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V I E T N A M E S E F A P E R S - N E W S -

A meeting of the province-Chiefs - All the province-Chiefs in South Vietnam, except the two from Rach Gia and Soc Trang, met at the South Vietnam Gov't Delegate Office on the morning of Nov. 21.

Gov't Delegate TRAN VAN LAM presided over the conference with the attendance of the Directors of the Political, Administrative, Financial and Economic Affairs as well as the Chief Secretary to the Interior Dept.. The agenda included the following items:

1. Civil Guard: proceedings to be applied to further the Civil Guard activity.
2. Auto-Defense groups in villages: recruitment, training, equipment, armament and pay.
3. Preparation for elections at municipal, provincial and district echelons.

It is recalled that in a near future, auto-defense groups are to be set up in every village all over Free Vietnam and in some provinces, the concerned authorities have started work.

The conference was held in a constructive and realistic spirit and all questions have been carefully studied.

Secretary for Economy, TRAN VAN MEO, arriving later with two economic experts, briefed the province-Chiefs on the questions of rice supply, banknotes, progress in the economic situation in the countryside and the necessity to support and promote industry and handicraft.

After the meeting, the province-Chiefs were invited by President NGO DINH DIEM to come to Independence Palace where the situation in provinces was reviewed.

(Tin Dien, Nov. 22, p. 1 & 4)

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VIETNAMESE PAPERS (November 22' 55)

Vietcong cadres and over 145,000 IC\$ seized in the PMS - Informed that the Vietcong had brought banknotes to the PMS to exchange for new currency issued by the National Gov't, the Security Service in Kontum, after a secret inquiry, seized a cadres named HO PHI LONG, Chief of the "Dich-Van" for Kontum (Committee for persuading the Nationalists to join the Vietcong side) and 90,600 IC\$, October 28. On November 1st, also with the people's cooperation, the Security agents in Kontum caught in Chau-Khe a Vietcong cell including 10 cadres and 55,000 IC\$. The captured Vietcong stated that other important sums will be brought into the National zone to be exchanged if their activity is not exposed. They also revealed that the Vietcong were dumbfounded by the measure of the National Gov't to exchange banknotes.

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Moreover, the Security agents of district Hoai-An, with the collaboration of the local Civil guards have discovered a clandestine propaganda organization comprising 15 Vietcong members.

The important leaders named CHUNG KIM HUNG, VO DINH MINH and NGUYEN MINH XUAN were seized with many documents.

(Ngon Luan, p. 1 & 4)

Rape gang arrested - For the last two months a gang of gangsters hiding in the Tram woods of Duc Hoa (Cholon) have kidnapped women wood gatherers to commit rape. Most of the women did not make any complaint for shame, and the rascals have become bolder and bolder in their activity. Recently the Civil Guards in the Ly Van Manh post combed the woods and arrested two of them: NGUYEN VAN BAY, 24; and NGUYEN VAN CUONG, 34, the latter owner of the woods.

After being recognized by the victims as being the rapers, both were sent to the Saigon Security service for inquiry.

(Le Song, p. 4)

The Vietnamese delegation to the International Fair Exhibition warmly greeted by Vietnamese nationals in Cambodia - On November 20, the Vietnamese Residents in Cambodia Club held a reception in honor of the Vietnamese delegation to the International Fair Exhibition in PnomPenh. All Vietnamese residents in Cambodia and members of the delegation were present at the party. It is reported that the Vietnamese nationals in Cambodia have made a handsome contribution to the building of the Vietnamese hall in the Exhibition.

(Saigon Moi, p. 1)

(November 25)

Vietnamese documentary film gets prize - A short colored film shot by the "Sinh Luc Moi" (New Strength) entitled "XUAN, the Buffalo Keeper", has been awarded the first prize for documentary films at the Movie Festival in PnomPenh International Exhibition.

(Dan Chu, p. 1)

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VIETNAMESE PAPERS (November 25 '55)

Where is BAY VIEN (BinhXuyen Chief)? - According to the paper FRANCE DIMANCHE, BAY VIEN has arrived in Paris where he is seeking official support to recover his former wealth and power. He is spending his days between the French Premier's office, the supporters of BAO DAI the biggest hotels, and the Vincennes Zoo.

(Tin Dien, Nov. 24, p. 1)

Rice for the flood victims at Hue - Mr. VU QUOC THONG, Social and Health Secretary, has purchased 20 tons of rice for the feeding of the flooded Hue population. Besides this he has had the USOM allot 2 million piasters to buy some 90 tons on the spot for the same purposes. The USOM has also decided to send to Hue 1,120 tons of rice shortly.

(Thoi Dai, p. 1)

German Catholics to the rescue of Vietnamese refugees - A meeting of German refugees in West Germany was held from Nov. 18 to 21 at Essen to which the chaplain of the Vietnamese Catholic Federation in France had been invited. When back in France Father GIAN announced that due to the action of the German Church a sum of 122 million francs will be sent to Vietnam for the relief of the refugees, 15 millions of which were already on the way.

Besides this the papers LESEBOGAN and FURREITER, voicing the German Catholic circles, have contributed 2.8 million francs.

(Dan Chu, p. 1)

Renault to set up an assembly line here - Information from Paris says that Mr. Thonort GELIS, Renault's Far Eastern Director, will arrive here on Nov. 28 to confer with local financial groups about the setting up of an auto assembly line in Saigon. It is recalled that after the visit of the late Mr. LEFAUCHEUX, a project to set up a plant in Vietnam was contemplated by Renault. It seems that Mr. Thonort GELIS is charged with studying the project. A Vietnamese company will finance the plant, Renault furnishing it only with technicians. Car parts, especially for the 4-HP's, will be sent up for assembly here.

This scheme has proved successful in Japan where Renault is turning out nearly 4,000 cars monthly.

(Dan Chu, p. 1)

Ten Vietnamese students go thru a professional course of instruction in the US. - Ten Vietnamese scholarship-holder students, most of them public servants, left last week for the US where they will complete a professional course of instruction in Michigan State University at East Langsing, Michigan.

They will study political science, public administration, finance, political economy and police administration during 9 months with scholarships from the University and American aid.

(Dan Chu, p. 4)

VIETNAMESE PAPERS (Continued)

Vietnam's 1954 budget - The fourth of the five reports of the Colombo Plan conference revealed the financial situations of the three Indochinese States. According to the report Laos has been able to finance one seventh of its own budget, while Cambodia and Vietnam are still in budget difficulty. Though Vietnam has developed its trade to some extent the income cannot meet the expenses of the army and the refugees, as well as the rebuilding of war damaged spots.

In 1954 Vietnam's budget cashed in 154 million pounds sterling, but its expenses totaled 514 million. The difference was made up by foreign aids and banks' loans.

(Tu Do, p. 1)

Vietnam's candidacy to UN supported by the US - The US will continue supporting Vietnam's candidacy to UN, declared Under State Secretary WILCOX to Ambassador TRAN VAN CHUONG in a conversation. The Vietnamese ambassador had come to interview Mr. WILCOX on Ambassador Cabot LODGE's declaration, which had indicated that the US did not support Vietnam's candidacy to UN.

According to Mr. TRAN VAN CHUONG, Mr. WILCOX explained that the situation of Vietnam is a special one, and though it is a divided country, the US continues supporting Vietnam to the utmost.

(Tu Do, p. 1)

Mr. TRAN VAN MEO to represent Vietnam at the inaugural return trip of the Tokio-Paris flight - Mr. TRAN VAN MEO, Secretary of State for Public Works and National Economy will represent in company with Messrs. TRAN NGOC LIEN, chargé de mission of the Presidency and TRAN VAN MO, Secretary General for National Economy, the government of the Vietnamese Republic at the inaugural return trip Tokio-Saigon-Paris of the new Paris-Tokio line of Air-France.

On this occasion, Mr. TRAN VAN MEO will stay about ten days in Paris for the December 2 inaugural ceremony of the new Air-Vietnam Co premises at N° 43 Franklin Roosevelt Avenue, Paris.

(Dan Chu, p. 1)

A book on Vietnam issued by the Secretary of State for Information - On the occasion of Vietnam's participation in the International Exhibition in Cambodia, the Secretary of State for Information and Psychological Warfare issued a book entitled "Here's the Republic of Vietnam" illustrated with many photos. The book deals first with the Khmer-Vietnamese friendship, then the contrast between the situation during the period prior to the Geneva accord and that during the year of power of President NGO DINH DIEM and finally the new era with the Republic of Vietnam. The book is written in English and Vietnamese.

(Tin Dien, p. 1)

Turkey recognizes the Republic of Vietnam - The Gov't of Turkey has informed the Vietnamese government of her recognition of the Republic of Vietnam and her desire for the maintenance of relationship with Vietnam.

(Dan Chu, p. 1)

VIETNAMESE PAPERS (continued)

President NGO DINH DIEM received the US Study Mission - At 16:30, Nov. 23, the President of the Republic of Vietnam received the US Study Mission which arrived in Saigon that same morning.

The Mission comprising Mrs. CHURCH, Messrs. ZABLOCKI, JUDD, WIGGLESWORTH, JARMAN, BYRD and ADAIR, led by US Ambassador REINHARDT, was greeted at its arrival to Independence Palace by Messrs. QUACH TONG DUC, Chief Secretary and LE VAN HOA, Chief of Protocol to the Presidency.

The President received the mission in the Reception Hall and the meeting lasted for about an hour.

(Thoi Cuoc p.1)

The Municipality is preparing for elections - There are about 400 thousand citizens from 21 upward who are eligible as electors in Vietnam. The Municipality will ask the proprietors of all industrial and commercial enterprises and private offices to establish a list of their personnel for the obtaining of elections cards.

The number of deputies will be 28 to 35 as formerly, i.e. 4 or 5 members for each district, 1 or 2 of whom are alternate deputies.

Those eligible to run must provide the following papers: Birth certificate, record in the police register, certificate of good character, attestation of instruction level, residence attestation.

According to an unofficial source the election of a National Assembly will be carried out around the end of December and be followed by the elections of the Municipal Council and the Council of Notables.

(Thoi Cuoc p.1 & 4)

Brief News -

The French national Roger REUGART who was seized before the National Referendum for disrespectful language about the name of President NGO DINH DIEM, was brought Thursday to the Higher Court.

In a raid on the house of HUYNH THI NGOC, N°16 Dinh Cong Trang St., the police, with the collaboration of the Service for repelling smuggling, seized 8 banknotes of 10,000 francs and 20 notes of 1,000 francs as well as a check-book. Mrs. NGOC was taken to the police station.

(La Gazette p.2)

Twelve thousand Japanese demonstrate - Twelve thousand Japanese, brandishing flags, demonstrated in the rain against the extension of foreign military bases in Japan. Some banderoles read: "Give us back our fields and fishing areas."

(La Gazette p.2)

VIETNAMESE PAPERS (Continued)

The French see the light regarding Vietnam - The weekly LE CAPITAL of the French Capitalists has recognized that the Geneva Agreementis merely a trap. It wrote namely:

"The Geneva Agreement is a bait of the dictator regime to the great better that is France We (the French) have no right or ability to oblige the Gov't of Free Vietnam to respect commitments it has not made. Vietnam, led out from a ticklish situation by President NGO DINH DIEM, has now a clear position which is particularly important to France and to the West. It has resisted, on one hand, the Red Chinese and Soviet influences and fought, on the other hand, against Indian dogma, such a cunning one!..... And in order to fight against those influences, Vietnam has tightened its relationship with the other Communist-threatened countries such as: Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Indonesia. That is the reason for the existence of the "Bandoeng group", so-called from the conference of that name.

The Vietnam Army has been set up and the Vietnamese Gov't has asked us to withdraw our forces from Vietnam and not to intervene if a war is waged by the Vietcong, unless the US Navy and Air Forces participate actively in it.

(Thoi Cuoc, p. 1 & 4)

President EISENHOWER resumes his political activity - It is learned from Washington that President EISENHOWER, completely recovered, has reappeared on the US political scene. Twice he has presided over his weekly meetings at Gettysburg for the National Security Council and his cabinet.

(La Gazette, p. 1)

Motion of confidence to Chief of State NGO DINH DIEM - More than 100 personalities of BinhDinh province held a meeting on November 21 at Qui-Nhon city hall in presence of the delegates of the people, administration and army for the discussion of various important problems of the province.

At the end of the meeting, a motion was drafted to be sent to Chief of State NGO DINH DIEM, expressing the Binh Dinh people's full confidence in the great nationalist leader for his sincere efforts to bring genuine independence and prosperity to the country.

(Tin Dien, p. 1)

BERIA's accomplices sentenced to death - The Soviet Moscow news agency just disclosed that BERIA's six accomplices were sentenced to death and two others to 26 years of imprisonment by the Soviet Supreme court: It is the biggest trial ever seen during the BULGANIN-KHRUSHCHEV period.

(Quoc Gia, p. 1)

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FRENCH PAPER (November 24)

Toward the resumption of economic negotiations between France and Vietnam - French Foreign Minister, Antoine PINAY received Vietnamese Foreign Secretary VU VAN MAU at a dinner, during which the two statemen proceeded to a general study of French-Vietnamese problems.

PINAY insisted on the necessity of holding economic negotiations to resettle financial and commercial relations between the two countries, after the denunciation by Mr. NGO DINH DIEM's Government of the basic agreement of December 1954 and the application of the accord of March 1955. This talk permitted the two governments to indicate their respective position.

Present also at the dinner were Messrs. CHAMANT, Secretary to the Foreign Affairs, PHAN DUY KHIEM, High-Commissioner of Vietnam to France, HOPPENOT, French Ambassador and High Commissioner to Vietnam, Jacques ROUX, Director of the Dept. for Asia to Quai d'Orsay Office and Prefect MECHERI.

That afternoon, Mr. NGO DINH LUYEN, Vietnamese Ambassador at large, gave a tea-party in honor of Mr. VU VAN MAU who met on this occasion US Ambassador Douglas DILLON. The Vietnamese Foreign Secretary talked also with Sir Gladwyn JEBB, British Ambassador that same evening. He was to leave for London the next morning, accompanied by Mr. NGO DINH LUYEN.

(J.E.O. p.1 & 5)

The second conference of Dr. Jan KARSKI - For the 2nd of his program of talks at Norodom Theatre, Dr. Jan KARSKI dealt with "The Soviet influence over the satellites" before a crowded audience.

He explained how the Allies were deceived at Yalta and by which methods the Communists conquered the 11 countries of Eastern Europe: Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Poland...., which have now become provinces of the USSR and their hundred thousand inhabitants, the Communists' slaves.

The lecturer recalled the successive phases of this hold: elimination of the Nationalist elements, gerrymandered elections, purge of reactionary Communist cadres, isolation by means of the iron curtain, deviation of the fundamental culture of the submitted peoples.

He answered afterward to the questions put by the hearers, recalling that with the Communists there is no faith, no law when the party's interest commands.

(J.E.O. p.5)

A new French-Japanese commercial accord - France just concluded with Japan a commercial agreement calling for two million US\$. France will supply Japan with raw sugar against tea, canned fish and various manufactured articles.

(J.E.O. p.5)

FRENCH PAPER (continued)

The Algerian question may be stricken from the UN agenda - Sir Leslie Knox MUNRO, Chairman of the UN political Commission, announced Wednesday that the delegations of Chili, Colombia, Cuba and Ecuador had handed in to the UN Secretary General and the President of the Assembly General a proposal for the withdrawal of the Algerian question from the agenda of the present session. A plenary session was to be convened Friday to examine this proposal.

While announcing this fact, of which he underlined the importance, Sir Leslie suggested also the postponing of the said question, which was adopted by 46 votes and 7 abstentions.

According to circles close to South American delegations, the proposal to cancel the Algerian question will gather a great majority before the Assembly and in this case the Political Commission will consider the remainder of the agenda including the study of the Moroccan, western New Guinea problems and disarmament.

(J.E.O. p.2)

What in Middle-East - Mr. Abdel Rahman AZZAM, former Secretary General of the Arabian League, declared in an interview that, depending on the circumstances, Soviet pilots would participate in the eventual operations of the Egyptian and other Arabian countries' Air Forces.

"The Israeli Government must not think that a new Israeli-Arabian war will be like the last one..... If such a conflict breaks out, Russian pilots to be recruited among the USSR Musulman peoples would be called to participate", AZZAM said, while in Geneva as Arabian observer to the recent Four Foreign Ministers Conference there.

(J.E.O. p.2)

Brief News -

In an interview given exclusively to the special correspondent of the "Arriba" at Rabat, Sultan Mohamed Ben YOUSSEF confirmed his intention to visit Spain.

(J.E.O. p.2)

Two members of a Wales expedition in the Himalaya mountains have been seized by Communist Chinese troops. The British Govt. is inquiring into this affair.

(J.E.O. p.1)

US Ambassador JOHNSON and Red China's WANG PING NAN held their 27th working session Wednesday. They will meet again December 1st.

(J.E.O. p.1)