

South Viet Nam Crackdown On Buddhists Dismays U.S. Leaders

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EDITOR'S NOTE: In the following dispatch United Press International correspondent Neil Sheehan presents the background, issues involved and United States attitude in the religious-political crisis in South Viet Nam.

By NEIL SHEEHAN
SAIGON, Viet Nam (UPI)—President Ngo Dinh Diem's prolonged dispute with Buddhist leaders ended in shots and screams last month when government troops and police stormed pagodas and herded thousands of Buddhists and other dissident elements to jails and detention camps.

The sacking of the pagodas and the mass arrests, engineered by Diem's brother and chief political adviser Ngo Dinh Nhu, who took the occasion to put himself in control of most of the real power here, also brought sharp criticism from the United States.

high-ranking American officials were shocked and dismayed by the nationwide crackdown, since they had received solemn assurances from Diem and Nhu that the government's policy toward the Buddhist majority was conciliatory.

The State Department, which formerly had been lavishing praise on Diem's government, issued a statement disassociating the United States from these moves.

Forced Re-Evaluation
Diplomatic sources here say the crackdown has forced the United States to completely re-evaluate its policy toward Diem's government.

A Voice of America broadcast said officials in Washington had absolved South Viet Nam's top-ranking army leaders of any responsibility for the sacking of the pagodas and the mass arrests and put the blame squarely on the shoulders of Nhu and the secret police and special forces troops.

controls. The broadcast also said officials in Washington had warned that massive American aid to South Viet Nam might be sharply reduced if Diem did not get rid of the secret police officials responsible for the attacks.

The broadcast did not say that Diem would also have to get rid of Nhu, but this was clearly implied since the blame was pinned on him.

Although the State Department later said the V.O.A. was "in error" and denied that U.S. aid here might be sharply reduced, reliable diplomatic sources reaffirm that the V.O.A. broadcast was a statement of a new hard-line U.S. policy here.

Against Troop Withdrawal
However, President Kennedy agreed with those who advocate a withdrawal of American troops and the \$500 million yearly in U.S. aid from South Viet Nam. "That would be a great mis-

take," he said this week. "I know people don't like Americans to be engaged in this kind of an effort. Forty seven Americans have been killed in combat with the enemy, but this is a very important struggle even though it is far away."

Nevertheless, the President warned that the Diem regime's dispute with the Buddhists imperiled South Viet Nam in its fight against communism. He said the attacks on the pagodas on Aug. 21 were "very unwise."

"We are prepared to continue to assist them," Kennedy said, "but I don't think that the war can be won unless the people support the effort and, in my opinion, in the last two months, the government has gotten out of touch with the people."

In the final analysis, it's their war. They are the ones who have to win it or lose it. We can help them, give them equipment, we can send our men out there as advisers, but they have to win it.

the people of Viet Nam, against the Communists." The sources here say the denial by the State Department was made because it was later decided that this blunt public statement of policy was premature from a tactical point of view and it might unduly tie the hands of the new American ambassador to South Viet Nam, Henry Cabot Lodge.

U.S. Opposes Nhu
The United States has now decided, these reliable sources say, that it can no longer afford to support a government here which includes Nhu and his beautiful but not-tempered and outspoken wife, who has called the Buddhists "traitors" and their fiery suicides in protest against the government's religious policies "barbaric."

The Nhus always have been unpopular in this country, but it is felt that they now are hated by large segments of the population because of the crackdown. These sources say the U.S. has decided it would have no chance of winning this largely political war against the Communist guerrillas in alliance with a government which the Nhus actually control.

Although Lodge so far has merely sparred with Diem and Nhu in talks here, these sources say he will shortly demand that Diem get rid of the Nhus.

Expected To Resist
Diem is not, however, expected to give in to the American demands. He has come to depend almost totally on his family to run the government, and, as these sources point out, the present regime in South Viet Nam is not a Diem government, but a family government.

These sources expect that the United States will have to sharply reduce aid here even at the expense of temporarily weakening the war effort.

It is widely believed here that only a coup by dissatisfied elements of the army could oust the Nhus.

With a new government—even a junta—the United States feels it would have more hope of winning this war, the stakes of which are the Indochinese rice bowl at a minimum, and perhaps all of Southeast Asia at the maximum.

Diplomatic sources noted that the State Department's announcement absolving the army leaders of all responsibility for the Buddhist crackdown was clearly an attempt to free their hands, and could be read as an invitation to a coup.

Coming More Explosive
The same sources, however, feel that as the United States and the Ngo family move toward a head-and-head encounter, the situation is becoming more explosive. And uncontrolled explosions, they point out, can as easily name the man on the throwing end as the man on the catching end of the bomb.

Nhu and his wife, considered the strongest personality in the family, are not expected to give up without an intense struggle, which could easily end in violence to U.S. personnel and installations here.

According to sources, Nhu will try over the next few days to calm down the United States by making some supposedly conciliatory moves on the surface and telling the United States the Buddhist crisis is now over and things should return to normal.

Reopening Pagodas
The government is now repairing the ransacked pagodas and will release a number of priests and nuns to reopen them soon, the sources say.

The government also has released most of the students, numbering well over a thousand, who were arrested last Sunday.

BASIN BRIEFS

DAIRY
BETTY JONES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Jones, left New York on Aug. 25 for Arabia where she will be employed by the Arabian American Oil Company as a teacher. She will be there for two years. She has taught in Germany, Japan, England and Hawaii.

RICHARD JONES has returned to his Marine base at Jacksonville, N.C., after two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Jones. While there they spent the weekend at Ashland with his

grandmother, Mrs. Annie Jensen, and other relatives.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK WHITE JR. and two daughters have returned to their home at Sunnyvale after visiting her sister, Mrs. Art McIntyre.

MRS. BOB HORTON, Mrs. Ralph Crawford, Mrs. Walter Riter, Mrs. Billy Drew and Mrs. Jesse Angel went to Ashland on Aug. 29 to attend the Shakespearean Festival.

BETTY RICE and Mildred Kelson will be project leaders for casserole cookery at the first meeting of the year on Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. at the Bonanza Library. Everyone is invited. There will be a potluck dinner at noon with a birthday cake served in honor of members.

HENRY CLARK and four children spent the past week with the Neal Jones family. He attended teachers' institute and will teach this year at Gilchrist. Mrs. Clark finished her job at Ashland and will spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

Steps Taken For Modoc County Jail

ALTURAS—Modoc County supervisors have taken positive steps to equip the county with a new jail that will fulfill the dictates of the state.

The initial step was the authorization to execute and file an application on behalf of the county with the Housing and Home Finance Agency for a grant to aid in financing the construction of a county jail, sheriff's department, justice court and probation office.

Tentatively, it is estimated that the new facilities will cost in excess of \$300,000, of which three-fourths of this money may be obtained through the Accelerated Public Works program for areas with economic instability.

The county's share was estimated around \$75,000. The county now has \$60,000 in its building fund which has been specifically set aside for the day when the county would be forced to build a new jail and juvenile facilities.

The decaying jail, located in the basement of the courthouse, has been threatened with condemnation from at least two state authorities, including the state fire marshal.

Earlier this year, the supervisors sought out the possibility of simply remodeling present facilities. However, a state jail expert publicly advised the board, following an inspection tour that "You'll just be throwing good money after bad if you people expect to rebuild your present facilities."

Robert Wickenden, Modoc County engineer, has been authorized by the supervisors to hire any technical assistance necessary in completing plans for the proposed new facilities.

City Briefs

MRS. WILLIAM O. KENNEY, 2320 Biehn, has returned from a two-week trip to Troy, N.Y., and Trenton, N.J. She made the trip by plane to attend funeral services for her father.

MRS. G. L. HOLBROOK, 63, of 2132 Orchard Avenue is convalescing at Hillside Hospital where she was taken Thursday night. The length of time she will be confined to the hospital has not been determined.

West Linn Tot Killed By Car

WEST LINN (UPI)—Timothy Allen, 4, West Linn, was fatally injured when he was struck by a car here Tuesday night. The boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Allen of West Linn, died about an hour after the accident in a Portland hospital.

West Linn police said that the child ran in front of a car driven by Mrs. Jeannette DeCius, 48, West Linn.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF KLAMATH PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of ARCHIE MARION ZUWALZ, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as Administrator of the estate of ARCHIE MARION ZUWALZ, deceased, has filed her Final Account in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Klamath County, Probate Department, and that Tuesday, the 24th day of September, 1963, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and the court room of said court have been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published, August 22, 1963.
Date of last publication, September 12th, 1963.

FRANCES J. COLLISTER, ADMINISTRATRIX
THOMAS D. WOOD, ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE
No. 309, Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12.

PROBATE NO. 34135
NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF OREGON

In the Matter of the Estate of JOE W. SWAN, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Executor of the estate of Joe W. Swan, Deceased, has filed her final account in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Klamath at the 15th day of Sept., 1963 at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day in the courtroom of said court has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

Dated and first published, August 15, 1963.
Date of last publication, Sept. 5, 1963.

SHIRLEY MAE PARR, EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF JOE W. SWAN, DECEASED.
W. R. BRADSHAW, 421 Main Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon
No. 278, Aug. 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned executor of the estate of MARY HENZEL, Deceased, has filed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Klamath County, and that Monday, the 30th day of September, 1963, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. of said day and the courtroom of said court has been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

VIET NAM: Land of the Long War (2)



For eight weary years French regulars, colonials, Foreign Legion troopers fought on indecisive war against the Viet Minh. Modern arms were no match for the tough, elusive Reds.



President Ngo Dinh Diem of South Viet Nam reviews ranks of carbine-armed women Viet Cong guerrillas have kept country on a virtual war footing since it was formed in 1955.

The end came for France with the fall of the fortress of Dienbienphu in May 1954. A cease-fire signed in Geneva divided Viet Nam, like Korea, into North and South. The Communists, led by Ho Chi Minh, got about 62,000 square miles of territory, an area larger than Georgia, containing an estimated 13 million people. South Viet Nam comprised 65,000 people and an estimated 12 million people.

In October 1955, Ngo Dinh Diem proclaimed South Viet Nam a republic and became its first president. (He was re-elected for a second five-year term in 1961.) The unlucky Bao Dai was ousted again.

Supported by American aid, which began to flow in 1961, the Diem government has not brought democracy to South Viet Nam, nor has it been able to stamp out the Reds.

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'Yes' Committee Begins Drive

PORTLAND (UPI)—The Citizens Committee for a Yes Vote on the state's \$60 million tax increase began its campaign to defeat a referendum of the measure here Wednesday.

Dr. Howard Cherry of the Portland School Board and State Rep. Richard Eymann, D-Marcola, spoke at a news conference on the effect of the referral.

Dr. Cherry said defeat of the tax program would mean the Portland School District would lose about \$1 million, or between eight and nine per cent of its budget. He said the loss would run between 8 and 12 per cent in other parts of the state.

Eymann explained the workings of the proposed bill.

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