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23180 prorosenfeld sundayer one anatomyve revolution saigon dash aye year ago next week vietnam witnessed birthve military revolutionary government etdeathve ngodinhdiem regime stoppara

tanks paratroopers marines exploded on steetsve saigon dash aye phenomena that was to become aye pasttime in months to come stoppara

deathve diem inc ended aye dictatorship dash perhaps more accurately aye demidictatorship stop and it ended aye decade stoppara

all time with worldwide repercussions stop for vietnam viewed as aye ladderve many conflicts stop on highest round is freeworld versus communist semicolon specially unistates versus novietnam etchina stop in miniature within vietnam tis americanbacked saigon government versus communistled national liberation front semicolon in warweary delta this american gggii etvietnamese trooper versus vietcong guerrilla moredeepe.

23181 prorosenfeld sundayer two weaknessve diem wasnot that he failed in anything in particular but helfsucceeded in everything dash but norptnot government since him has halftried stop programs he implemented dash poorly undash since beem only halfimplemented or forgotten stop his obsession was his country would be divided by communists in northern provinces dash now that obsession age semireality stop his approach was to quote beat the communists by being better communists tactically unquote unquotestop he failed stop but norptnot government since had total policyve beating communists atall stoppara

first alternative to diem was aye committee governmentve military junta stop expectation was talented military officers would quote win supportve people unquote while vigorously prosecuting war stop but vietcong incidents beached alltime high stop important strategic hamlet program crashed bringing down with it the statistical illusion that the war was being won stoppara

predictions were first junta would last ninety days stop lasted eightynine stoppara moredeepe

23183 prorosenfeld sundayer three second alternative diem was another strongman stop when general nguyen khanh become premier january thirty washington attempted give him magical prestige stop menamara came one month semicolon rusk next stop midaugust khanh legalised his strongman position with infamous constitution stop had succeeded if students been studying ethuddhist priests praying their pagodas stop but they werenotrptnot stop etsomewhere quote invisible hands unqote communist subversives appeared stop after bloody demonstrations etreligious rioting khanh vowed downstop october twentyseven stop during past two months khanh policy simply oneve survival semicolon unistates policy simply quote back every status quo in night comaunquote according western diplomat moredeepe

23184 prorosenfeld sundayer four oneyear following diem death vietnam travelled fullcircle ettortured oneyearve time stop newlyannounced provisional constitution provides single strongman like khanh and diems dash but that strongman can be neither diem nor khanh etprobably notrptnot strongman atall stoppara

crucial deterioration within past year is that this idahosised republic fragmented politically from two vietnams into three vietnams stoppara

under diem there were two political and military vietnams dash his and communists. stoppara since diem two military vietnams but three political vietnams dash theres age state within age state within a state dash age government within age government stop third political government is buddhists movement that sparked diem coup against diem etthe demicoup against khanh stoppara moredeepe

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23185 prorosenfeld sundayer five through past three years military war escalated internally as both communists etsaigon increased their dominations over quote contested areas unquote stop military war polarised semicolon countryside increasingly become either black or white stop military stalemate was predicted stoppara

politically however a giant grey mass emerged between black political stateve communists etwhite political stateve prowestern camp stop this grey mass revolves predominantly a round buddhists stoppara

tis considered now buddhist movement is politival movement surviving only by being aye movementve protest stop steadve declaring war on communists however buddhists have said their immediate enemies are catholics comma americans etsaigon government stop by being as oppositionist to anticommunist forces ema buddhist policies in effect are aiding communists stoppara

saigon government therefore consider buddhists as quote second enemy stopunquote etduring past year saigon made substantial concessions to them stop hence saigom government making concession to quote second enemy unquote on the political battlefront while fighing its communist first enemy on military front stop by making concessions to buddhists dash who are neither ally nor neutral undash saigon government has relinquished its ½ jurisdiction to buddhists stop its state grown smaller

while huddhist state has grown moredoons

23190 prorosenfeld sundayer six increasing political dominance buddhists dash of which many leaders now considered procommunist undash has exploded aye popular myth about anticommunist war stoppara

myth is that american backed governments dash from diem to khanh undash notrptnot solved problemsve guerrilla warfare stop fact is notrptnot solved problemsve countering communist ideology etsubversion stop anticommunist war here is notrptnot fight against guerrillas stop it never was though american policymakers thought so fer years stop once upon aye time it may have been half the war stop but two months ago it became less than falf the war as students buddhists workers comma presumably influenced by communists comma continually undermined khanh government stop until past two months ago american policymakers hadnot drawn distinction between military guerrilla et the political revolutionary or subversive stop now armerican officials believe communists tactics shifted from military to political stop but longtime observers believe political subversion consistently been predominant cmathough invisible stop the real change appears to be that political subversion shifted from rural areas to the urban areas in central vietnam etsaigon moredeepe.

23191 prorosenfeld sundayer seven quote weve always paid
lipservice to fact this is political wells military war
cmaquote one american official explained stopquote but we
never have done anything about it stop even now we are adding
fivethousand more men but theyre helicopter pilots etnotrpnot
intelligence officers stop we still have notrptnot corrected
mistakeve underestimating the political problems stopunquote

the new saigon government that will be born next week faces almost seven yearsve unchecked communist political subversion plus increased military strength stoppara

the fundamental misjudgementve american policy appears to have been fighting the guerrillas while forgetting the subversive stop it may well be too late to reverse it in vietnam stop the challenge is to correct it in the vietnam of the tomorrows dash in south american etafrice etafrica stoppara

tomorrow colon the warve shadows ettermites enditdeepe.