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POLITICAL SCUFFLE IN SAIGON: Tran Tuan Nham, an anti-Thieu candidate in the lower house election, struggling with policeman, in beret, yesterday. Mr. Nham was arrested for protesting confiscation of posters portraying President Nixon with a Hitler mustache.

Ky Said to Expect Thieu Election Offer

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Aug. 26—Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky was reported confident today that deepening civil disturbances would force President Nguyen Van Thieu to abandon his plans to go ahead with a one-man presidential election and that the President would come up with a compromise plan that would bring Mr. Ky and Gen. Duong Van Minh back into the race.

Mr. Ky and Duong Van Minh, the retired general who was generally regarded as the peace candidate, have both dropped out of the race, charging that Mr. Thieu has made the elections "a farce" by rigging them in his own favor.

Mr. Khoi said that the minimum requirements for a compromise to bring the Vice President back in the race were a reorganization of the election machinery so that the President could not exercise any control over it, and a repeal of the controversial Thieu-backed election law under which Mr. Ky was first excluded from the race.

A repeal of the law would require a new selection of candidates, Mr. Khoi said. Along with a rebuilding of the election machinery, Mr. Ky's conditions would require a postponement of the elections.

Mr. Khoi added to the talk of impending anti-government riots here by alluding to the two disabled veterans who have burned themselves to death in protest against what has been called manipulation of the election processes by the President.

"When you have people who are devoted to the principles of democracy to the point of burning themselves, then you know that the President can't do what he is doing much longer," Mr. Khoi said in fluent English.

"Of course, I hope nothing like that happens again," he added quickly.

But this morning, the Disabled Veterans Association began passing the word that it had a list of 40 volunteers for self-immolation protests against the Government.

Demonstration Broken Up

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Aug. 26 (UPI) — The police today broke up an attempt by backers of an anti-American candidate in Sunday's National Assembly election to organize a demonstration in front of the assembly building in downtown Saigon.

Tran Tuan Nham, whose party symbol is a picture of President Nixon wearing a Hitler-style mustache, was arrested along with four of six demonstrators. Some 300 spectators watched the brief scuffle with the police.

Dang Duc Khoi, who was one of the principal organizers of Mr. Ky's short-lived candidacy, said in an interview that President Thieu's appearance of going ahead with the elections on Oct. 3 despite Mr. Ky's refusal to participate was "a delaying tactic." He said Mr. Thieu was "bidding for time until he finds a solution."

Mr. Khoi said that the Vice President would not make new proposals until Mr. Thieu responded to his suggestion that they both resign while a three-month interim government organized and conducted fair elections.