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**McGovern Rescued
After Saigon Riot**

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Sept. 14—Senator George McGovern was trapped in a Catholic church school building this evening as a mob outside burned vehicles and threw stones and firebrands at the building.

American military policemen and embassy security personnel rescued the Senator after he had been trapped for about 20 minutes in the school, attached to the Redemptionist Catholic Church, where he was attending a meeting of the Committee to Reform Prisons in South Vietnam.

Neither Senator McGovern, the only announced candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, and his staff nor the 20 Vietnamese opponents of

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the war who had gathered inside the building were injured.

The Senator, who is in Vietnam on a three-day tour, said he did not know whether he had been the focus of the attack, but anti-Government politicians quickly accused the Government of having fomented it to frighten the Senator and to express its displeasure with his visit.

The identity of the protesters was unclear. They appeared to be conservative Catholics protesting the use of the church for the meeting.

The Senator said afterward that the meeting was concerned solely with prison reform, but most of the Vietnamese priests, monks, nuns and students present were members of antiwar and anti-Government groups.

According to the Senator and the three aides accompanying him, they arrived at the church around 9:30 P.M. and had just begun the discussions when shouts were heard in the street.

Firebrand Hurlled at Building

Minutes later, those present said, a firebrand was thrown toward the building, without doing any damage.

The mob entered the churchyard, and the Senator's group barricaded themselves inside the darkened building. Gordon Weil, Senator McGovern's administrative assistant, called the American Embassy three times for help, he said, and

finally spoke with Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, who promised to send help.

Frank Mankiewicz, the Senator's press aide in his campaign for the Democratic nomination, called the Saigon bureau of The New York Times.

"We're caught in a church," he said. "There is a bunch of Catholic hoodlums outside. They're burning a bus."

Vietnamese onlookers said the small bus parked outside the building was set afire by children encouraged by the shouting mob. It burned about 15 feet from the building. The children pushed several motorbikes up against the burning bus, and they also caught fire, eyewitnesses said.

Mr. Mankiewicz's description of the mob as "Catholic" was supported by eyewitnesses, who said the demonstrators were shouting, "Bring out the priest and send him to the archbishop

for trial," and "No political meetings in the church."

Fire engines arrived shortly before 10 P.M. and the mob dispersed as quickly as it had formed. The South Vietnamese police arrived shortly afterward, followed closely by three American military police jeeps and a black embassy sedan with American plainclothes security officers.

No arrests were reported made.

Officer Tries Door

South Vietnamese plainclothesmen wandered around the darkened building but did not try to enter it. No sounds came through the windows broken by the mob and the American military police talked on their car radios but said they did not know what was going on.

Finally, at about 10:10, a South Vietnamese police officer

tried the front door. It was locked.

"Is Senator McGovern in there?" a nearby American reporter called through the broken window.

"Who wants to know," came the reply.

The door opened a crack and as the Vietnamese plainclothesman sought to enter, Mr. Weil tried to push it closed.

"No Vietnamese, no Vietnamese," he shouted. "We want the American police."

He said later that he would not let the Vietnamese officers into the building because he "could not identify who they were."

Inside the schoolroom, Vietnamese participants in the meeting, including several young girls, waited nervously in the dark, their shoes crunching on the shards of broken glass that littered the floor.