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B. J. Bowden and Jane Bradley share roses and smiles after election announcements.

## New Procedure To Register Students

Effective this spring there will be a new procedure for room registration which will be very much like class registration. The new system, designed through the office of the Dean of Students and a student committee, is intended to abolish a lot of the confusion of the older roomdrawing system and put the stud-ents in charge of deciding their dormitory and specific room,

The procedure starts with the cards sent out by the office of the Director of Admissions which tell students that their applications and fees for readmittance have been received and that the student is elegible for a room assignment. The rising seniors, juniors and sophomores will then take these cards on designated dates (March 27 -rising seniors, March 28 — rising juniors, and March 29 — rising sophomores) to Ann Carter Lee ballroom and at the desk located there each student may pick up an IBM card that has been processed for

After picking up her IBM card the student may then go to one of the tables set up in the ballroom which represents the spe-

# UVa. Students

newspaper, the VIRGINIA
WEEKLY, affiliated with the University of Virginia, was born to
"provide a publication that is
more than a general information

Howard M. Romaine, associate editor, outlined the main ideas behind the liberal newspaper. Mr. Romaine stated, "First Mr. Romaine stated, "First whereas the CAVALIER DAILY is a limited newspaper, the VIR-GINIA WEEKLY covers a wider range of people and activities because of its format. It was designed to be a cross between (Continued on Page 4)

cific dormitory in which she wishes to reside. On the table there will be a board containing listings and capacities of the dormitory rooms. The studend will then choose a room that has not already been registered for and give her IBM card to one of the students attending the table, This student will then clip the IBM card and the card designating the room number together and the registration process will be completed.

Moreover, it is not necessary for more than one member of a room or suite to register. One student, a rising senior for instance, may go to the ballroom and ask for the IBM cards of all her roommates and suitemates (regardless of their class) and then hand them in with her card after choosing a suite. However, no one may register for a student other than one of her roommates or suitemates.

In addition, the Office of the Dean of Students warns students that it is their responsibility to give careful consideration to thier choice of room-mates, suite-mates and dormitory room since all decisions made this spring will be final.

For those interested in reserving their present rooms or suites, registration will be held on March Create New Paper
On February 13, 1967, a new newspaper, the VIRGINIA

23. All students are elegible for "squatter's rights" except for rising sophomores. Also on March 23, all senior assistants, house presidents and freshman councellors may register for rooms, Room-mates and suitemates of the above may register

on this date too.

Those students who were unable to get all their applications and fees in for readmission before or on March 1 will not be allowed to register for a room and will be assigned a dormitory space by the Office of the Dean of Students with no preference, Furthermore, no one may request a suite or hold a room for someone who has not been readmitted.

## Bradley Wins by 582 Votes; Promises Progress in SGA

By LAURIE MCLEAREN

With 90.2 per cent (1676 of 1858 resident students) of the student body casting ballots in the hard-fought contest, last Tuesday night revealed an overwhelming victory for newly elected SGA president Jane Bradley, who defeated her opponent Maveret Staples by a 1129-547 vote margin, 1967-68 Honor Council President B. J. Bowden faced a somewhat closer race, overcoming Donna Lamberth's opposition 917-749.

With 92,5 per cent (1719 of 1858 resident students) voting in at least one race, the fewest number of votes was cast in the judicial vice-presidential contest. Jill Robinson defeated Vergie Klipa 860-537. The three-way race for legislative vice president showed Lawson Stillman with a total of 773 votes almost equalling her opponents' combined total of 785 (Dodo Fisher receiving 425 and Patti Whitley 360).

Of the 1498 votes cast for SGA secretary Lenience Wu received 846; Susie Perri, 652. The contest for treasurer showed Pam Toppin with a 293 vote lead over her opponent Barbara McLaugh lin (874-581). The closest-fought race proved to be that for NSA coordination, Candy Burke Winning over Diane Miller by an 841-681 vote margin.

Unopposed candidates Adeline and Carole Baman were named RA and YWCA presidents for next session, while Lynn Shelby defeated Kitty Van Lear to head up ICA.

At Wednesday night's student body meeting, freshman counsellors and freshman house presidents were also announced. Terry Pinkard will serve as president

of Betty Lewis next year with freshman counsellors Ann Ball, Kay Badran, Sally Taylor, Betty Earles, Elizabeth Muirhead, and Darriel Webster. Willard will have president Sue

Mills with freshman counsellors Sue Labrenz, Barbara Greenlief, Betty Ferguson, Bonnie Page, Dorothy Jean Whitten, Linda Huff, Cathy Koster, Pam Hogan, Iris Harrell, Karen Dyer, and Toni

Patti Boise will serve as president of Virginia with Arena Hunter, Gail Stein, Karen Kilgore, Martha Sandman, Gloria Shelton, Stephanie Boone, Mary Page Williams, Carole Findlay, Joan Pervier, Laurie McLearen, Linda Hawkins and Mary Ann Crandell. Freshman counsellors in mixed dorms include Barbara Henderson, Marjorie Rowand, Pam Selden, Joyce Munden, Caryl Brown, and Pat Tietjen.

#### By LIZ VANTRE ASE

Now that the reality of their offices has suddenly become apparent, Jane Bradley and B. J. Bowden can think back upon their campaigns and look forward to plans for next year.

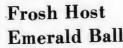
Miss Bradley, the newly elect-ed SGA President, is interested in organizing her new Executive Council as soon as possible so they can begin working together as a group. It is her hope that they will be able to meet with the present Council in order to

learn from them and to begin to put some of their new ideas into process. By immediately becoming involved in the projects Executive Council is currently discussing, Jane hopes to stress the continuity of SGA. There is no need for a break, she says. Things should keep on running smoothly.

Miss Bradley sees a current trend in the attitudes of Mary Washington students. 'Progress is the word. If we've been stagnant in the past, we're not going to sit by and be stifled now. I think the campaign illustrated that the trend is no longer apathy toward the student's role in education, community, national, and international affairs."

B. J. Bowden, who will become Honor Council President in April. intends to strengthen our Honor System by emphasizing the realistic aspects rather than the utopian ideal. We must realize this, she says, for the system to work. "With proper insight, per-spective, and an understanding of the Honor System, we can re-move the disillusionment and fear some people have for it."
By assisting in the two-week

drive against carelessness which the Honor Council is now sponsoring on campus, she believes she is helping people reach this correct understanding. Miss Bowden also has plans for her part in Freshman Orientation next fall, "I want to instill in them a feeling of reverence and acceptance rather than fear.



The Emerald Ball, the annual Mary Washington Colege spring formal dance, will be held on Saturday, March 11, 1967, in Ann Carter Lee Ballroom from 8:00 to 12:00 P.M. Music will be furnished by the Escorts, a combo group from Richmond. The Cyrkle, with Little Willie, will be present in concert in George Washington Auditorium from 3:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. Tickets for the concert will be on sale until 2:30 Saturday, March 11.
This year is the first time the

Emerald Ball has been sponsored by the Freshman Class. There is no primary theme for the Ball, although the color scheme consists of blue and green. Contrary to past Balls, there will be no breakfast following the Emerald Ball this year.



The Roxbury Trio will perform at 8:30 tonight in ACL Ballroom

NSA has been a volatile issue at MWC for several years. Recent disclosures of the covert financial links between NSA and the Central Intelligence Agency have heightened student interest. The spirited debate at the recent SGA Soundoff demonstrated that MWC students are seriously divided in their support of our school's membership.

An Ad Hoc SGA committee has been studying our membership rather sporadically for several months. Yet students obviously are restless, unsatisfied with the rate of the committee's progress.

Hosting a regional NSA conference would be desirable for several reasons. First, the verv presence of both regional and national NSA officers would provide an excellent opportunity for MWC students to get first-hand informa-tion on NSA – its policies, officers, and programs.

Secondly, students would be able to discuss NSA membership with delegates from neighboring colleges on a person-to-person basis. This interchange of ideas would help to clarify the advantages and disadvantages of belonging to NSA.
Thirdly, the conference would provide an open

forum where students could air their views, both favorable and unfavorable, about NSA, knowing that their voices were being heard by the officers of the organization.

Fourth, MWC students could gain the experience of sponsoring a conference of major importance to the student community of our region. A large number of students would be able to actively participate in thought-provoking discussions of campus, state, and national issues.

For these reasons, the BULLET urges every student to express her support for this project now by seeking its approval by the administration.

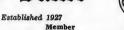
#### **Bullet Philosophy**

The Bullet is the student news-paper of Mary Washington Col-lege of the University of Virginia. It is written and edited by students of the college, and any interested student has the opportunity to work with the staff. There is no major or course requirement for working on The Bullet.

As a campus newspaper, The Bullet has two major functions. The first is to inform the student body of major campus events and issues. Coverage of campus news as well as national and inter national news will be governed by the criteria of readership,

The second major function is to interpret and evaluate in its editorial columns the events and issues which it covers on its news pages. Toward this end, the Bullet staff actively supports policies and activities which, in the opinion of a majority of the members of the editorial staff, are outstanding. All letters to the editor will be used within spatial limits; however, the editorial staff reserves the right to edit 'all contributions for grammatical and technical errors.

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We need more integration in our colleges like we need more federal aid! The mere suggestion is horrifying!

### Letters to the Editor

To The Editor:

We would like to endorse Dean Hargorve's proposal of having Trench Hill as an honor dormi-tory next year. We understand the implication of "honor" as one of responsibility rather than one of academic implication, Moreover, we do not regard this as an adult-free situation, but as one in which we, the students, have been further recognized as responsible enough to assume adult status on the campus of Mary Washington College. We think this will hold true even if there is an administrative representative (another senior) apointed to Trench Hill

No one can be sure how a person is going to react to power. The suggestion of having the girls elect their administrative representatve would result in a popularity contest of sorts. What is to guarantee that the eighteen girls chosen will know each other well enough to choose objectively and wisely their representative?

We realize that this is an experiment and any experiment will have problems; and that the first year will always have the most. Thus, assuming that the eighteen girls could be chosen and announced with the small dormitory placements, these girls could meet with Dean Hargrove and together as a student-administrative committee decide what is to be the policy and the expectations of both the students and the administration. Perhaps in this way, some of the diffi-culties would be eliminated.

Merrilyn Sawyer Marjorie E. Arnsdorff Pamela N. Toppin Jean Cooper

Dear Editor,
It has come to our attention that instructions have been given to professors that a school committee has decided to replace Dead Week second semester with two reading days. Dead Weekfirst semester proved beneficial, as papers and tests were not

scheduled for that time and students were able to better prepare for their exams.

Considering these advantages, we question the merit of discontinuing Dead Week. In our opinion, the majority of students will be opposed to this move, Why weren't students given an opportunity to voice their opinions upon this matter?

Sincerely, Pat Harrell Marty Johnson Carole Carter Patsy Boyle Susie Grigg Lilly Smith Debbie Walker Kathryn Campbell Jean Derryberry Marion Moncure

Dear Editor:

Amid the heady atmosphere of suggestions, complaints, and criticism, I would like to applaud two individuals, Mrs. Holloway and Mr. Read. It is through their concerted efforts that red-tape has been slashed and THE NEW YORK TIMES returned, for daily sale, to our campus. To Mrs. Holloway and Mr. Read, the faculty and student body owe a debt of thanks.

Sincerely, George W. Grayson, Jr. Assistant Professor

New Jersey and those who are conservationists may be interested to learn that on February 1967 a public hearing was held in Morristown, New Jersey by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries

Dear Editor,
Those students and faculty from

and Wildlife regarding the pro-posal for establishment of the Hartley Dodge Unit as a wilderness area under the pro-visions of the Wilderness Act of

The M. Hartley Dodge Unit, better known as the Great Swamp, is located south of Morristown. It now exists as a National Wild-life Refuge. The 2,400 acres of

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### Pros and Cons

By PATTI MARILLA

To borrow a well-worn term. a "credibility gap" is endanger-ing the legitimate criticism of students on our campus. To put it blunty, we need to do our home-

The recent evaluations and suggestions have originated from all areas of the campus. The "Sound-Off" produced a long list. SCA Off" produced a long list; SGA Executive Committee recommended changes at the Student Body Meeting; the recent platforms of SGA and Honor Council candidates elicited still more. There has been valid criticism and constructive through in many of these opinions. Nevertheless, it is time to separate fact from fantasy and get down to business.

When we talk of hoards of faculty members leaving, do we have the figures? If we want to investigate a different division in the academic calendar, is there not a more valid reason than procrastinating papers until Christ-mas vacation? If students opinion is not heard adequately, can stu-dents take the time to attend Council meetings, which are always open, or even instigate or attend hall meetings?

The facts are there for the asking. How many bother to ask? It is important that every argument is well-substantiated if any student opinion is heeded. There are lamentable reasons for some lack of information. Announcement of curriculum and policy changes, decisions which effect students, etc. are not always made known to those outside the faculty and administration. When news is available through the Bullet or SGA Newsletter, not everyone bothers to inform themselves. These deficiencies can and should be corrected.

Administrative officials and faculty representatives should inform students when changes and innovations are made final. SGA must make available this information, provide viable channels for student opinion and sugges-tion, and direct students to the proper authorities for further research. Only individuals can adequately inform themselves, discern truth and hearsay, and prioritize student needs.

SGA is now working to gather background material in the areas of immediate concern. What has been done, what is being done, or why something has not been done, will be explored and answered. It must be determined if there is a real demand and a legitimate need for particular innovations and if they ar feasible. When the discrepancies are resolved, our goals may be established realistically.

The student credibility gap can only be bridged if we begin with the basic assumption that four years is a small holding in the stock of the College. Students must realize that some objective can only be attained in the long-run. But we must also retain the belief that if a college does not exist for its students, it has no purpose. It is necessary to voice opinion and to work for improvements immediately and in the future. It is also essential that we discern improvement from mere vocal exercise.

Monday, Washington BULLET By MIMI FURCOLOW

Last Thursday night, 16 Mary Washington students met with of-ficials of the Hanover School for Boys to discuss the possibilities of aiding the School, Al-though some girls have already though some girls have begun projects, John Boone, Assistant Superintendent of the School, agreed with Patti Marilla that a coordinating committee is

This committee will channel people of various departments or interests to help in a particular field. Besides planning activities, it will encourage participation by other colleges including Randolph-Macon College, Vir-ginia Union University, and Richmond Polytechnic Institute.

Mary Washington students have shown special interest in one of the six houses, Martha Washingthe six houses, Martia washing-ton Cottage, where 56 boys live. The boys, from ages nine to eleven, have many and varied needs. According to Mr. G. L. Stanley, the Educational Superintendent, some of them have been there six months wthout receiv-ing any visitors or mail. Others have creative talents that should be developed.

Both Mr. W. C. Costin, a case worker, and Mr. Stanley dis-cussed the educational, emotional

and cultural problems. The average I. Q. of the boys is 92 and many are two years behind in their reading ability. Although the average stay for a boy is eight to twelve months, some remain at the School for two years.

Discussing the general prob-lems of the School, Mr. Costin reminded the girls that the limited finances and staff provided only the basics for the 309 boys, thus providing many op. ortunities for MWC assistance, Suggested programs included singing, dramatics, art, reading, folk-dancing, fieldtrips, mending boys clothes, clothing drives, and teaching first aid and table manners. Besides providing extracurricular opportunities, the col-lege students could perhaps stimulate motivation in the acade-

Two definite projects resulted from the meeting with others to be developed by the coordinating committee. The first is writing letters and sending birthday cards, and the other is an Easter egg dyeing party and hunt.
To organize the committee and

its projects all interested students are urged to attend the meeting at 7:30, March 6, in the SGA reading room. For further informaton regarding the Han-over School, contact Pat Tietjen or Dana Drozdowicz,

CROSS-FIRE

Mary Washington students are sounding off again!

At the last sound-off, at least 10 per cent of the student body spent 2 1/2 hours speaking almost entirely on academic complaints. And even two and a half hours was too little time, as we discovered. This fact is indicative of several things:

Corrections are definitely needed. (This goes without saying, and needs no further com-ment.)

The intellectual atmosphere here is changing. Two hundred or more students are vitally concerned about instigating something other than Bridge tournaments and about learning something other then bridal etiquette.

An air of discontent exists which apparently cannot be placated, even by that frequent-ly used euphemism, "The prob-lem is in committee." The phrase means, in effect, that nothing has happened. Gripes have been

#### **Campus Leaders** To Meet Visitors

Representatives from SGA, the Honor Council, College publications and the various classes will meet with Chancellor Simpson and members of the Board of Visitors on March 9. Mrs. E. Alton Parrish, also a member of the Alumnae Association, and Mr. Richard S. Cross, members of the Board of Visitors, will participate in the discussion on the role of the Board of Visitors and matters of interest to studbrought out of the dorms and into the open. A good psychological device! Getting difficulties off our chests is a real cathar-sis. Sharing problems openly makes them easier to live with.

BY SUE EIKE

We now know that many of us agree that we need psychological counselling, pass-fail courses, departmental evaluation, stu-dent-faculty committees and a computer, to name but a few. What are we going to do about

A series of Sound-offs can be as stagnating as a series of com-mittees, unless concrete action is taken in the areas discussed.

#### Smoking Okayed In Classrooms

By joint agreement of the Ad-ministration and the Student Government Association, the smok-ing regulation in the 1966-Handbook is no longer in

The new regulation on smoking in classrooms states that, unless there is a specific safety hazard prohibiting it, smoking will be permitted in classrooms if there is no objection from any member of the class.

The Student Government maintains that the right of any student to object to smoking in he classroom and to so indicate privately to the faculty member or to an official of SGA shall be enforced. Further, ashes, cigarettes, etc. shall be prohibited on the class-room floors. If there is a violation of this provision, the smoking privilege may be discontinued.



Chaplain Peter D. MacLean

## Chaplain To Speak On Christianity

Chaplain Peter D. MacLean, Chaplain to the Officer Candi-date School at Quantico, will give two lectures here on March give two fectures here on March 13 and 14, at 7:00 P.M. The first will be titled "The Fail-ure of Christianity", and the second he has called "Crisis in Communication". Both lectures will be followed by open discussions in the parlor of Virginia Dormitory.

Father MacLean describes the first talk as a tearing-down process, a "negatively nasty" ex-amination of the psychological and intellectual objections many feel toward religion. In the followup lecture, he hopes to build from the pieces a valid and meaningful ept of what religion can be.

Chaplain MacLean will also attend several classes of Miss Elizabeth Clark and Dr. Clyde Carter during that week. One class, Dr. Carter's at 2:00 on

March 14, will be open to the student body. Having just returned from Viet-nam, Chaplain MacLean will, in course of his talks, share his experiences with our men

#### Letters Continued

swampland meet the wilderness requirements: (1) the area is reasonably compact, (2) it is undeveloped, (3) it posesses characteristics of a wilderness, and (4) it has no improved roads suitable for public travel by conventional automobile. Under the Wilderness Act "a wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recog-nized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

Other pertinent facts are: (1) The New York Port Authority wants to build a fourth jet airport on the site of the Great

Swamp, (2) only two other areas on the Atlantic coast are under consideration for Wilderness status, one in New Hampshire, and one in North Caroline, and (3) the Refuge is within thirty miles of New York city and eas ily accessible to millions of

The MWC Outing Club, represented by Cary Jones, President, and by Sandra Moore, and the University of Virginia Outing Club submitted a joint resolution supporting the proposal. Written statements of opinion may be further submitted to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for one month.
Submitted by Sandra Moore
MWC Outing Club

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Starts Wednesday

Ends Tuesday Nite E SOUND OF MUSIC" Nitely at 8 P.M.

#### RA Roundup

The Honors Basketball team will play its last game on March 8. They take a 1-5 record into this season finale with RPI. The greater part of the team is made up of freshmen and sophomores.

The team has lost games to Marjorie Webster, Longwood, and Westhampton, and has won a game against Marjorie Webster. The foul-shot percentage of the first team is very good — 60 percent, but the field goal percentage is poor — around 24 per cent.

intramural level, the games have had good participation (only one default). The playoffs for the league championships will be played this Thursday, with the tournament championship being played the following Monday.

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## UVa Dept. Shake-Up **Causes Controversy**

By SUSAN WAGNER

Controversies on all sides have arisen at the University of Virginia as a result of a recent article published in the campus newspaper. On February 10, the "Cavalier Daily" announced the resignation of a popular English professor due to what was des-cribed as a "shake-up" in the English department and to his opinions that "changes in the department were not in the best interest of the University and were a result of in-fighting in the department." Also announcing the departure of 10 other associate and assistant profes-sors, the "Cavalier" stated that much of the upheaval centered around the "publish or perish" controversy in that the department was sacrificing excellent teachers to secure prominent names on campus.

Four days later, a retraction

#### Cue ...

On Wednesday, March 8, Dr. Alexander Eckstein, Professor of Economics at the University of India and China", at 10:30 A.M. in G. W. Auditorium, Dr. Eckstein is one of the top experts in this country on the economy of Communist China. and is also well known for his studies in economic development, economic planning, and international trade

The Sixteenth Annual Art Exhibition, sponsored by the Woman's Club and the Recreation Department of Fredericksburg will be held at the Community Center from March 12 through March 19. The fine arts entries will be in the categories of oil, watercolor, pastel, black and white, sculpture, and art cera-mics. The crafts will be divided into those of metal, wood, and ceramics. The exhibition will be open Sunday, March 12th from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M., and daily from 2:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., and the last Sunday from 2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

COLLEGE ARTS magazine is sponsoring a \$2000 poetry contest, open to all poets. The first four grand prize winners will have their own book of poetry edited and published by the JTC Publishing Co., while every entrant will receive an anthology of the top 100 prize-winning poems. Write for details: Poetry Contest, Box 314, West Sacramento, California 95691.

Miss Carol Verell will give a piano recital Sunday, March 12, 1967, at 3 p.m. in Dupont Theater. She will perform the French Suite No. 6 in E major by J. S. Bach, Sonata in A minor, by J. S. Bach, Soliata in Rimins, K. 310 by Mozart, Etudes Op. 10, No. 3. Op. 25, nos. 1 and 10 by Chopin, and "Suggestion Diabolique", Op. 4, No. 4. Miss Verell is a senior and member of Mu Phi Epsilon. Next year she will continue her studies in piano at Duquesne University in Pitts-burgh, Pennsylvania.

was published by the "Cavalier", stating that much of the article was innacurate, based on heresay, and, in truth, only 4 pro-fessors were actually leaving. Of these, 3 are taking positions at other colleges and one did not have his contract renewed. All have professed that no personal opinions entered into their de-cisions to leave and they had no wish to reflect on the department head Bowers." He also expressed disappointment in the staff for finding it necessary to create sensationalism at the expense of fine professors.

Despite the inaccuracies stated by the "Cavalier", the discussion did succeed in bringing some evidence of change in the University to public view.

The University, as stated by one ousted teacher, is now "in a period of transition from an Institution of regional prominence to one of national prominence." He further viewed that since colleges were rated on the value of the graduate programs, it was part of the "natural order" of things for the University to strive acquire prominent members, as this is what attracts high-caliber graduate students.
A fear that the University's

undergraduate program might suffer as a result of this academic shift was expressed by several faculty members, who feel that teachers cannot cope with the job of keeping mentally up with their graduate classes and publish, as well as devoting the necessary time to undergraduate classes.

This entire upheavel and appartant change in the goals of the University can go in many di-rections. The University may achieve national prominence without jeporadizing the standards and uniqueness it has already precedented, but then it may backfire and become in the words of one professor "a small imitation of a state university." It will be interesting to find out.

Dr. Peter B. Sheridan, visiting Lecturer in History, and Mrs. Ruth T. Friedman, Assistant Professor of Biology, have been appointed by Chancellor Grellet C. Simpson to the faculty for the second semester of the 1966-67 session.

# Moffett Reports On War

By HOWARD MOFFETT

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (CPS) - Trang, which is not his real name, came to see me this morning. He's been on vacation since the government shut down his newspaper in December. The GUARDIAN had always been critical of Ky and the junta, but its pointed coverage of Tran Van Van's assassination - specifically its refusal to assume he was murdered by the Viet Cong - brought the lid down.

He had nothing particular on his mind. We talked about Operation Cedar Falls, Ky, the assembly, the price of rice, the prospects for civilian government. What he had to say wouldn't have made Mr. Johnson any happier. For example:

Item: American soldiers will never beat the Viet Cong.

We had been talking about the U. S. attempt to raze the Viet Cong jungle stronghold known as the Iron Triangle, 30 miles north of Saigon, "Americans can't defeat the Viet Cong; only the Viet-namese can do that," he said, But Trang, I protested, the ARVN sure isn't doing it now. (The Army of the Republic of Viet Nam, except for a few com-manders and a handful of units, is notorious for low morale inflexibility, sluggishness and devastating public relations.)
"Don't blame the ARVN," he

replied. "They are good soldiers, but they must be led. They must have something to fight for. They must be animated by a good example," ARVN soldiers get fed on 20 cents a day. Most of them have little conception of what they are defending (presumably the Vietnamese nation). Most of their officers are still French-trained fat cat backs.

Prime Minister Ky's credibility gap is almost as wide as President Johnson's.

'Nobody believes him," Trang said. "One day he announces that press censorship will be lifted, the next days the papers are full of white spaces. (This is true. It happened just last week.) He shouldn't say things that he knows will never be done."

The same thing with prices. He says he will do everything to keep prices down. Last month first grade rice was 2100 piastres per hundred kilos. Now it's 3300.

Item: When the people think

of the government, they think of two things - American influence and corruption.

I had asked him what kind of government might expect to win the support of the people. "There will be no solution that is not a nationalist solution," Trang said. (Is that so hard to understand, r. Johnson, Mr. Rusk, Mr. McNamara?)

He was not optimistic about the chances of Ky and the military stepping aside to allow a transfer of power to a constitutionally civilian government: "If Ky wants to stay in power, there is no reason for the Americans to allow anyone else to replace him. He's easy to handle. He has no training, no education, no independent character. His government is full of corruption." But Trang, I said, I have never heard any of his critics call him personally corrupt.

"He has his own kind of corruption. One of his Air Force pilots just came back from the Philippines and Hong Kong with 600 transistor radios. Do you think he doesn't know about that? Have you ever been in the houses of the army staff?
(I hadn't) They have everything cars, television, refrigerators, air conditioners - and no papers for any of it. It's all illegal. Or the new police chief in Rach Gia (a delta town on the Gulf of Thailand): he made 25 million piastres in his first month. Do you expect the people to love their government?"

Item: American technological warfare is continuing to make enemies among the Vietnamese.

Trang had just heard from friends in Dinh Tuong, a delta province southwest of Saigon, that American defoliation chemicals were killing many crops. "Even though it is dropped over View Cong areas, the wind blows it, In some areas near My Tho (the second largest delta town) orange production is only one-third of last year's crop."

Some of Trang's details may be inaccurate. The graft stories would be virtually impossible to verify, and an American might even have trouble checking the report of defoliation in Dinh

But that's not the point, Politically what Trang said is just as true as if has had made it all up. Because hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese believe it. They have seen enough of what he talking about, enough promises and programs turned into pork barrels, that they will be-lieve nothing else until they see massive evidence to the contrary.

I don't know how many Viet-namese Trang speaks for. But I tend to think it is many, many more than most of the Americans realize.

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