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SAIGON STUDENTS IN ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION

"Down with Thieu regime"—"Bunker Go Home," read signs

Anti-U.S. Riots in Saigon

SAIGON — (UPI) — Singling out Americans, Vietnamese college students demanding the release of five students held by South Vietnamese police rioted yesterday outside Saigon University two blocks from the United States Embassy.

They threw rocks at U.S. military police and tried to storm the studios of the U.S. Armed Forces Vietnam radio network.

The demonstrators hurled more than a dozen Molotov cocktails and fought off South Vietnamese combat police, advancing behind bamboo shields, with volleys of bricks and stones. Police retaliated with tear gas.

Police reported a dozen students were injured by tear gas. There were no arrests.

Most Violent

Observers said the demonstration was the most violent in the current series of student protests.

Americans were singled out as targets whenever they were spotted.

Demonstrators set fire to a truck owned by an American construction firm and a motor scooter owned by a policeman.

Two U.S. military police jeeps in the Vietnamese navy headquarters compound just south of the riot area were the targets of rocks thrown by demonstrators chanting "MP's go home." Rocks hit the vehicles, but they were

not seriously damaged.

Two students with Molotov cocktails then closed in on the U.S. MP jeeps, forcing them to withdraw.

Police popped scores of tear gas canisters in an effort to disperse the students, but each time the demonstrators formed up again.