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Thieu Foe Claims U.S. Meddling

SAIGON — (AP) — Gen. Duong Van Minh charged today that American support of President Nguyen Van Thieu and repression by Thieu's government could prevent a fair and honest presidential election Oct. 3.

The blast from the 56-year-old retired general was the second attack in as many days on Thieu from one of his prospective opponents in the election.

Vice President Gen. Cao acc sed the president yesterday of dictatorial practices and maneuvering to rig the election.

Minh charged that Thieu is certain to be re-elected if the current American ambassador, Ellsworth Bunker, remains in Saigon and all but called for Bunker's replacement.

"Bunker is a great specialist in elections of this type," he said. "He succeeded in the Dominican Republic, he succeeded in Vietnam in 1967 and he will succeed again in October.

"All my American friends have told me that he strongly supports Thieu and that a free and honest election will be very difficult with the presence of Ambassador Bunker.

Minh said Thieu is already a machine "made in the U.S.A." — printing presses, radio and TV stations, planes and helicopters, all supplied by the United States to the South Vietnamese government and used by Thieu for his personal political gain.

Minh charged that Thieu is also using revolutionary development cadres and other government workers to campaign for him in the provinces, all subsidized by U.S. funds.