

## A Vow in Washington

# Ky to Lead 'Next Raid'

### Washington

Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky expressed regret yesterday that the United States commando raid in North Vietnam failed to free prisoners of war and pledged he will lead Vietnamese volunteers in the next attempt to free them.

The South Vietnamese official said that if prisoners of war cannot be freed by the channel of negotiations, "then it is your duty to use every measure available to free them."

Ky spoke at a jammed luncheon meeting of the National Press Club after he had met with President Nixon and his top advisers at the White House for more than three hours.

### ADMINISTRATION

He said he had taken part "very often" in raids on North Vietnam to release prisoners. He expressed admiration for the courage and bravery of the American volunteers in the task force.

Ky repeated his prediction



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Vice President Ky wiped perspiration from his face as he addressed the National Press Club

that if the present plan of the U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam under the Vietnamization program is followed, all of the U.S. ground combat forces will leave Vietnam by the end of 1971. Before his luncheon ad-

dress, Secret Service agents asked Ky to leave the head table while they checked for a possible bomb.

### CROWD

The incident, about ten minutes after his arrival at the club, passed almost without notice in the overflow crowd that jammed the ballroom.

He was afforded extraordinary security protection as he drove through downtown Washington to the press club building.

Some 100 policemen guarded the building where about 70 anti-war demonstrators chanted slogans and waved Viet Cong flags when Ky arrived for his luncheon address.

"Ky go home!" they shouted as his limousine pulled up to the curb. But Ky, wearing a tan leather coat in Washington's first cold wave of the season, only nodded and smiled at photographers.

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