

Fuller describes Vietnam in the aftermath

*Our Mountains will always be,
Our Rivers will always be,
Our People will always be;
The U.S. invaders defeated,
we will rebuild our country
ten times more beautiful.*

—Ho Chi Minh

There is great joy in Vietnam. The war is over and the fear of death and bombs is gone; the people are looking ahead to rebuilding their country.

These are Barbara Fuller's impressions after touring, observing and talking to Vietnamese people from Hanoi to Da Nang last spring.

Fuller was one of six representatives from Friendship, a coalition of organizations promoting people-to-people aid for the reconstruction of Vietnam. She will present a slide show at noon today in the EMU (room to be posted.)

According to Fuller, there are no ill feelings toward the American people.

"In Da Nang, we were greeted

with great openness and friendliness. It was the hallmark of our trip," she said, and remarked that the people "recognize the difference between the U.S. government and the American people."

She says her group was impressed with the apparent serenity of the people of northern Vietnam and their sense of contentment after 30 years of war.

Along Highway One and the northern part of the Ho Chi Minh Trail, Fuller's group encountered signs of the reconstruction of industry, hospitals, schools and churches, destroyed by heavy United States bombing, as they journeyed southward from Hanoi. In passing through the DMZ, Fuller noted the South's massive defoliation in contrast to the North's devastated cities and villages.

Through the efforts of the National Liberation Front (NLF), the country's food, medical and educational needs are getting attention, says Fuller. In southern Viet-

nam the NLF is conducting a massive campaign to eradicate illiteracy. This takes the form of schools for all people, regardless of age or location.

Fuller also pointed out that there is a medical clinic in every village and a hospital in every province. Medical cadre comb the countryside looking for the sick and teaching the people preventative medicine.

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In tackling the food problem, the NLF is concentrating on returning the people to their villages since food production is dependent on people working the land. However, a big obstacle they face on their return is the destruction of 90 per cent of the irrigation system in central Vietnam and dikes along the coast.

"Besides the massive job of reconstruction, the people must re-

build themselves socially. They lived twenty years under a false economy built around the U.S. military," says Fuller.

Fuller also described how many people were forced into the cities, particularly Saigon, into prostitution and into selling cheap American goods and drugs.

"It was each individual surviving for themselves," she commented. "It crippled the Vietnamese people. They are starting life all over."

Fuller said she was surprised to see only five people carrying guns during her entire trip. The NLF military are in the fields and in the cities helping to rebuild.

Her group asked the Vietnamese people how they felt about the NLF. The answer came from a young woman in Da Nang who said "We have lived with them for a year. The children are in school. Those without jobs are given rice. No one has been killed. We have our freedom and we are happy."

The people's needs are great, says Fuller, and that is why the group went there — to see the devastation, to see the reconstruction, to see what they needed. "Our government promised \$3.25 billion for reconstruction in the Paris peace agreement. I haven't seen Congress or the President do anything about it."

Fuller urges people to write their representatives in Congress to push for normalized relations and the admittance of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam into the United Nations.

She hopes people in this area will help with the Friendship aid through the local office of Clergy and Laity Concerned at 1414 Kincaid St.

Fuller concluded, "The people of Vietnam have great respect for the American ideals of democracy. Ho Chi Minh frequently quoted our own Declaration of Independence. There is a great desire for reconciliation."



Stu Taylor hee-haws instructions to his pals the Wagon Wheelers, a Eugene square dance club.

Taylor, a square dance caller for 14 yrs, feels the club "is like having 50 extra sets of parents."

Square dancing

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other callers are finally getting hit in the head with it."

Square dancing has changed in the past 10 years, growing more complex each year. It used to be that a dancer needed to know 50 basic movements but today it's up to 85. Taylor says it takes 40 lessons to know the dance.

It has also become standardized — a Eugene dancer now has a chance of dancing in New York, which incidentally has more sophisticated dancing, according to Taylor.

Alos, the "fiddler and barn shindig" — the trappings of square dancing in the past — are promading right out of view. Instead, record producers present trumpet, synthesizer, acoustic guitar.

How does this sit with the Wagon Wheelers whose median age is probably 50?

"We go the best caller in the area," says Dale Lindley, who says he's been dancing for 11 years.

A woman who started square dancing after her husband died 10 years ago, adds that, "some callers know their work but can't present it. Stu presents it like an entertainer."

But performers have long memories, especially those who have been out of work.

"Eugene has a reputation for callers not letting go of their

clubs," he says. After making a name for himself in Portland and southern Oregon, Taylor found a town that didn't want his services. He finally broke through, but the experience brought him down to earth, he says.

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday night, a half-hour before the dance, Taylor was thinking how nice it would be to sit home and watch Day of the Dolphins.

"But this club is like having 50 extra sets of parents," he sighs. "This is their night, it's the only outlet for some of the retired people. If I come in a crappy mood, I ruin their entire night."

On the dance floor, 30 couples form squares of eight. The caller watches the nearest square to him. A square is like a puzzle for the caller, as mathematical as geometry. Get the pieces moving, split them up, mix them gently, piece them back together. There is so much movement, costumes swishing one way and sashaying another that it seems like chaos. It is, however, precise enough that Taylor knows he is calling 128 beats minute.

A caller who "sight calls" often picks out a husband and wife with matching outfits. That way he can quickly check where he is in the dance. Saturday night, the group nearest Taylor decided to have

fun with him. Deliberately switching partners, they attempted confusion. But Taylor didn't miss a beat, moved them along, his voice hardening like a drill instructor moving recruits through an obstacle course.

Earlier he had said he liked square dancers because their costumes hid their lives; no one knew who was a doctor and who was on welfare. People could forget themselves and the world, and come out to dance.

What about Taylor's friends? Square dancing on campus is about as popular as swine flu shots.

He finches slightly. His hands unfold. Yeah, he says, he used to keep parts of his life hidden from people his age. But his best friend was a caller and he has other interests. But even now when he tells fellow workers at KASH that he calls dances on weekends, they look at him funny.

And then Taylor's moving, he jumps on stage, grabs for the turntable, an evangelical glint in his eye — white shoes kicking, he's at it, dancer's sashay, costumes twirl, a bit of Lonely Heart Club music, an old man's first appearance since a heart attack, a gent with thick glasses bursting through the center of a square, LOOK OUT DANCING GRANDPA!

Reps vary in formula for election victories

By MARK KIRCHMEIER
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Grattan Kerans and Mary Burrows, election winners for district representative posts, are now preparing for the 59th legislative assembly which will convene in January, something their opponents Gary Wright and John Stewart probably wish they were able to do.

Kerans, a freshman Democrat legislator whom some observers believed to be vulnerable, double-crossed the experts by handily defeating Republican Gary Wright in District 39.

Wright, a 33-year-old Vietnam veteran and real estate salesman, was selected to challenge Kerans by a local Republican recruiting committee when the former incumbent Wayne Whitehead, decided not to run. Wright started an aggressive door-to-door campaign and by October had gained ground on Kerans.

Many observers think Kerans blunted Wright's momentum with a devastating "victory" over him in a media-sponsored debate at Harris Hall.

In that debate, Kerans stung Wright on his use of campaign statistics and exposed what he later called Wright's "basic lack of understanding of state government."

The debate put Wright on the defensive and despite outspending Kerans, \$8,000 to \$4,200, he never again seriously threatened him in the polls.

The final election tally brought

no surprises except Kerans' wide victory margin of more than 4,000 votes and a sweep of all 21 of District 39 precincts.

Mary Burrows had a tougher time of it.

Burrows, a two-term Republican incumbent from District 41, was locked in a rematch with John Stewart, her 1974 opponent.

Burrows defeated Stewart 7,033 to 6,329 in 1974 and has worked tirelessly since then to mend her fences in the district. Though District 41 is considered the most Republican in Lane County, it is a testimony to the GOP's pitifully declining party membership: Democratic registration is pushing 56 per cent.

Burrows in the past has managed to overcome this GOP registration weakness with a talent for attracting giant quantities of Democrat voters.

Burrows, like many other Oregon Republicans, has cultivated Democratic voters with pro-labor, pro-environment positions that are liberal enough to draw Democrats, particularly blue collar and student voters, yet not too liberal to alienate the Republican base.

Nonetheless, Democrats still maintain an overwhelming majority in the district and that encouraged Stewart to enter the race again.

Stewart believed that a high turnout, along with his re-strengthened organization would retire Burrows permanently and

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World Roundup

From Associated Press reports

Recovery suffers third setback

WASHINGTON—The Navy has suffered its third setback in trying to recover an F14 fighter plane that fell into the Atlantic Ocean from an aircraft carrier deck nearly two months ago.

A spokesman said today the F14's landing gear broke from the plane while it was being dragged underwater toward the Orkney Islands. The line pulling the plane was attached to the landing gear.

PNB sued by 3 companies

PORTLAND—Three manufacturers have filed an antitrust suit that claims Pacific Northwest Bell monopolizes telephone equipment sales in Oregon and Washington.

The suit against Pacific Northwest Bell and three related firms was filed in U.S. District Court by Selectron Inc., Portland, Longford Interconnect Telephone Co., Portland, and Interconnect Northwest Inc., Bellevue, Wash.