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No New Government

Saigon Politicians Bicker

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South Vietnamese President Tran Van Huong's search for a new government acceptable to the Viet Cong for cease-fire negotiations bogged down yesterday in bickering among politicians.

Huong and at least two men seeking his job — Senate President Tran Van Lam and General Duong Van (Big) Minh—struggled, evidently without success, to set up a coalition "peace government" that could ne-

gotiate a cease-fire and prevent a Communist assault on the South Vietnamese capital.

An estimated 100,000 or more Communist troops have pushed their front lines to within 26 miles of Saigon, but the battlefronts were unusually quiet yesterday.

Huong, who took over from President Nguyen Van Thieu on Monday, has accepted the resignation of Thieu's cabinet members but so far has not named replacements.

Lam, the man constitutionally next in line for Huong's job, said a 21-member committee named by him has recommended an immediate cease-fire and the creation of a coalition group to set up elections.

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