

Vietnamese To Address Student Body



The Honorable Tran Van Dinh, Chief Washington correspondent of The Saigon (Viet Nam) Post and former Acting Ambassador of Viet Nam to the United States, will address the student body March 17 on the obvious subject of what's going on in his country and southeast Asia. In making this announcement today, Mr. Joseph Yanchek, Director of Student Activities, said that the exact time of Mr. Dinh's appearance will be announced later. However, he will appear in Pollack Auditorium.

Mr. Dinh is an extraordinary personality and brings to his work the knowledge of a scholar, revolutionist, diplomat, poet, and journalist. Born in the Imperial city of Hue, he was educated at Quoc Hoc College and Hanoi University. An accomplished linguist, Mr. Dinh speaks fluent English, French, Thai, Lao, and writes in Chinese and Japanese.

Mr. Dinh's worldly experiences began at age 19 in 1942 when he joined the resistance forces against the Japanese. By 1947 he was Chief of Staff of the Laos-Viet Liberation Armies. His journalism career started in 1948 and by 1951, he was Press Attache for the Vietnamese Embassy in Thailand. His diplomatic career continued with assignments in Burma, the Colombo Plan, the UN, and SEATO. He returned to the US in 1961 first at the UN and then as Charge d'Affaires and Acting Ambassador for his country in Washington.

Mr. Dinh brings to his audience a rare background of experience which makes his views of the current world crises centering in Viet Nam particularly worthy of a hearing.