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## 'IMMEDIATE PEACE' ASSAILED BY THIEU

He Denounces Those Who  
Urge 'Surrender' to Reds

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SOUTH VIETNAM, July 15—

President Nguyen Van Thieu vowed today to "beat to death" those of his countrymen who called for "immediate peace, in surrender to the Communists."

The South Vietnamese President spoke at a military ceremony at Caolanh in the Mekong delta, honoring troops who have participated in operations in Cambodia.

Recently President Thieu has been speaking out strongly against demonstrations and disturbances by students, war veterans and other critics of the Government.

"We cannot have peace overnight, and we are not going to accept peace at any price," the President said. "There must be peace with conditions and that peace will come with the strength of our army, the determined anti-Communist spirit of the Government and the people."

"I am ready to smash all movements calling for peace at any price because I am still much of a soldier," said the President, who was a lieutenant general in the army before running for the presidency in 1967.

"We will beat to death the people who are demanding immediate peace, in surrender to the Communists."

### Regime Embarrassed

In recent weeks the Government has been embarrassed by sporadic and localized but repeated marches, rallies, strikes and other signs of disaffection on the part of students, disabled war veterans, workers and others. The workers have been demanding higher wages, the disabled veterans have been building squatter dwellings on sidewalks and on public lands, while students have organized peace rallies and demonstrations in public places.

The Government has alternated between soft persuasion and use of tear gas and police truncheons. Students have been arrested only to be released some weeks later and allowed to tell stories of police torture and of harsh prison conditions to the foreign press. Neither the soft tactics nor the hard appear to have much effect on the demonstrations and on the continuous grumbling over steeply rising prices and the President's alleged lack of strong leadership.

It would now appear that the President has decided to take action against those whom he regards as disturbers of law and order. This afternoon, after the President's speech, the national police chief, Col. Tran Van Hai, gathered police chiefs at his headquarters and instructed them to use "strong measures, including bayonets and bullets," to smash all demonstrations, "at any price."