

(Morgan Gandy)

SAIGON, 05210, (UPIS)--President Lyndon Johnson's fighter~~s~~ against Vietnam's "Other War"--poverty, ignorance and social injustice--is forgotten heret<sup>o</sup>night. The question is whether it is dead.

To Americans <sup>Here</sup> in Vietnam tonight, Vietnam's "Other War" is the prospect of aye double ~~hundred~~ civil conflict in which, as one official explained, "The non-Communist Vietnamese are fighting aye war among themselves while~~trying to~~ the Americans are trying to help them fight aye war against the Communists. What could be worse!"

Another harried diplomatic official snapped, "Who's talking about the Honolulu image."

"We're talking about ~~survival~~ survival here tonight--not only the survival of the military regime of Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky--~~but the sur~~ but also the ~~survial~~ survival of the whole united anti-Communist front."

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He continued:

"If Ky and the people in the northern provinces are fighting each other, they ~~won't~~ will not be effective in fighting the Communists. Even if Ky ~~publicly extended his hand~~ plasters over that problem, he still must re-establish order soon or obviously the war will be badly ~~hand~~ handicapped."

Vietnam's political crisis plunged even deeper ~~Monday~~ Tuesday as Prime Minister Ky flew to the city of Danang--which he said was "in the hands of the Communists" with ~~two~~ <sup>THREE</sup> Vietnamese Marine battalions in an attempt to bring the five northern provinces ~~back~~ again ~~under~~ under central government control after nearly four weeks of strikes, demonstrations, rebel agitation by Vietnamese troops, police and civil servants based there.

An additional problem is that ~~hundreds~~ youthful street urchins and hooligans continued to demonstration <sup>e)</sup> from the Buddhist headquarters in ~~a~~ Saigon after ~~his~~ Prime Minister Ky Monday ~~with~~ had established tentative compromise with Buddhist leaders.

"But the Buddhists are just like the Communists," one reliable observer explained. "The more concessions you make to them--the more they demand. They are intent on toppling this regime--and won't stop until they do."

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American Embassy officials were known to be "deeply concerned" about the ~~situation~~ explosive ~~part~~ possibly pivotal--situation, but were not ~~not~~ informed about the process of negotiations between Prime Minister Ky and rebel forces in the northern provinces.

"This is a Vietnamese matter," according to one reliable source. "It has to be settled by them--but the American officials are definitely concerned because the Americans are ~~fighting~~ so ~~deeply~~ ~~com~~ committed to the 'other war' against the Communists--but ~~this~~ that is a cooperative venture ~~and~~ they need the Vietnamese for ~~that~~." *in UTTICH*

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While the American officials, privately, appraised the effect of developments on the war and the American military presence <sup>Here,</sup> ~~presence~~ <sup>ASSESSED</sup> Vietnamese political leaders, ~~including the~~ appraised the Communist ~~in~~ tactics. ~~at~~

"The ~~six~~ demonstrations in Saigon and the double civil war in the city of Danang are very close to ~~the Communist~~ what the Communists call 'the state of general uprising,'" one Vietnamese political explained. "Without firing a shot, they have thirty thousand American Marines in Danang totally isolated in their billets and installations. ~~How~~ How more effective could the Communists be? This is what is known as Communist political warfare--and the Americans have never understood that."

(More--Miller-BD)

fourth add--morgan gandy--saigon

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Vietnamese ~~politicians~~ political sources seemed to agree tonight ~~with~~ with Chief of State Nguyen Van ~~Thieu~~ Thieu that the rebels in ~~the~~ the northern provinces "were pla ying into the hands of the Communists," as attempts to negotiate with the dissident "Struggle Committee" which has been leading anti-government and anti-American demonstrations, ~~and~~ speeches and sermons. The ramrod of the dissident movement revolts around the extremist wing of the Buddhist hierarchy which has toppled governments in the past.

Politically-oriented Saigonese were ~~specuoe~~ speculating tonight tha t the military junta, which is the political base of the anti-Communist war, could norptno longer survive the present chaos and political turbulence.

"The more concessions Prime Minister Ky makes to the rebel forces in ~~Dang~~ Danang--the shorter he will survive in power," one source explained. "The best he can hope for is to remain in power long enough to ~~eliminate~~ eliminate the military junta as the political base of the anti-Communist war--and to usher in ~~aye~~ provisiona provisional government."

There were norptno assurances in Saigon tonight that the provisional government--if and when it was ushered in--would be anti-Communist in character. ~~and~~

However, ~~few~~ few sources ~~believe~~ believed the situation was so critic in Vietnam tonight that the Communists could or would seize power "under the noses of the ~~American~~ troops."

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SAIGON, 05080, (UP (UPIS))--Prime Minister Nguyen Cao Ky <sup>is SCHEDULE</sup>  
~~in the pre-dawn hours Tuesday~~  
personally piloted a flight of Vietnamese combat fighter-bombers  
to Danang to "liberate from Communist hands" the nation's second  
largest city.

More than 120 onethousand twohundred elite Vietnamese  
strategic reserve troops arrived in Danang Monday evening for  
"the military operation" by United States Air Force CCC-onehundred  
thirty giant turbojet troop transport and by Vietnamese Air Force  
CCC-forty seven "Gooney Bird," plane of World War II vintage.

Prime Minister Ky was expected to set up his headquarters  
at the Vietnamese Air Force headquarters and personally direct  
the "military operation" to re-take Danang, ~~which is the~~  
a city of onehundred sixty five thousand, which also serves as  
the top command of the forty thousand American Marines fighting in  
Vietnam.

Prime Minister Ky and his Vietnamese troops are expected to  
meet some—but very little resistance—from extremist troublemakers and  
demonstrators as they march and are trucked from the Danang airbase  
into the main street section of the city. <sup>in Danang and Saigon</sup>

All American military and civilian personnel were confined to their  
billets and installations Monday night and early Tuesday.  
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*Early Tuesday*  
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At a press conference Sunday, R Vietnam's youthful ~~prime~~ prime minister said, "I consider Danang to be in the hands of the Communists. I will soon launch an operation to liberate Danang." He accused the Mayor of Danang, a ~~4~~ thirty seven year old medical doctor named Nguyen Van Man of using government funds to ~~fund~~ for foment demonstrations of civil servants, military troops, police and students.

"Either the Mayor is shot, or the government falls," Ky exclaimed.

The Mayor, described as "innocuous" and also anti-Communist, however, announced that he would set up strong resistance to meet the "invading" Saigon troops.

Sources close to the government said that the Mayor is protected by a twenty tough bodyguards, but "if Ky can get his hands on the Mayor he'll shoot him right in the public square."

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While a <sup>(</sup>t first predicted that the Danang resistance ~~x~~ would be more serious, Prime Minister Ky seems to have ~~announced~~ ~~temporarily~~ ~~ceased~~ the political crisis by reaching ~~an~~ ~~tentative~~ ~~compromise~~ with the United Buddhist Church, which has ~~x~~ been agitating not only in Danang, but also in Saigon and other cities along in the ~~provinces~~ <sup>2</sup> north northern provinces, for the past three weeks.

One ranking Buddhist leader from the northern ~~part~~ <sup>2</sup> provinces, Thich Thien Minh, who is in charge of Buddhist Youth activities, was granted permission to fly <sup>LATE Monday</sup> to the imperial capital of Hue, fifty miles north of Danang, to appeal to the population "to return to their normal way of life." Sources close to the government said that the Buddhist leader could not ~~not~~ guarantee all the citizens, troops and civil servants in Danang and Hue would heed his appeal, but that the majority would. <sup>the</sup> ~~These~~ ~~extremists~~ minority extremists would be subject to reprisals by the Ky's central government.

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The shaven-headed Buddhist monk, a chief lieutenant of more prominent Buddhist leader Thich Tri Quang, ~~both~~ both from the northern provinces, flew to Danang after a full ~~morning~~ morning of discussions with Prime Minister Ky Monday at which at least a momentary compromise was reached. Also present ~~at~~ in the discussions were two other Buddhist leaders: Thich Tam Chau, <sup>AN IMPORTANT</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> northern refugee priest ~~and~~ who heads the Buddhist Institute of Secular Secular Affairs and ~~the~~ Thich Ho Giac, deputy chief of Buddhist military chaplains, who represented the ~~south~~ Southern-wing of the Church.

The Buddhists made two specific demands, according to reliable government sources. First, they wanted a military position for Lt. Gen. Nguyen Chanh Thi, also born in ~~the~~ Hue, whose ouster from the ten-man military junta on March tenth ~~sent~~ upset Vietnam's political equilibrium. Ky, who had already publically promised this to Thi, immediately agreed to this demand.

The second Buddhist demand was that the forthcoming National Political Congress, representing all major religious and political factions in the country, would ~~be~~ designate a body to draft and then ~~approve~~ then approve the national constitution. Prime Minister Ky reportedly agreed that this Congress could designate delegates to draft the Constitution--as the Buddhists wanted--but said "if possible" this body would also approve the constitution. In the past, Ky has vowed to hold a national referendum to approve the constitution.

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