

BUI ANH TUAN

Personal Background:

- A native of Tonkin, received his Bachelor of Philosophie degree in Hanoi.
- Became Editor of the Hanoi daily newspaper "Y Dan Au Thannhoa" in 1942.
- Captured by the Vietminh in the 1946 'March Massacre' of Vietnamese nationalists in central and northern Vietnam. Was tortured and imprisoned at hard labor for five years (1946-1951). (His legs, shattered during Vietminh torture, are still in bad shape.)
- Escaped to Hanoi in 1951, since then has been Editor-in-Chief of Vietnam Presse Hanoi and director of his own nationalist newspaper "Nay Va Mai".
- TUAN is a respected and well-known anti-Communist newspaperman. (Note LIFE Int Edition of 26 Aug 1954).
- Strong supporter of Pres DIEM, he will set up an Executive Liaison Office in Vietnam Presse to closely coordinate with the Government.
- Advocate of full indipendence from French Govt control in Vietnam.
- His appointment would be a positive move to win the backing of Tonkinese, Dai Viet and VNQDD currently embittered by DIEM failure to appoint people from their ranks. TUAN is a northerner, but not a member of any political or secular faction.
- He possesses a basic belief that the present warring factions throughout free Vietnam have got to start making compromises to pull together behind the central Government or they will hang separately under the DRV.
- Will broaden the base of Vietnam news coverage by introduction of the AP wire service as a complement to AFP.
- By personal character, he is likeable, strong in convictions and absolutely honest. This type individual is certainly needed at this time to clean out the corruption which has grown within Vietnam Presse under Hoang Van Do.