

# LBJ Picks 3 to Study Viet Reconstruction

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President Johnson announced yesterday that he was sending Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus R. Vance, White House press secretary Bill D. Moyers and special assistant Robert W. Komer to Vietnam next

week to study that country's reconstruction program.

The President made the announcement at a news conference in which he said that Komer, who has been deputy special assistant for national security affairs, would become a special assistant to the President to supervise the Vietnamese reconstruction efforts in which the United States is engaged.

Komer has been acting head of the National Security Council staff since McGeorge Bundy left the post last month. The President did not say who would be named as Bundy's successor.

The President said he would speak on NATO problems at See **PRESIDENT, A11, Col. 2**

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## Johnson Sending 3 to Study Viet

9:30 a.m. today in the State Department auditorium. He originally had been scheduled to speak at noon, but he changed the time because of another appointment.

A note replying in detail to French President de Gaulle's demands that NATO headquarters and American troops be removed from France was handed to French Ambassador Charles Lucet yesterday by Under Secretary of State George W. Ball.

The President has been holding a series of meetings on European problems since Ambassador Charles Bohlen

returned to Washington last week for consultations.

When asked whether he would recommend Communist China's admittance to the United Nations, Mr. Johnson indicated that no changes in American policy were in the works.

He said, as Secretary of State Dean Rusk had said earlier, that the United States has made several attempts to have more contacts with China but that "she hangs up the phone."

It is not the position of this country to create problems with China, but it is China's

own position that creates problems, he said.

John A. Gronouski, the United States Ambassador to Poland, who last week had a lengthy exchange with Peking's Ambassador to Poland, will come home soon for consultations, Mr. Johnson disclosed.

Asked if there were any indications that Hanoi was prepared to negotiate, the President replied in the negative.

The morale of American troops in Vietnam is very high and they are performing superbly, the President declared.

"I get about 100 letters a week from them," he said. "They are my greatest source of strength."

He said he read the columnists and the news tickers and was depressed. But then he would read letters from America's fighting men and be encouraged.

When asked about this year's campaign issues, Mr. Johnson praised Democrats and Republicans in Congress and said he doubted that there would be substantial changes one way or another as a result of the November elections.

The President said he had

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noted that some voters have said there is a mutiny in the Capitol Hill. It is the kind of mutiny he likes, he said, citing various Administrations that Congress had approved.

The polls he has seen show that freshmen Democrats who may be worried about election prospects are popular. A few Republican Senators may have trouble being reelected, he said, but most House Republicans probably will be re-elected.

Asked whether he would campaign, the President said, "I wouldn't forego a chance to give my views if solicited."

He said he is under a special program to help the underprivileged. He said he is going to the White House to see the President and to see the President's plans to help Europe.

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He said he looked forward to talks Monday and Tuesday with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. He conferred

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