

DEFECTORS SAY SHANOI HAS ALIEN ADVISERS

SAIGON, South Vietnam, May 10 (AP)—A high-ranking defector from North Vietnam said today that Soviet, Chinese, Cuban, North Korean and French "military strategists" were advising Communist-led forces fighting in South Vietnam.

He said the Frenchmen were former prisoners of war from the French Indochina conflict who were not repatriated under the 1954 Geneva accords.

The defector is Dr. Dang Tan, a former official in the North

Vietnamese Defense Ministry sent to South Vietnam as "minister of public health" in a proposed revolutionary government.

The 42-year-old defector spoke through an interpreter in his first interview since he changed sides on Sept. 26, 1969. It was not explained why Saigon had not publicized his action for more than a year and a half.

He said he saw foreign Communist advisers at rest stations on the Ho Chi Minh Trail when he traveled south through Laos in 1967. In the next two years, while he was establishing a guerrilla hospital in South Vietnam's Pleiku Province, he said,

he saw "four or five groups of foreign military strategists, each numbering three to five men."

He said he had never seen American G.I.'s among the advisers.

He left behind a wife and two children.

Dead Monk Excommunicated

SAIGON, South Vietnam, May 10 (AP)—The Buddhist hierarchy today excommunicated Thich Chon The, a 27-year-old monk, who burned himself to death yesterday in Hue in protest against the war in Vietnam.

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