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BENNINGTON, Vt. -- Tran Van Dinh, Washington Bureau Chief of the Saigon Post and former Acting Ambassador of Vietnam to the United States, will speak on "Liberation and Reconstruction in Vietnam" Thursday, April 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the Carriage Barn at Bennington College. The public is invited.

He attended Quoc Hoc College and Hanoi University, and was active in the nationalist underground movement against the French colonial regime and the Japanese occupation forces. Later he became Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence and Special Operations, Vietnamese Liberation Army, and Chief of Staff, Lao-Viet Liberation Army (rank of Brigadier General).

Dinh joined the Vietnamese Foreign Service in 1954. He has served as Observer of Vietnam to the United Nations; Observer to the SEATO meeting in 1959; Director General of Information of the Republic of Vietnam (Cabinet rank); Mission to the U.N.; Counselor for Cultural and Educational Affairs, Embassy of Vietnam in Washington; and was designated Minister Plenipotentiary and Consul General of Vietnam to India after the overthrow of President Ngo dinh Diem. He became Bureau Chief for the Saigon Post in 1964.

He has published a book on war in Vietnam, No Passenger on the River, Vantage Press, 1965.