

Kennedy Criticism Angers South Vietnamese Officials, But They Still Want U.S. Aid

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (UPI) — South Vietnamese officials studied President Kennedy's critical remarks about the crisis here today for hints on what course future U.S.-Vietnamese relations will take.

Leaders of President Ngo Dinh Diem's regime were angered by Kennedy's criticism of their policies, but they were relieved that he said the United States would not withdraw from South Viet Nam.

The dispute over the government's crackdown on Buddhist opposition has put in jeopardy the joint Vietnamese-American struggle to wipe out Communist Viet Cong guerrillas.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge scheduled a visit to the French Embassy today, presumably to discuss the tense situation.

De Gaulle Extends Offer

Last week French President Charles de Gaulle extended an offer of "cordial cooperation" to the Vietnamese to help them solve their problems independently of "foreign influence."

There was no official comment on Kennedy's statements Monday night that the war against the Viet Cong cannot be won unless Diem's government achieves more popular support. But the strongly pro-government Times of Viet Nam again printed reports

that the United States was involved in an attempt to overthrow Diem.

Communist China reacted strongly to the Kennedy remarks Tuesday with new charges of

U.S. interference in South Viet Nam while the Vietnamese "are struggling with increasing vigor against Ngo Dinh Diem's reactionary rule."

The U.S. Embassy continued to reject demands from the Diem regime for the surrender of three fugitive Buddhist monks who took refuge in the embassy Sunday.

One of them is Thich Tri Quang, one of the leaders of the Buddhist protest movement, an arch-enemy of Diem and his powerful brother and chief adviser, Ngo Dinh Nhu.

Charge Attempted Coup The government contends the Quang was the only Buddhist leader to escape arrest in the Aug. 21 raids by troops and police on Buddhist pagodas throughout South Viet Nam.

The government contends the crackdown was necessary to block an attempted coup against the government. It claims Communist "saboteurs" had been using Buddhist facilities for cover.

The raids followed widespread Buddhist demonstrations to protest alleged religious discrimination by the government. Buddhist make up about 70 per cent of the population, but Diem and his top aides are Roman Catholics.

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State Fair Briefs

SALEM (UPI)—Roger Daugherty, 15, an FFA member at Molalla, showed the grand champion female Shropshire sheep at the State Fair this year.

SALEM (UPI)—Dan Stangel, 17, son of Elmer Stangel, Wilsonville, was FFA champion showman in swine at the State Fair.

SALEM (UPI)—George DeGeer, 17, son of George DeGeer Sr., Newberg, showed the grand champion female Hampshire at the State Fair.

SALEM (UPI)—Howard Bunnell, 16, FFA member at Molalla, showed the grand champion Corriedale ewe at the State Fair. He is the son of Burke Bunnell, Molalla.

SALEM (UPI)—Jim Willett, 17, an FFA member at Wallowa, showed the grand champion Hampshire ram at the State Fair. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Willett of Wallowa.

SALEM (UPI)—Keith N. Simmons, 20, an FFA member at Enterprise, showed the grand champion Suffolk ewe at the State Fair this year.

SALEM (UPI)—Cindy Zimmerman, 17, of Albany, won the 4-H grand champion rabbit showmanship title at the state fair.

SALEM (UPI)—James Johnson, Coquille, took top individual honors in the 4-H entomology identification contest at the State Fair.

Lions Plan TV Auction

The Lions Club will conduct a 3 1/2-hour television auction of merchandise Sunday, Sept. 8, with proceeds to go to the club's Community Hospital Fund.

The auction will begin at 1 p.m. Sunday on KOTI-TV, Channel 2.

The merchandise is mostly new and will be described in detail over the air. It was donated by local professional men and merchants.

Wives of Lions Club members will answer telephones, taking bids and verifying high bids.

Last year, the auction raised about \$1,800 and this year the goal is \$3,000. Funds go toward completion of the proposed Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital.

Murder Charge Filed In Burns

BURNS, Ore. (UPI)—George John Penfold, 43, was charged with second degree murder Tuesday in connection with the fatal shooting of another man here early Monday.

Penfold was released on \$10,000 bail.

James Garfield Stouff, 44, was shot in front of Penfold's home with a .22 caliber rifle.

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