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Rome:

"You Americans have ruined my country. But that is nothing new for

"You have made a business of ruining countries in recent years. And I suppose you will not be content until you ruin the world."

This was the Dragon Lady speaking, the infamous Madame Nhu. She was never in better form.

The beautiful, arrogant Madame never was one to guard her words. And although she has maintained a long silence, when she broke it with this exclusive National Insider interview, she did so in true Dragon Lady style.

## A Judas

Once the most powerful and influential woman in South Vietnam, perhaps even in all of southeast Asia, she has lived in relative isolation of late in Europe.

This reporter tried for months to track her down. Finally, we found her living in brooding isolation in a secluded villa outside Rome.

Several weeks of persuasion followed. Then she finally consented to meet with me.

She is nearly forty now, but appears at least ten years younger. She is an incredibly beautiful woman and looked cool and serene as she sat oppesite me.

## Says Madame Nhu



Viet Nam's former First Lady, Madame Nhu.

But her words anything but thát. "I am a-

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your countrymen," she said,

"In every other nation of the world, the populace tries to find its very best to rule and lead it.

"But in America you seem" to seek out the very worst. "President Kennedy has become a martyr to your people.

An exclusive interview with Viet Nam's infamous Dragon Lady, Madame Nhu.

was a Judas.
"He sold out my husband and his brother, the two finest patriots my country ever knew, sold them out to their enemies for a few

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dollars in American aid. "If for no other reason, he deserved to die for what he did to

my country. "And I find it interesting that he was killed by one of his own people. It was not a Communist or a Fascist or an agent of any foreign government but an American who pulled the trig-

ger.
"They speak of him (Lee Harvey Oswald) as if he were mad. He was not half as mad as his victim.'

We asked what she hoped to accomplish by such bitter re-marks about the late President.

"You wanted this interview," she said. "You wanted me to talk to you. Now I'm talking and

you don't like what you hear.
"Would you prefer that I speak of your current President Johnson? Very well then.
"I met him only once and he

impressed me—impressed me as an incredibly stupid fool.

"In his way he is as dangerous as President Kennedy. He

hasn't the intelligence, of course, and is not as deliberately vicious.

"But he has the usual fault of the ignorant. He is terribly sure of himself. He isn't bright enough to realize all the things he doesn't know.

"This can be deadly. And of course, he has the whole claque of Kennedy advisors, not one of whom I would trust.

'I know on excellent authority that your President and his representatives are working on a settlement in Viet Nam.

"The fighting will not last too much longer. Soon there will be a truce and the endless

round of discusions will begin.
"There will be a great deal of propaganda about firmness in dealing with the Communists.

"But when it is over, all of Viet Nam will be in Communist hands. Mark my words

"All the American traitors did not die with John F. Kennedy," said Madame Nhu bitterly.