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GVN Release on Buddhist Situation

The Ministry of Interior has furnished the Public Administration Division a pamphlet containing both French and English versions of the correspondence between the Government and the Buddhist Delegation and Communiqué No. 3 of June 26, 1963, and Communiqué No. 4 of July 1, 1963. The latter states the official position of the Movement of Republican Youth vis a vis the five demands of the General Association of Buddhists. Requests for limited numbers of copies can be filled from the Public Administration library. Interested offices may contact Mr. Lien on USOM extension 520 or telephone 23142.

Preparations for the National Assembly Election

GVN is making nation-wide preparations for the election of 123 delegates to the National Assembly on August 31, 1963. A poster has been distributed setting forth deadline dates for voters and candidates as well as qualifications for running for office (see attached translation). The Ministry of Interior which is the agency responsible for conducting elections, has also produced a movie to be shown widely to inform voters of proper election procedures. They expect 2 or 3 candidates to run for each position and up to 7,200,000 voters to take part.

The actual campaigning is limited to the period from August 16 through 31. All US personnel, as interested observers, are again reminded to exercise the greatest possible discretion in avoiding any appearance of taking sides, and are cautioned to avoid any unguarded comments which could conceivably be misinterpreted as showing bias.

NIA Entrance Examinations

Some 1765 candidates have just completed national competitive examinations for 100 scholarships to the three year course at the National Institute of Administration. Of about 270 being trained at the campus at 10 Tran quoc Toan, nearly 75 are graduated each year to fill public service positions at both the national and provincial levels.

Public Administration Division staff changes

Mr. Gustav Hertz, formerly Chief of Public Administration for the Far East Regional Bureau in Washington, arrived May 28, to head the Public Administration Division in Saigon. Mr. Hertz had been here previously on TDY in February. Mr. Dale Rose, Public Administration Advisor-Training, departed for a similar assignment in Bangkok, Thailand on July 12 after more than six years in Saigon, the first portion of which was under the MSU contract. Mr. Quentin R. Verdier, formerly Regional Training Officer in the International Training Division of AID/Washington has arrived to fill the position of Public Administration Advisor-Training.

A consultant on local government affairs, Mr. Laurie Cormier, Mayor of Leominster, Massachusetts, is here for 45 day TDY to observe and advise on local government election procedures and related matters.

Changes in Province Chiefs

Major Nguyen ngoc Xinh in Long An province, SVN-W  
Major Nguyen khac Binh in Dinh Tuong province, SVN-W  
Major Nguyen thanh Hoang in An Xuyen province, SVN-W  
Major Nguyen van Sau in Con Son province, SVN-W

Correction to Reference Documents

Provinces of Vietnam

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19	Para C-2	Pham van Ut	Nguyen thanh Hoang
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TRANSLATION

Election of National Legislative Assembly  
August 31, 1963

Dates to remember:  
List of voters

<u>June 20</u>	Deadline for declaration of change of residences in order to have their names shown in the voting list at the new place of residence
<u>July 1</u>	Posting list of voters for the 1st time
<u>From July 2</u> <u>to July 21</u>	Period of time for receipt of letters of complaint on the list of voters (names missing or misspelled)
<u>August 10</u>	Deadline for posting list of voters (2nd time)

For election candidates

<u>July 16</u>	Deadline for submission of dossiers (to run for election) at Prefecture, City Hall and Provincial Administrative Hq.
<u>July 20</u>	Posting list of candidates for the 1st time
<u>From July 21</u> <u>to July 23</u>	Period of time for receipt of letters of complaint
<u>July 31</u>	Posting list of candidates (2nd time)

Electoral campaign

<u>Aug. 6</u>	Deadline for sending in the symbols chosen by candidates to the local authorities
<u>From Aug. 16</u> <u>to Aug. 30</u>	Period of time allowed for electoral campaign (14½ days)

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Persons who meet the requirements stated below have the rights to stand for election:

1. Be of Vietnamese nationality since birth or have adopted Vietnamese citizenship for at least 5 years, or have returned to Vietnamese citizenship for at least 3 years before election day.
2. 25 years of age on or before election day
3. Enjoy full rights of citizenship
4. Have resided in the territory of Vietnam during a period of time of at least 6 months before election day
5. Be in good standing with the military draft board
6. Do not fall under the category of "unqualified candidates" as specified below (those who are sentenced for criminal acts, robbery, swindle, breach of trust, forging, transgression of good morals and good customs, civil servants or servicemen who were discharged for disciplinary reasons...)

Election of Third National Assembly\*  
as of the First Posting July 20

1. Number of voters in each region:

	<u>Electoral units</u>	<u>No. of candidates</u>	<u>No. of voters</u>
Saigon	9	54	635,673
South V.N. West	43	116	2,431,337
South V.N. East	18	62	1,025,941
Central Lowlands	43	97	1,996,065
Central Highlands	10	26	327,157
Total	123	355	6,416,173

2. Occupations of candidates: 2/3 of them are landowners, businessmen, industrialists, pharmacists, lawyers, teachers and pressmen. The remaining candidates are (38) civil servants and (9) servicemen.

3. Total candidates: 355 candidates (among them are 31 female candidates) all over the country.

The youngest candidate is 25 years old, the oldest candidate is 73 years old.

4. Political affiliations:

81,4% run for election as independent candidates, 16,6% run for election in the name of the associations such as: National Revolution Movement, Socialist Party and Vietnam Restoration Party.

5. Incumbents Running: Among the 123 congressmen who are about to complete their term of office, 80 are running for re-election.

\* Source of information: Vietnam Press Bulletin July 27, 1963