

Ky Starts 2-Week U.S. Visit; Pickets Greet Him at Kennedy

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South Vietnam's Vice President, Nguyen Cao Ky, slipped uneventfully into New York last night under heavy security guard to begin an unofficial two-and-a-half-week visit to the United States.

He arrived aboard a Trans World Airlines jetliner, that was diverted to the General Aviation Terminal at Kennedy International Airport as a security precaution. The terminal, which is about a mile from the T.W.A. passenger complex, was also used by Premier Golda Meir of Israel last month when she arrived to attend the United Nations General Assembly.

Despite the diversion of the plane, 21 antiwar pickets were stationed outside the terminal, which is normally used by private aircraft. They waved placards reading "End the War Now" and chanted in chorus, "Ky go home! Ky go home!"

The terminal was surrounded by a cordon of Secret Service agents, New York City and Port Authority policemen and military guards.

A spokesman for the demonstrators, Eva Chertow, who was the Socialist Workers party candidate for the House of Representatives in the 19th Congressional District, said the handful of rain-soaked pickets represented the "thousands who opposed the war and this visit but couldn't be contacted on one day's notice."

Miss Chertow said there would be further demonstrations against Mr. Ky's visit later this week in Washington and San Francisco.

"Nixon is insulting us by letting Ky come here," she said.

"It's like rubbing the war in our faces."

The Vice President was greeted at planeside by Bui Diem, the South Vietnamese Ambassador to Washington; and William H. Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Asian and Pacific Affairs. Mr. Ky declined to answer questions but said he had come to the United States to "express the gratitude of my countrymen to the people of the United States."

A few minutes later, Mr. Ky, his wife and the members of his official party left the terminal in a motorcade bound for the United States Military Academy at West Point, which is the first stop on the Vice President's tour of the country. He is expected to address the Corps of Cadets there tomorrow.

Mr. Ky originally was scheduled to come to the United States early in October to address a controversial "March for Victory" rally in Washington, organized by the Rev. Dr. Carl T. McIntire, a Fundamentalist radio preacher. At the urging of senior members of the Nixon Administration and Ambassador Diem, he agreed to postpone the visit until after this month's elections when it appeared likely to become a political embarrassment for the Administration.

His plan to address the rally Oct. 3 was criticized by members of Congress and by leaders of the antiwar movement, and several groups said they would stage demonstrations to protest his appearance at the rally, which was in support of all-out military victory in Vietnam.