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5. 1963 - Buddhist countermobilization -
"Buddhist turned to the wall b. The Catholic State" - signific

6. 1954 - most refugees were Catholic (because of
a hierarchy) (priest per 1500) - network &
politicized b. '56 - Political management
of bureaucracy - ~~power~~ weak -
Buddhists see this - (Archbishop Thuc - unite
+ make cardinal) Buddhist high schools stop
function - Buddhist network developing - apolitical at
developing - growth in The Center - Memorial text -
very clear Dien was very clear problem of
Catholicism - { Vinh Long } late 50's -
Catholic flags - there was there - forced people
to return to Saigon 61-62 Buddhist
group - { Committee for protection of Buddhists }
(most important apologistic movie about Buddhist -
organic protest - "stepped down" - Buddhist Thuc
people had a right land flour in flags -
Promiss Christ - } = { cease no flags } =
- Vietnam nationalism -

11 '65 - Confiscation w/ 62-63 U

RP4 '65 - ⁶⁶ many spent, equal to Vietnam with Budget

Dien Central Police Control - D Communist

2) Caps

to the great - Buddhist piece - Truth Tri Quang
Figures of Moral Inferiority - vs a vs Communist -

Bedelchist didn't know how to organize, politically
and we didn't help to develop the opportunity

Tragedy at after '63 ■ Didn't make transition ■

"Dien pressed ~~to~~ up by Westeners" - xenophobic
strategic hamlet program - Bedelchist's ~~was~~ practical

Everybody is getting pushed around.

Vietnam - since '45 - several hundred

- thousand became Catholics - Young Men

'62 strategic hamlet program scarcely anti - American } total

Why
■ What was Dien against - American troops -

* Contacts w/ NLF (NLF inspired) ■

- smash Communist first leave pieces then put together -
Dien South & Center

Dien had no authority in villages -
- were pushing program into the villages -

McGeorge Bundy - back bay (Benny
Fuchs story) only Rep. to lose
an election - "so arrogant" ~~in~~

Colonel ~~McGeorge~~ Coilard 495-2482

Kennedy years & Kennedy policy - actions
were cautious and moderate - all into
middle ground (play of advice &
support) - economic & military aid -
"Independent non-communist Vietnam"

Professor Hung

W. Kennedy's death - little effect on Am. policy (initially) - S. Va plunged into pol. instability 64-66 - ^{effect} negative progress of war - Perceived from North as a "crisis".

* 64 Johnson set up planning groups to study options - "Put at Cold War Genemities" - containment - "pretext" - Gold of Tumbler incident -

< Begin bombing of the North >

Taylor - said let not go into VN -

Jan 65 - ^{VN} have manpower & arms - [Taylor opposes introduction of U.S. forces]

"Air War" - new element - relatively untested -

politically more palatable -

Johnson wanted to have recesses on board -

Taylor only came on in April '65.

Early '65 - VC stepped up activities - Feb. 7, 65 Platte attack - we retaliate against N. Vietnamese ^{in VN} ^{concern about security of airbases} McG Bundy & Westmoreland - Memorandum to

guard Air Base at Danang, March-April '65 -

change in Westy & Taylor opinion - March 65

Gen Johnson (Chief of S.) trip report March 16 '65 -

recommends commitment of 4 Div. Force - blockade force across 17th -

Westy's Field Commander Est. of Sit. (mid - March)

April - leave on Marine's loosened (can begin against NVN offensive ops)

- Johnson persuaded - sustained air war is the answer.

April 19-20 Honolulu Metg - Key players there
except for Pres. Johnson - Agree recommended
that we should go from 40 K to 804. troops.

May - VC launch an offensive - successful -
7 June '65 ^{Westy} request - 44 ^{combat} bns [field army]

June-July Discussions - ~~give~~ ^{given} Westy full authority to
commit forces - 27 June Zone D "offensive"

4 July '65 - Pres. Johnson 68 to 125,000 troops
"Whatever Westmoreland wants I'll going to
give it to him",

Have we seen the ~~new~~ new - Westmoreland - "a new
of attrition" political limitations - an "area" war
- no frontline - 54% ^{of generals} not seen of ^{U.S.} ~~the~~ objective
[Failure of Communications] ^{Westy} "Phased strategy" -

late ~~spring~~ ^{summer} of '65 - strategic concept of
opns - 1. "stem the tide" (stabilize)

2 Logistics build-up - taking offensive,
going after enemy base areas

3. Go further into base areas

Operational concepts - (a) Develop secure base ~~camp~~ camp
(b) send out opns secure area
(c) move base camp further
inland

Technique - "Search & Destroy" - helicopter
allowed us to reinforce easily - "Find, fix &
finish"

Popular notion one big search & destroy opns to Tet,
then Tet, then Vietnamization