

16)b) The Tet Offensive was a very significant part of North Vietnam's strategy in achieving victory in the Second Indochina War. It was at this point that morale dropped for the US troops and the media representation of the Offensive sparked widespread protest in America for the withdrawal of their troops.

The Tet Offensive in 1968 was significant as it boosted the morale of the North Vietnamese troops. They were able to enter the US embassy in Vietnam and although many were shot down whilst in the grounds of the embassy, the US troops were shown that not only were they not safe in the jungle from the Vietcong Army but neither were those in the embassy.

The media representation of the Tet Offensive

evoked a massive opinion change across the US, which would eventually lead to their withdrawal.

The footage of the Offensive was shown on television and much bloodshed was shown. The moral, however, was the killing of a ~~the~~ Vietcong (VC) suspect without trial. A police chief shot the suspect in the head. This

footage was shown across America. People only saw the suspect as a young man wearing a checked shirt and pair of shorts.

It sparked outrage and the public opinion changed. Although it is unlikely that this was part of North Vietnamese strategy, it would eventually lead to their achieving victory in the Second Indochina War.

After the footage of this was shown, widespread protest took place. American people wanted their men out of Vietnam. This protest forced the President Lyndon Johnson to not run for another term. Richard Nixon

became the fourth president involved in the war. He began to move many of the US troops home. This again shows that the Tet Offensive was very significant as part of North Vietnam's strategy in achieving victory in the Second Indochina War.

Finally, this was a significant part of the strategy to boost the morale of the North Vietnamese. The North Vietnamese believed all throughout the war that they could achieve victory. Due to the Tet Offensive they knew victory was in sight. US troops slowly began to pull out and the morale of the troops had dropped lower than ever before.

The 1968 Tet Offensive was hugely significant as part of North Vietnam's strategy in achieving victory in the Second Indochina War. While North Vietnamese

morale was higher than ever with the withdrawal of US troops, their enemy's was lower than ever. It created widespread outrage throughout America and changed many opinions to the war. The Tet Offensive was very significant in the North Vietnamese victory.