

# Student Protesters Denouncing Thieu Also Assail the U.S.

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, June 15—For the second time in three days, there was a decidedly anti-American flavor to the demonstrations staged today by students protesting against the Thieu Government.

While students have privately criticized the Americans in the past, they had not until last Saturday and again today taken their criticisms into the streets near the United States Embassy.

Sporadic clashes between policemen and about 200 high school and university students began at about 10:30 A.M. when, after a meeting at Saigon University's School of Agriculture, about two blocks from the Embassy, the students decided to attempt to march to the headquarters of the Federation of Saigon Unions.

The students wanted to show anti-Government solidarity with the workers, for more than 60 of the city's 124 unions began today a 24-hour strike in sympathy with 283 Vietnamese employees of a Government warehouse who were dismissed recently for lack of work.

The students were turned back, however, by policemen wearing helmets, carrying wicker shields and shooting tear-gas grenades.

## U. S. Jeep Set Ablaze

During the demonstrations, a United States military police jeep was set ablaze with gasoline, and its occupant, a sergeant, was clubbed and kicked by several young Vietnamese men as he fled the burning vehicle. The sergeant, who was on his way to the embassy from Longbinh with his scout dog, had taken a wrong turn and was set upon as he stopped at a roadblock two blocks from his destination. [Reuters reported that the sergeant, Maurice King, aged 20, had been treated at a hospital and released.]

Scrawled on the macadam half a block from the embassy were freshly painted pronouncements in both English and Vietnamese, reading: "Down with the country-selling clique," "Peace now" and "Bunker, go home."

## Some Students Released

President Nguyen Van Thieu's Government has not up to this point taken the student demonstrations very seriously, and it appeared until today that the Government was making progress at meeting certain student demands, the most important of which was for the release of 21 student leaders who were arrested on March 10 and charged with having Communist connections.

Several of the student leaders were released early last week. Six others, including Huynh Tan Mam, President of the Saigon Student Union, were released on Saturday.