

3 Dems Turn In Reports

By CANDY LUTZ

The conflict in Vietnam is a nationalistic rather than a Communist problem, Tran Van Dinh, a former South Vietnamese ambassador to the United States, told a Schoolcraft College audience on Thursday night.

"Ho Chi Minh is not viewed as a Communist by the people, but rather as someone who fought the French. The people are concerned about rice rather than political ideologies," the hero of the student peace movement said.

"The present government in South Vietnam is not representative of the people. Mr. Ky admitted that himself. He does not have their support, much less their respect. Ky fought for the French and his government is corrupt," Dinh said.

DINH, WHO WAS the South Vietnamese ambassador to the United States from 1963-64, resigned as the buildup of American troops in South Vietnam was just beginning.

"It's bad to bring in troops. If you bring in a few, more have to be brought, and it be-

comes a matter of pride where more troops are brought in to cover past mistakes," he said.

Dinh, who is the overseas director of Buddhists, attributes many of his beliefs to his religion which preaches peace, adding that each time

Under Sink Spot For Peg-Board

You can make good use of waste space under the kitchen sink!

Install Peg-Board panels on the wall at each end, over 5/8" furring strips spaced not more than 16" apart between rows of perforations.

Prime and paint the panels to match the kitchen decor. For holding such items as soap powder, cleanser, potatoes, bar soap and other bulky supplies, use metal brackets that fit the perforations. On them place painted wood shelves.

By adding a wooden framework, you can enclose the sink. Peg-Board or woodgrained sliding doors give easy access.

there is violence, more violence is created.

"In 1963, few Americans would have believed that there would be 500,000 American troops in Vietnam in 1968. It was a gradual buildup which was caused when no one would admit a mistake," he said.

HE ADDED THAT when he was ambassador, he had spoken to top government sources and suggested that the Americans withdraw one-third of their troops each year over a period

of three years. These troops would have been replaced with South Vietnamese forces as they were removed.

"The U.S. involvement is an example of human weakness. Everyone is afraid to admit a mistake. President Johnson is a victim of his own propaganda. He had to do something to justify his mistake to the American people," Dinh said.

Although Dinh was hopeful of the current peace negotiations in Paris, he expressed concern that conditions for the

cessate fire would be worked out fully, political strife would be quelled, and that proper machinery would be worked out to prevent further wars.

"BOTH SIDES have concluded that nobody is winning now, but each will say they are winning before an agreement will be reached," Dinh said.

"I feel that the U.S. shouldn't support anybody. That should be left to the Vietnamese. The people here wouldn't like it if we told you who to elect in your

presidential election," he said.

Dinh concluded that if the U.S. were to send any sort of aid to South Vietnam, it should be in the form of doctors or educators, not economic aid.

"Economic aid leads to military aid," he said.

He suggested that a future government should be composed of a coalition between Buddhists and the National Liberation Front, because in his view they would be complementary to each other and would serve the best interests of the people.



Paper milk cartons make excellent molds for do-it-yourself Christmas candles. Melt paraffin in a double boiler, adding two teaspoons of dye to each pound of paraffin. Hang a cord (the wick) from a pencil across the top of the carton and pour the paraffin into the mold. Allow to cool for several hours. To remove the candle, dip the carton quickly into cold water, then peel off the paper. Sequins or other decorations may be pressed into the candle if desired.

MARVIN R. STEMPLEN, Livonia Democrat who unseated Republican Louis Schmidt in the 35th District, reported expenses of \$2,247 and receipts of \$1,842.

Major contributors were the Democratic State Central Committee, \$1,300; Ronald Stemplen of Lincoln Park, \$175; the Trainers' Political Education Committee, \$150; and the Michigan Nursing Home Assn., \$100.

No committee reports were filed for Young.

LEONARD BARUCH, Southfield Democrat who was beaten by Republican State Rep. Raymond Baker of Farmington in the 64th District, reported personal expenses of \$109 and no receipts.

The entire \$109 went to a sign company.

No committee reports were filed for Baruch, who conducted an almost invisible campaign this year.

State law requires all candidates to file personal reports of their expenses and receipts. It also requires the treasurer of any committee supporting them to file a report.

Drawer Divider

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Drawer dividers simplify finding the right color socks, handkerchiefs and other items in a dresser.

To make splinter-free drawer dividers, get some 1/8" smooth-two-sides hardboard, at a lumber yard and cut into the size strips needed. Notch the strips like an egg carton divider so they'll fit together at the slots.

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