

Thieu resigns

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the "Thieu clique" and the establishment of a government of national concord in Saigon. The French government issued an urgent call for talks to begin between the South Vietnamese and the Viet Cong.

Thieu said he believed the Huong government will "take its briefcase to the negotiating table," but he did not give details of how such a move might be carried out.

Thieu linked his resignation directly to the question of emergency aid now being debated in the U.S. Congress. President Ford's appeal for such aid has run into strong opposition with little prospect that military assistance will be approved.

He said that while the Congress is debating lesser figures, the \$722 million requested by President Gerald Ford is not even enough for South Vietnam's armed forces to stop the North Vietnamese Communist troops, to stabilize the military situation in order to negotiate firmly.

"And the Communists know this," Thieu said. "So all they need

to do is to escalate their attacks to gain military victory without the need of negotiation."

With tears in his eyes, Thieu repeatedly said he was stepping down after nearly eight years of a presidency that saw half a million American troops committed to the war here, then withdrawn and a cease-fire agreement signed that brought no peace.

Thieu said in his rambling, 90-minute address that on March 25 he and the National Assembly had sent a letter to President Ford urging aid to combat the Communist-led offensive and a resumption of B52 bombing raids.

"Until this date it has not yet been answered," he said. Thieu declared that South Vietnamese government forces are greatly outnumbered both in men and equipment by North Vietnamese units now in this country.

"The U.S. Congress says that as long as Thieu is in power, there remains the war, that Mr. Thieu is a warlord," he said. "But if I leave in exchange for more aid, then I think I should leave."

He said he was sure the Viet-

name people "were not so stupid that they would believe the Communist propaganda, but it is true that some in the world, including a number of famous politicians, who said if Mr. Thieu continues to remain in power the Republic of South Vietnam should not be provided with aid."

Thieu did not name the famous politicians, but he singled out Kissinger in another part of his speech, declaring Kissinger was unable to perceive that the 1973 cease-fire agreement "led the South Vietnamese people to death."

Thieu said that Kissinger, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his Vietnam negotiations along with Hanoi Politburo member Le Duc Tho, "accepted the legal presence of North Vietnamese troops in South Vietnam."

"I said that a precondition was that the North Vietnamese troops must be out of here," Thieu said. "Kissinger said that matter could be negotiated with the Soviet Union and Red China."

"I want the North Vietnamese withdrawal. The North Vietnamese army must withdraw, that is the natural condition and later will come to a peaceful settlement."

Thieu went back over a detailed account of recent military history in Vietnam, saying South Vietnamese forces could not achieve what American forces had failed to gain backed by vast firepower and air support. He returned repeatedly to the theme that a lack of U.S. aid led to the present situation in which Communist-led forces pose a direct threat to Saigon itself.

He said North Vietnam had continued receiving vast amounts of military help from the Soviet Union and China.

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