

## SAIGON RETURNS TO CIVILIAN RULE

Committee of 15 Takes Over  
From Military Regime

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Jan. 21 (Reuters)—The Saigon military Government headed by Gen. Iran Van Tra, was today replaced by a civilian administration.

Officials said the military had completed its task of reorganizing life in the capital since the war.

The official Liberation Press said that Huynh Tan Phat, President of the Provisional Revolutionary Government, was present at the take-over ceremony at the former independence palace.

It said that the civilian administration, known as the People's Revolutionary Committee of Saigon City, would have 15 members headed by Vo Van Kiet, former deputy chairman of the Military Management Committee. He will be assisted by three deputies, Mai Chi Tho, Le Dinh Nhon and Nguyen Van Hieu.

The other members are Le Quang Chanh, Nguyen Duy Cuong, Tran Van Danh, Van Dai, Bui Thanh Khiet, Nguyen Kien Lap, Do Thi Duy Lien, Le Van Quynh, Tran Tan, Nguyen Van Huyen and Duong Dinh Thao.

Reviewing the accomplishments of the military committee, General Tra said that up to late December, 3,563 industrial plants had resumed operations, employing more than 108,700 workers.

He said that the revolutionary administration had distributed 135,000 tons of rice to help the needy, and resettled more than 300,000 people to alleviate unemployment.

"We also gradually restored and improved the finances of the city and eliminated the deprived culture and social vices brought to our people by the Americans," he added.

General Tra said that Saigon faced a shortage of fuel and raw materials for its industries, but he pledged "to make the utmost use of raw materials to overcome difficulties and insure continuous production."

On the re-education of soldiers of the former regime, General Tra said that hundreds of thousands had already presented themselves for registration.

"With the lenient policy of the revolution, nearly all puppet soldiers now in reunion with their families are striving to free themselves from the dark past to become honest citizens," he said.