

U.S. Civilian Explosion Can Be Serious Blow To S. Viet.

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The civilian explosion in South Viet Nam can prove a serious setback to the U.S. effort to hold back Communist pressure in Southeast Asia.

Already a serious loss of faith that the war against the Viet Cong can be won, the explosion in the prospects for negotiated peace are also unpleasant from various viewpoints.

The South Viet Nam explosion should have surprised nobody. The wonder is that it didn't come sooner. Young people here have known nothing but war, tension, dictatorship and frustration. They are restless to their patience.

Frustration seems the key word. Young, educated people in the cities want some sort of representative government. But in a country where there is no free elections Democracy as it is known in the West is a highly embryonic state in South Viet Nam.

TALK FOR YEARS
For years there has been talk of the need for social justice, economic improvement for the people, measures to raise public morale, elimination of corruption, a pull in of the army and government leaders on the basis of merit. These were talked about long before President Ngo Dinh Diem died in last November's coup.

Charges of repression and avoidance of blood in this week's uprising did not seem to help Nguyen Khanh, either.

There is deep frustration for Americans, too. Those on the scene it may be seen that they need to head back the Com-

munists. When Duong Van Minh were disappointed, there were hopes that his successor, Khanh, had the strong hand needed to hold back Communist pressure in Southeast Asia.

In these circumstances South Viet Nam had progress from dictatorship to another. There had to be a victory — and now the question is whether South Viet Nam is back where it was last November, with little to show for two years.

The explosion last week has the look of a depressing symptom, a sign of weakening resistance, a search for quick assistance. The majority may, as Americans say, be against communism and even neutralism, but that won't help if the will to fight a stubborn, futile, insurrection is eroded by internal chaos, confusion and frustration.

WILL ENCOURAGE
Developments likely will encourage the Communists and Communist regimes in the near future if they act according to pattern, they will take full advantage of the confusion.

All this can have an effect on American public opinion, especially if it visualizes the expensive effort of the last few years as wasted.

In the rest of Asia and among America's allies elsewhere, it can generate pressure for some sort of negotiated settlement.

What kind of settlement could there be? The Communists make their terms clear: Withdrawal of Americans and settlement "in the spirit of the program of the National Front for Liberation of South Viet Nam."

That is another way of saying a conference should prepare for the settlement of the Communist take-over.

There is support in Europe for realization of both North and South Viet Nam. There is

reports left-wing organizations in the port towns of Linas and Famaugasi staged street demonstrations.

GIRL CREW GROWS SMALL
SUVVA, Fiji Islands (Reuters) — A group of eight Turkish parliamentarians whose jet landed in Oman Bolukbasi had just called for a press conference here in an ineffective group of armed councilors.

The charges were also contained in a Turkish government letter to the security council, asking it to hold itself on the alert for an emergency meeting to deal with measures for halting Greek-Cypriot pressure on the Turkish-Cypriot minority.

That told a reporter he has given up the idea of expanding the force of about 6,000 men from 13 countries because he has had no response to his request for \$200,000 in a hurry to pay the remainder of the force's costs, estimated at \$12,000,000.

That said that in view of the lack of response he will draft a report and call the security council into session soon after he returns Tuesday from an atomic energy meeting in Geneva. Withdrawal of the force would come early in September, he predicted.

That also said his political officer on Cyprus, Golo Plaza Lasso, ex-president of Ecuador, had denied a report from Nicolas Makarios, Cypriot leader and diplomat, sources as saying Plaza was author of a plan to reduce the force to 1,000 men and divert it of any military duties.

The secretary - general said Plaza informed him there was not one word of truth in the story.

Ambassador Orhan Erhal, head of the Turkish delegation to the United Nations, delivered the Turkish request for a possible emergency meeting to the UN force could do nothing about it.

Nicosia (CP) — As Greek-Cypriots in the past few days demonstrations to express their support for President Archbishop Makarios, Cypriot leader, anti-Western feelings, Makarios himself said he might not impose any restrictions on the press reports of Western conspiracy against him.

Commenting on identical reports published in three Greek-Cypriot newspapers, Makarios issued a press statement saying:

"In the recent past there have been so many untraceable rumors and reports which, as I am in a position to know after strict investigation, proved to be completely baseless."

However, the Cypriot government is free to extreme anxiety over the Greek-Cypriot publicity a direct result of these

Nfld. CUC-Gov't Rift Spread By New Insults

By DAVE BUTLER
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A rift between the provincial government and the Newfoundland Federation Labor (FLC) that has been slowly smoldering for five years has split again with an exchange of insults.

Premier Smallwood has issued a statement designed to answer a charge by Federation

people in Newfoundland who think the government are dictators. We were elected by the Newfoundland people. The Newfoundland people don't think we are dictators."

Mr. Thomas made the statement as Newfoundland representative to a CCF convention in Regina in 1961. Also on Wednesday, Mr. Thomas said he would not "kiss the government's feet." Supporting his stand was Calvin Stierman, the federal government's minister of labor.

The government later repealed the laws and the situation slowly began to ease. The 1961 statement by Mr. Thomas caused a severe set back and until December of last year, the government held no labor negotiations.

Last December, Mr. Thomas drafted a brief and was received by Mr. Ballam. He said at the time the "continuing rift could have nothing but an extremely adverse effect on the welfare of working people."

Since then more progress was made in restoring good relations than at any time in the previous five years.

"I was annoyed," said Premier Smallwood referring to the Federation of Labor... "I was annoyed. My annoyance look quite a while to die out. The government began receiving again the representatives of the Federation of Labor... FLARES UP AGAIN

"Now all of a sudden at the conference in Corner Brook, again this thing flared up... what is all this talk about?" The premier said it was not the Newfoundland labor movement but "only a handful of the labor leaders who think we are dictators."

"What are they trying to stir up?"

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