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More foreign newsmen ~~from the United States~~ ^{ED} cover the ~~election~~

elections for constitutional-drafting assembly than any other single event in their history of the Vietnam war. The record-breaking number was 505.

"We accredited 160 correspondents during the five days before the election," one tired sergeant in the American military information office explained. "We had French, Indian, Tunisian, Australian, Algerian as well as Americans come flood^{ing} in here. Believe me, the press corps is really growing. I remember when I arrived here in October, 1965, there were ~~22~~ 269 correspondents~~at~~ accredited here."

Another sergeant chimed in: "It was a small United Nations around here ~~sixteen~~ during the election period."

As of September 9, 1966, a breakdown of correspondents accredited to the American military command were:

United States citizens	192
Non-U. S. citizens	217
Vietnamese	<u>71</u>
	480

AMERICAN
Incoming correspondents during the election period included Bob Considine; Murrey Marder and Joseph Alsop of the Washington Post; Selwyn Feinstain of the Wall Street Journal, Edward Morgan, Arthur Miller and Louis Calvo of ABC; Sam Zelman of CBS.

Recent departures from Vietnam included Glenn Troelstrup of U. S. News and World Report; Thomas Joyce of the Detroit News; Richard Frykland of the Washington Star, ~~and~~ Ken Armstrong, Cleveland Plain Dealer; Al Wasserman and Chet Huntley of NBC.