

Pacification Program Is Given a New Name

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Jan. 22 (UPI) — Ellsworth Bunker, United States Ambassador to South Vietnam, says that the pacification program in South Vietnam has been so successful that it was being given another name.

It will now be called the Community Defense and Local Development Plan.

The ambassador, making his third annual address to the American Chamber of Commerce composed of United States businessmen with companies in Vietnam, said yesterday:

"Progress has been such that the term pacification has been abandoned as outmoded. The 1971 Community Defense and Local Development Plan, as the name suggests, has two general objectives."

The first objective, he said, is to consolidate territorial security gains by coordinating community defense plans and the second objective is to stimulate local development by decentralizing authority. Mr. Bunker said the new plan was designed to improve self-defense, self-government and self-development. It will be initiated March 1.

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