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Commuting to Combat

An armored personnel carrier ploughs through the mud towing a 105mm howitzer as troops of the 1st Bn. (Mech.), 5th Inf., 25th Inf. Div., move out

during Operation Kolekole 28 miles northwest of Saigon. (USA)

Viet Vote a Contest of Issues

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON—South Vietnam was to go to the polls Sunday to elect a lower house in what informed Saigon sources call a contest of issues rather than personalities or political parties.

The sources say the citizenry is questioning the more than 1,200 candidates for 137 legislative seats mostly on the thorniest problems facing the country's new government—corruption, protecting national sovereignty, land reform and increased agricultural aid to

farmers.

There has been little of the name-calling and personal attacks between candidates that marked the recent presidential election.

Peace at any price or an immediate end to the fighting has not surfaced as a central point of debate, the sources say.

Only 4 to 5 per cent of the candidates have based their campaign on a peace platform.

The campaign's main theme, the sources maintain, is the "need for the remote and distant Saigon government to be-

come more active in the candidates' respective areas.

The sources feel there is more local interest in this election than in any of the other four campaigns in the past 13 months.

Casualties

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam.

KILLED IN ACTION

Army

2Lt. Craig D. Pinchot, Lakewood, Calif.
Sp4 Demetrio L. Hernandez, Patterson, Calif.
Pfc. Rodney D. Hill, Tahoe City, Calif.
Pfc. Theodore J. Chason, Wilmington, Del.
Sp4 Odes H. Moutardier, Marathon, Fla.
Sp5 Floyd E. Collins Jr., Lithonia, Ga.
Sp4 Jeffery D. Flourney, Chicago.
2Lt. Robert E. Knadle, Camp Springs, Md.
1Lt. Carl R. Arvin, Ypsilanti, Mich.
Sp4 Terrance H. Schneider, Montrose, Mich.
Cpl. Daniel Netter Jr., Biloxi, Miss.
Pfc. Green L. Hart, St. Louis, Mo.
Pfc. Roy Gevara Jr., Scottsbluff, Neb.
Sp4 Stephen E. Felsner, Cedar Grove, N.J.
Pfc. Jimmy R. Hohstadt, Clovis, N.M.
Pfc. Jose C. Santiago-Lugo Jr., New York.
Pfc. Richard V. Huggins, Monroe, N.C.
Pfc. Richard A. West, Kettering, Ohio.
Pfc. Larry L. Gaskins, Marion, Ohio.
Sp4 William E. Anderson Jr., Acme, Penn.
Sp4 Samuel D. Lumenta, West Milton

'Dead' VC Hero Reads Of His Latest Honors

SAIGON (AP) — A week ago the Viet Cong announced it was posthumously honoring Nguyen Van Be as a hero of the people's liberation armed forces with three titles: Valiant Defender of Tanks, Valiant Da-

dropped 9 million propaganda leaflets over North Vietnam debunking the hero campaign the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese regime have built around what they claim was Be's death.

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