

S. Vietnamese embassy secretary:

'Vietnamization' is unpopular term

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The term "Vietnamization" is not a popular one among Vietnamese people, the secretary of the South Vietnamese embassy in Washington, D. C. said in a Nebraska Union Speech Tuesday night.

"Vietnamization implies that up to now none of the war effort has been handled by the Vietnamese," Ngo Thanh Tung told about 75 people at the Young Americans for Freedom meeting.

THIRTY-NINE—year-old Tung a retired colonel in the South Vietnamese army, said he preferred the term "transfer of responsibilities" to "Vietnamization."

After acknowledging the enormous aid given to his country over the last decade by the United States, Tung said "the worst burden in the war has been borne by the Vietnamese."

He said the whole object behind Vietnamization was to ensure South Vietnam's ability to handle its own freedom with confidence. The country would gain this confidence after assuring "the progress of its political, economic, and social structures."

SO REMOVING U.S. troops from Vietnam is only part of the Vietnamization process as far as the Vietnamese are concerned, Tung explained.

"We never wanted the U.S. presence to be anything but temporary from the beginning," the 20-year army veteran said.

According to Tung three of the four military regions in



Tung... Vietnam does its share.

South Vietnam are now the responsibility of the South Vietnamese army. He praised the People's Self-Defense Force, which he said consisted of 4,000,000 people armed sometimes with only "knives and bamboo pipes."

TUNG SAID that the Vietnamese Air Force has risen "from a sketchy force of 32 old airplane and a few pilots" to a large force of over 50,000 men. But he said because of the time needed for training men to handle "extremely sophisticated" equipment, the

Air Force would be able to take over its responsibilities "only in the last phase of Vietnamization—around the summer of 1972."

ON THE WAR'S political front, Tung said the government's pacification program has been "very successful" at providing security and protection to rural areas.

He described elections in South Vietnam as "the most efficient weapon" with which to fight Communism, and said the government has had "no serious trouble in organizing the masses" to fight Communism.

"The Communists cannot get into the villages any more," Tung said. "They have to resort to terrorist tactics."

And Vietnamization is in general helping build a strong South Vietnam, Tung assured. "We will convince the North Vietnamese to give up their dreams of conquest."

City officials approve use of 13th Street for march

After meetings with the Coalition for Peace and Justice, ASUN Executives, and University administrators, Lincoln City officials have decided to permit demonstrators to use 13th Street for Wednesday's march to the State Capitol.

The permit for the anti-war protest march was originally issued for the 15th Street Mall. City officials said it would be safer to use from the standpoint of both auto traffic and because there would be less chance of harassment from people opposed to the march.

Coalition representatives wanted the march to go down 13th to K Street and then to the State Capitol. Coalition

members argued that the mall route would be slow and dangerous because of the fountains and other obstacles. Predicting a crowd of 2,000-5,000, the march organizers also felt the Mall route would be so slow as to actually hinder more traffic than the 13th Street route.

In addition, the Coalition felt the march would receive more exposure on 13th Street, since it goes through the downtown area.

Mayor Sam Schwartzkopf announced that the 13th Street parade permit would be granted after meeting with University administrators and ASUN Executives Steve Fowler and Michelle Coyle.

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