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Rev. Calvin Thielman confers with President Lyndon Johnson about his trip to Viet Nam.

THE LIGHT SIDE OF VIET NAM

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In recent years, Viet Nam has been invaded by a host of correspondents, reporters, senators, governors, military leaders congressmen, and just about anyone who thinks he can find an answer to the complex problems that face that country. As a result of these pilgrimages, many "Answers" have been found. It is most unfortunate, however, that these "scholars" have not been able to get together some concrete solution. All too often their lack of unity has resulted in a lot of free-flying criticism which has served no other purpose than to disillusion and confuse the American public. In many cases a colorful assortment of supporters have rallied around one or more of these unsung heroes and have carried the banner of discontent to almost every barroom, street corner, pulpit and other places where intelligent people all too often let someone do their thinking for them.

While many Americans are dreaming up new ways to dodge the draft, increasing their intake of alcohol, sleeping pills and LSD in an effort to solve and understand the "problems" at hand, there are a few individuals who are making a serious, unselfish attempt at discovering and understanding the Vietnamese people. One such member of this unheralded group is Montreat's Rev. Calvin Thielman, who in the last two years has made several trips to Viet Nam on behalf of the President to help coordinate U. S. Military and civilian projects directed toward the betterment of Vietnamese living conditions.

In our interview with Rev. Thielman, we asked what first impression he had about Viet Nam. He replied, "The distance." His answer seems to imply that Americans in this modern day and age still have a poor sense of kinship to the other nations of the world because of the lack of many to see the importance of a war

in the tiny country located 12,000 miles away. If the same war were to be fought in Cuba, for example, its importance would not only be better understood, but would be better supported as well.

Dialectte: What else impressed you with Viet Nam?

Rev. Thielman: "The over doing of the news by the newspapers." The War in Viet Nam is the most publicized war the world has ever known. On one hand newsmen are doing a fine job of covering the war when there is news to write about, but on many occasions there is little to write. Thus the newsmen have to look around for news, and the result is that the U.S. is over-Americanizing the Vietnamese. The reporters write about the number of Coke machines and hot dog stands in Saigon. Ameri-

DR. BILLY GRAHAM ADDRESSES STUDENTS

On Sunday night, November 13, Dr. Billy Graham addressed the students of Montreat-Anderson College at the evening vesper service. Dr. Graham, considered by many to be one of the world's leading evangelists, spoke on "The Commitment of One's Life to Christ."

In his address, he stressed that "man must be willing to accept Christ without doubt, and to let Christ take a person's life and shape it." He quoted from John 3:5, "Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." If you commit your life to Christ, you are born again.

Dr. Graham went on to ask, "Why is there so much poverty, loneliness and disease in the world today? If God is a 'God of Love', where is he in Viet Nam? Where is he in Red China, where the Red Guards are killing thousands of people? If God is a 'God of Love', why does he allow these things to happen?" "Well, our vision of God is not the type of God there is in heaven. God does not to make us as robots, he gives us a free will. Sometimes we corrupt this free will, and rebel against God, bringing distress upon ourselves and others."

Following his address, he asked students that wanted to commit their lives to Christ to come forward. Many Students accepted his invitation, and committed their lives.

Dr. Graham, a resident of Montreat, annually addresses the students of Montreat-Anderson College.

can soldiers have a lot of money to spend, and this has raised prices, causing the Vietnamese to suffer the burden. For example, if a soldier would pay \$2.00 for a hair cut, why should a barber charge five cents? This is a real problem, but it's not an uncommon one.

Dialectte: Do the Vietnamese Like the U.S. Troops?

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Dr. Billy Graham

MONTREAT COLLEGE CHOIR

On Wednesday, December 7, 1966 at 3:30 P.M. in the Assembly Inn at Montreat, the Montreat-Anderson College Choir presented a Christmas program for the Women's Club of Black Mountain.

The choir sang Fanfare for Christmas Day — Martin Shaw, Salvation Is Created — Tschesnokoff, Hosanna to the Son of David — Da Vittoria, Sing We Noel, Noel — Theron Kirk, While By My Sheep — Jungst, and Honor and Glory — J. S. Bach. Also included on the program was a duet, Jesu Bambino — Yon, sung by Bitsy Mayer, Soprano, and Jim Davis, Baritone.

The annual Christmas Vesper Service was presented by the College Choir on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 P.M. in Gaither Chapel. The public was invited to attend.

Officers elected by the choir this year are, President — Jim Davis, Vice-President — Donna Davis, Secretary — Kathy Kramer, Treasurer — Martha Shirlen, Cotour Managers — Pennie Johnson and Eddie Allen, Robe Chairman — Pennie Johnson, Librarian — Jim Davis, Chaplain — George Peace. The Director made the following appointments: Student Director — Jim Davis, Accompanist — Jenny Ching.

The Spring Tour of the Choir this year is set for March 29-April 3 and will include North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.

The College Choir specializes in religious music of all periods and styles of church music and is heard regularly at the college worship services. This group also provides solo and ensemble groups as a service to the college and the community. Membership is open by audition to the entire student body.



Homecoming Queen Sandra Lance is crowned by last year's Queen, Jean Johnson. Sandra was crowned during the homecoming activities Thanksgiving weekend. Their escorts are David Peele and Richard Brown.