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National Assembly Elections Rescheduled

Elections for the Third National Assembly which had been set for August 31, 1963 and which were postponed have now been rescheduled.

The decree stipulates that all measures related to the holding of the election suspended by Decree-Law 96-NV of Aug. 27, 1963 will be allowed to resume.

The extra election campaign period will begin on Sept. 17 and end at noon Sept. 26.

GVN Constitution Available

Limited numbers of copies of the English translation of the Vietnamese Constitution are available upon request to the Public Administration Division, USOM extension 520 or 23142.

N.I.A. Students Selected.

The National Institute of Administration, established in 1955 is the principal staff college for the training of government officials. It annually offers 100 scholarships on a competitive basis for the three years of prescribed training. Nearly 500 officials have graduated in the eight years since its opening. Of these, over 100 were already government employees and over 350 were students.

In 1963, nearly 2000 registered for the competitive examinations, 1406 were found qualified to be examined, and 100 were selected for scholarships. In addition, 15 were allowed to repeat the first year course. Thus, the classes this year are as follows:

1st year	115
2nd year	84
3rd year	<u>87</u>
	286 total enrollment.

The first year class all pursues the same general course of academic instruction, while the second and third year classes are almost equally divided between those specializing in administration and those in economics and finance. All receive special military training in addition before graduation. N.I.A. graduates are found in all major government agencies, as well as in key positions in the provinces.

In addition, special night classes in administration have been conducted for government employees. Some 515 diplomas have been granted for the period from 1956 to the end of May 1963.

Standard Vietnamese Typewriters

As of July 1, 1963, only the new standard keyboard Vietnamese typewriters can be requisitioned by GVN agencies. The next step in this significant long range administrative improvement project will be the first call for bids for modification of present machines to be issued on September 23, 1963.

This project for standardizing Vietnamese typewriters resulted when a survey of GVN typewriters made by Dr. D.L. Carmichael of the Michigan State University Advisory Group disclosed that of 2,138 typewriters, there were 449 variations in keyboards and over 100 in accents. After lengthy study a summary of the findings and recommendations was published in March 1960. Adoption of the Standard Vietnamese keyboard was finally agreed to in January 1962.

GVN Tax Rates

A 12 page compilation of GVN tax rates applicable since January 1, 1962 has been published in English for distribution to interested offices and individuals. It covers the following major categories:

- (1) Direct Taxes
 - Real estate
 - Business licenses
 - Income

- (2) Registration Taxes
 - Transfers and exchanges of Property
 - Contracts
 - Certificates, Bids
 - Insurance
 - Donations
 - Inheritance
 - Corporate Stocks and shares
 - Stamp duties

- (3) Indirect Taxes
 - Production
 - Entertainment
 - Consumption of Ice, Meat, Restaurant, Rubber Products, Meals, etc.
 - Gasoline and oil
 - Precious Metals
 - Motor Vehicles

- (4) Excise Taxes
 - Alcohol
 - Beer
 - Sugar
 - Radio tubes
 - Matches
 - Flints
 - Gun powder and Fireworks
 - Playing cards

Copies of this tax rate list may be obtained by telephone request to PAD.

PAD Staff Changes

Mr. Herbert Turkus, Banking Advisor for the past four years, completed his tour of duty and left for the US on August 1 after final drafting of legislation providing for bank examinations and the development of a corps of Vietnamese bank examiners.

On August 16, Dr. Henry Bush arrived on direct transfer from Indonesia where he had developed a system of education and training in local government administration. He will advise the N.J.A. on the development of courses in comparative government and public administration education, as well as working with Rural Affairs Provincial Representatives in the ten provinces of South Vietnam East, on general problems of local government administration.

A three-day consultation on statistical problems of the National Institute of Statistics by Dr. James Maslowsky, a technician in transit from his post Lahore, Pakistan, resulted in recommendations for improving GVN statistical procedures. He underlined the continuing need for statistical coordination, improved economic statistics, a general census of population as a point of reference.

Mr. Laurie J. Cormier, Mayor of Leominster, Mass. completed his 45-day TDY tour on August 31, as a consultant on election procedures and problems of local government. He made on-the-spot observations in nine representative provinces in all four regions of South Vietnam, talking with both citizens and local, national and GVN officials. He climaxed his consultation with conferences with the Secretary of State for Interior Bui van Luong and Ambassador Henry

Cabot Lodge. They discussed his recommendations for revision of Decree No 45 to provide greater autonomy to local levels of government which will be contained in draft form in his written report.

New GVN Organization Chart and Map

Updated editions of the GVN organization chart of the central administration and the accompanying map showing field administration and local government have been sent to the printer and will be available soon for distribution on request. Copies of both map and chart are available to all U.S. organizations.

New Province Chiefs

Lt Col Nguyen Hoai in Phu Yen province CVN - L
Major Dam Van Quy in Pleiku province CVN - H
Major Nguyen Mau in Thua Thien province CVN - L
Major Le Duy Bach in Vinh Binh province SVN - W
Lt Col Le Van Phuoc in Vinh Long province SVN - W

Corrections To Reference Documents Provinces Of Vietnam

<u>Page</u>	<u>Paragraph/Line</u>	<u>Delete</u>	<u>Insert</u>
19	Para C-27	Major Duong Thai Dong	LtCol Nguyen Hoai
19	Para C-31	Mr. Ton That Chu	Maj Dam Van Quy
20	Para C-38	Mr. Nguyen Van Ha	Maj Nguyen Mau
20	Para C-40	Major Le Hoang Thao	Maj Le Duy Bach
20	Para C-41	Major Le Van Phuoc	LtCol Le Van Phuoc

A new edition of pages 19 and 20 incorporating all changes to date has been sent to the printer and will be available for distribution shortly to offices to whom the previous list was sent.