

(MORGAN GANDY)

SAIGON 09210 (UPIS) The arrival of Vice President Hubert HHH.
Humphrey--on perhaps ^{H/S} the most significant mission since taking office--
is awaited here with some ² eagerness but greater skepticism.

The far-reaching ² ~~Plan~~ plans announced in the Honolulu
Declaration--which the Vice President is to launch off the rice ~~in~~
paddies--have all been heard too many times by Vietnamese religious,
political, ~~si~~ and civic leaders to be accepted ^{H/H FACE} without proportionate
VALUE ² future performance.

The Vice President has been assigned the task of giving aye
new look--or new direction--to aye vital side of the war that has
become increasingly ^{Among} snarled by inefficiency, petty jealousy, ^{the} and
mounting corruption amongst the Vietnamese officials and bitter
^{Among} 2 fine inter-agency fighting amongst American bureaucrats.

(More Malloy--ED)

first add--morgan gandy--saigon

x x x american bureaucrats

This vital side of the war is currently called pacification, or rural construction, or more generally, --by Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge-- nation-building, ^{If} ~~which~~ is an attempt to win ~~the~~ subversive-political battles with the Communists as well as ~~the~~ military ones.

~~It is the~~ Communists ~~who~~ are the ~~"Organization Head"~~ in this war-- even American generals admit this--and ~~against~~ ^{TO THE COMMUNISTS!} ~~dictatorial~~ party machinery is met on the American side by ~~such~~ ^{SO MUCH} inter-agency in-fighting that one Western diplomat moaned recently, "This isn't so much an American war. It's ^{FN} ~~an~~ American civil war."

(More Malloy--BD)

second add--morgan gandy--saigon

x x x civil war x x x .

In one glaring current example, the American Central Intelligence Agency refused to sit on a coordinating council in the Marine Corps enclave of Danang along with the other ~~and~~ Unistates agencies-- Unistates Agency for International Development, Joint Unistates Public Affairs Office, the American Military Command (representing General William C. Westmoreland), the American Embassy and the Marines who are dying on the frontlines only five miles from the city. Even the ~~senior~~ senior colonel representing the Military Command snubbed the coordinating council--and sent his deputy instead. And then, the Marines complained that the Public Affairs Officer was leaking "almost subversive, anti-Marine" information to foreign correspondents.

(More Malloy--BD)

third add--morgan gandy--saigon

x x x foreign correspondents x

On the Vietnamese side, one humorous, but rather startling incident happened recently. Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky sent eye special envoy to one of his corps commanders to settle one key government problem. But, the ~~special envoy~~ ^{CORPS Commander got MAD AND} ~~was~~ ^{LATER} ~~arrested~~ by the corps ~~commander~~ ^{IN SAIGON} ~~and~~ the commander sent troops into Prime Minister Ky's office ~~to~~ ^{WHO} ~~arrest~~ the envoy, ~~he~~ quickly fled by scrambling over the concrete wall, ~~but~~ ^{the PRIME MINISTER'S ENVOY} this week, the corps commander summoned ~~him~~ by radio for a special trial before ~~the~~ eye field military court.

This endless intrigue and counter-intrigue by the Vietnamese officialdom, however, is taking on ~~even greater~~ ^{MORE SERIOUS} proportions as corps commanders are again ~~attempting~~ ~~whirlwind~~ ~~changes~~ of their 43 province chiefs. Even as the greatest allied operation of the war--20,000 American, Korean and Vietnamese troops--attempted to rout the Communists from Binh Dinh province, ~~reliable sources reported that both the~~ ^{COMPETENT} Vietnamese province chief and his ^{ABLE} deputy for security were being ~~the~~ fired on the whims of their superiors.

(More Malloy--BD)

fourth add--morgan gandy--saigon

x x x their superiors. x x x

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American provincial officials have ~~long~~ expressed the believe ^F
that ~~the~~ changes of Vietnamese province chiefs lose at least
six months of ~~time~~ effective time in prosecuting the war.

The need for nation-building, for aye progressive, dynamic
non-Communist social revolution, has been seen for years--and ~~plans~~
~~hundreds~~ chunks of plans for it have long existed. Under the
~~Dien~~ regime of Ngo Dinh Diem, there~~re~~ was an ambituou ambitious
program ~~of~~ "strategic hamlets" which were supposed to be havens
of peace and models of prosperity. The architect of the plan, Diem's
~~brother~~ ^{broth} opium-smoking brother, heralded them as the "~~the~~
"true~~y~~ social, economic and political revolution." His aim was to
beat the Communists by adopting their methods and applying them more
effectively--with American funds.

There were then progressive plans to clear vast tracts of
jungled land and give title to the tillers of the soil. On the urban
front, ~~an~~ ambitious programs to build low-cost housing paid on the
installment plan for the "~~black~~ ^{PEOPLE} laborers" of the cities were drawn up.

But lack of administration, ~~embezzlement~~ ^{embezzlement} of American funds
(each village had a rural health worker supposedly paid sixhundred
piastres a month--unistates eight dollars--but both the health workers
and American officials ~~said~~ ^{PUINED} said that the salaries were never paid)
and statistical juggling acts brought the program to a grinding halt once
diem was overthrown in november, 1963.

(More Malloy--BD)

fifth add--morgan gandy--saigon

x x x november, 1963 x x x

Of the twelve thousand hamlets in the country, notrptnot more than eight thousand were secured under the diem era, and when diem fell the number slipped to less than twothousand.~~xxx~~ One of the first small-scale pilot projects on strategic hamlets was initiated in february nineteen sixtytwo, in cu chi district only fifteen miles outside of saigon. today, four years ~~later~~, later, the area ^S is protected by An American brigade. The first large-scale pilot case wa s called Operation Sunrise, only thirty miles from Saigon. ^{YET} today two American brigades operate in ~~the~~ the same area.

After Diem, the Ministry of Pacification took over, ~~and~~ then ~~the~~ the Ministry of Rural Reconstruction and then the ~~new~~ more positive-sounding name of ~~the~~ Ministry of Rural Construction.

But, last year, the mounting Viet Cong-North Vietnamese military pressure--coupled with the fact that the province chief ^S did notrptnot receive ~~his~~ ^{THEIR} yearly pacification budget until august--~~with~~ ² a virtually ~~strangled~~ ^{STRANGLLED} program ~~to~~ ^{BEFORE IT WAS REBORN} ~~be~~ ² reborn.

(More Malloy--BD)

sixth add--morgan gandy--saigon

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This year, the Ministry of Rural Construction met their January ^{FIRST} ~~one~~
~~one~~ deadline for plans and budgeting. It was a ~~major~~ major achievement--
and they held a wild ^{TRAN} ~~party~~ ^{CELEBRATION}. But, many more achievements will be
necessary in the future to defeat the Communist "Organization Man."

(Endit--Malloy--BD)