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South Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Cac Ky stepped up his significant
diplomatic offensive today.

As Korean Prime Minister Chung II Kwon arrived in Saigon,
authoritative sources revealed today that the dapper thirty five yearold
ky would make an official visit to malaysia in early October. Ky is
also scheduled to visit the Philippines and South Korea later this fall.
Initial invitations to those two countries were ~~postponed~~ ^{CANCELLED} in August because
of Korean student rioting and the forthcoming elections in the Philippines.

South Korean Prime Minister arrived today as the advance party of a
fifteenthousand strong south korean marine ~~brigade~~ ^{brigade} landed in vietnam.
The Prime Minister's visit and the arrival of the first Korean combat
troops wwere interpreted here as tightening military and diplomatic
bonds between the two anticommunist countries.

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Reliable sources said today that accompanying Ky to ~~Malaysai~~ Malaysia might possibly be another dynamic, mustached Vietnamese general—Brig. Gen. Nguyen Chanh Thi, currently commander of first corp where American Marines are based and often regarded as another potential strongman. ~~Asmham~~ While the Vietnamese political situation appeared quiet on the surface, aye shakeup in the Vietnamese armed forces and aye reshuffle in the government is reportedly pending, ~~comp~~ according highly reliable sources.

Last month, Ky was given redcarpet welcomes by taiwans chiang kaishok and by officials in Thailand. Ky is the first Vietnamese prime minister to travel outisde the country since the fall of President Ngo Dinh Dim Diem almost two years ago.

Ky's August trip to Malaysia was ~~cancelled~~ ^{POSTPONED} when ~~S~~ Singapore seceded from the Federation.

Authoritative sources ~~ag~~ gave two reasons for ~~the~~ ^{Ky's} overseas barnstorming trips: on the international side, the Vietnamese government is attempting to solidify its own support among other anticommunist countries and to counter the increasingly vocal ~~&~~ denunciations by Communist North Vietnam, Peking and Viet Cong Eiberation Forces.

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Reliable sources indicate that Ky's trips might counter the "unofficial axis" being formed by Chicoms, Hanoi, Cambodia and Indonesia. On the internal political side, Ky's trips abroad "prove to the Vietnamese people he's not afraid of a coup d'etat while he's gone," and this helps ~~stabiliz~~ stabilize his government, according to reliable sources.

Other sources speculated on aye third significant reason~~s~~ for Ky's diplomatic offensive: South Vietnam needs both political and military support in the event it launches aye clandestine ground invasion of north vietnam or decides to expand the anticommunist ground war into Southern Laos in an effort to block military infiltration from North x Vietnam or to politically pressure more diligently Hanoi to the conference table.

Within South Vietnam, the long political lull was broken yesterday with a demonstration lead by Buddhist priests in Quang Tri province, the northernmost province bordering the seventeenth parallel and north vietnam. Buddhist priests and laity charged local provincial government with discrimination against their religion.

Meanwhile, in Saigon the powerful Buddhist political-priests—who helped topple previous governments—asked Ky's War Cabinet to rescind aye decree authorizing the establishment of aye rival buddhist association, which might shear the current ~~power~~ buddhist leaders of some of their mass support. The Ky government has thus far refused to rescind the decree and hence Buddhist leader Thich Tham Chau recently announced the ~~u~~ Buddhist ~~association~~ association would withdraw from the official ~~religious~~ national religious council.

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meanwhile, to counter mounting and vocal criticisms against his predominantly military regime, ~~Ky-Ky-in-Ky~~ Ky's government is known to be ~~considering~~ considering the establishment of an official advisory council of civilians, intellectuals and provincial leaders.

"Things have been all ^{too} ~~so~~ quiet in Vietna," ^Y ~~one political~~ Vietnamese political observer explained. "We can expect some changes." enditdeeps