

Thieu, Ky Profit From Dope: NBC

SAIGON — (AP) — President Nguyen Van Thieu and Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky had no immediate comment today on a report that the illegal drug traffic is helping to finance their presidential campaigns.

Phil Brady, an NBC correspondent in Saigon, said his report was based on information from Vietnamese sources. It was broadcast last night on NBC Nightly News.

Brady said the sources told him that many illegal drugs are brought in by the Vietnamese air force with the "blessing" of Ky, a former commander of the air force.

Profit Sharing

The sources, Brady said, claimed Ky made a fortune smuggling gold and opium and "went on to say since becoming vice president, Ky left the job to trusted subordinates in the air force but still shares in the profits. And, they added, Ky needs the money more than ever before for his presidential campaign chest."

Ky, who has announced he will oppose Thieu in the Oct. 3 election, has denied previous allegations that he smuggled narcotics and gold.

Brady said Thieu is obsessed with being re-elected and because he needs money for the campaign he is "not asking where it comes from."

Police Pushers

Brady quoted his sources as saying that "another outfit pushing drugs is the Vietnamese national police," commanded by Maj. Gen. Tran Thanh Phong, who "is said to also be raising money for the presidential race."

"The biggest pusher is said to be Lt. Gen. Dang Van Quang," Brady reported, adding that Quang was relieved of his command for

corruption several years ago but "today Quang is Thieu's closest adviser" and has "filled Thieu's campaign chest."

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Rep. Robert H. Steele (R-Conn.) told a House subcommittee in Washington last week that Maj. Gen. Ngo Dzu, military commander in the central highlands and central coastal region, was a major trafficker in narcotics. But Brady said that "ac-

ording to extremely reliable sources," Dzu "is being framed by others higher up who are involved in drugs." Brady said Vietnamese and American officials have the evidence.

Dzu, who has denied Steele's allegation, said today he believes one man seeking "personal revenge" is behind the charges against him.

He would not name the man, but sources close to Dzu said he had in mind Lt. Gen. Lu Lan, whom Dzu replaced in the central 2nd Corps area.