its corresponding level. This section can contribute suggestions for specific measures and investigate the actions of members suspected of being enemy spies or reactionaries.

Above is the overall picture of all activities aimed at countering spies and reactionaries which all branches have the responsibility to carry out.

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