

(Morgan Gandy)

SAIGON 27200 (UPIS)--Powerful anti-war, anti-American sub-currents sweeping under Vietnamese current political crisis are slowly undermining the ~~varry~~ foundation of the American United States military presence here, reliable political sources indicate.

This dramatic, explosive new dimension to the political war came into focus Saturday when ^{possibly pro Communist} extremist ~~Buddhist~~ youth Struggle Committee issued an ultimatum to the American Marines and threatened to burn American military installations after at least one American ~~Marine~~ Marine, ~~son~~ pulled down an anti-American banner in the ancient capital city of Hue, the hotbed of ~~revolt~~ and anti-government revolt four hundred miles northve saigon. ~~son~~

~~xxxx~~ Informed sources ~~sa~~ Dumd Sunday indicated that throughout the ~~day~~ Saturday political officers in the American Embassy here worked feverishly throughout the day to avert the ~~xx~~ a violent outbreak of ~~thax~~ anti-Americanism, anti-Marine violence when the students ~~z~~ demanded the American Marines replace the sign. At the end of the day, however, Saturday, however, the Buddhist-inspired students accepted the official app apology of the American ~~Marine~~ colonel who is in command of ^{an Admission} the 1st Marine Division ^{Commander} in the area. stationed in Phu Bai, on the outskirts of Hue.

Later, the student committee announced on Hue Radio that the Unistates ^{Military} ~~Marine~~ Corp apology had been officially accepted and today the incident seems to have ~~passed~~ died down.

(More--Miller--ED)

first add--morgan gandy--saigon

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Informed sources said that the banner torn down by the American Marine was ~~printed in E~~ painted in English and accused the American government of obstructing the ~~Forman~~ election of a national legislative council, ~~which~~ which appears to be one of the inter-related demands of the ~~an~~ anti-government struggle committees.

~~American official sources~~

American official sources "assumed" that the American Marine was reprimanded.

Some of the Buddhist satellite struggle committees, which for almost two weeks have been waging anti-government demonstrations and a general strike of the ~~northern~~ two important northern cities in Hue and Danang. ~~Some~~ Reliable sources indicate that some of the ~~persons~~ ^{OR} ~~agitating in the northern~~ ^{Communist} provinces are pro-Communist; some reliable Vietnamese Buddhist sources indicate that as much as eighty per cent of the ~~an~~ anti-government ^{CHIEF} political agitation is Communist penetrated, manipulated and perhaps led.

(More--Miller--BD)

second add--morgan gandy--saigon

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The first official demonstration of the United Buddhist Association, a silent march of some fifteen to twenty thousand soldiers, Vietnamese soldiers, youth, civil servants, police and citizenry, ~~in~~ in Hue Sunday, also ~~personally~~ attacked Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky by named in one of their official banners, accusing him and chief of state general Nguen Nguyen Van Thieu of "obstructing the ~~final~~ election of the National Assembly."

Reliable political sources here foresee ~~the only the beginning~~ of this current political crisis to be only the "warming up" stage of more violent, turbulent anti-Americanism, which has quietly and subtly been creeping into both the official statements and speeches of the Buddhist leaders, as well as the ~~sub-~~ sub-rosa, quasi-Buddhist satellite elements.

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These sources equate the Buddhist-led demands for a
 an "immediate" election of a legislative assembly with virtually
 tossing the reins of power into hands of pro-neutralist elements,
 whom and possibly clandestine Communist agents. The situa tion
 is considered grave, but norpnot totally ~~not~~ disasterous since
 their current appraisal is ~~that the Communist-led~~ the Communist-led
 National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam ~~can~~ does notpnot
~~at this time~~ have the current strength to seize overt ^{Political} power in Saigon (✓)
~~at this time.~~

The anti-American feeling, ^{combined with} ~~sparked by~~ pro-Communist
 agitation, is considered to be running particularly high in
 Hue and Danang where student and civilian speakers are calling
 openly and overtly for the American troops to leave Vietnam. The
 situation there is ~~equ~~ equated by Vietnamese political sources as
 being ~~absolutely~~ similar to the Communist political strategy
 called "the state of general uprising," ^{but} the the ~~is~~ popular uprising
 has still been localized to the five northern provinces, ~~but~~ norpnot
 violence or bloodshed has yet erupted.

In Saigon, the anti-American tide is quietly and slowly
 rising. Buddhist leaders, at official "sermons", and their students
 at seminars today accused the Americans of dumping surplus goods
 in Vietnam rather than giving goods which helped develop the local
 economy, charged that the American military scrip currency
 violated Vietnamese sovereignty, asked the Americans to be "real
 friends, but notpnot to boss Vietnam," and that a democratic
 government should be elected to ~~deter~~ determine whether to continue
 the war or try to achieve peace.

fourth add--morgan gandy--saigon

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One of the twohundred some students at a Buddhist Youth
Youth seminar ~~thamsonniaman~~ Sunday morning called for Hanoi
and South Vietnamese authorities to settle the war through
diplomativ diplomatic or political means.

Slowly, the total nature of the war in the minds of
~~xxxx~~ increasing numbers of the Vietnamese people is being
transformed from a Communist versus anti-Communist struggle
into aye Vietnamese versus American struggle. In short, the
tenor of the Buddhist speeches ~~xxxxxxmthamntosminamam~~ blame the
American troops rather than the Communists for precipitating the
war.

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