

Expert Says Hue's Fall Would Doom the South

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A leading British guerrilla warfare expert said here last night that if North Vietnamese troops took the South Vietnam provincial capital of Hue, South Vietnam would probably collapse.

Sir Robert Thompson, a one-time adviser to President Nixon on the Vietnam war, was speaking in a television interview on the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Asked whether he thought it was the case that if Hue fell the Vietnam war would

be lost, he replied: "Yes, I think it is."

"I think this would be such a demoralizing blow that South Vietnam would probably collapse," he added.

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