

BUDDHISTS URGE ELECTION BOYCOTT

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Militant Vietnamese Group
Protests One-Man Race—
Street Fighting Erupts
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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Sept. 16—The powerful anti-Government An Quang Buddhists today called on South Vietnam's Buddhist majority and "all other freedom and democracy loving people" to boycott the one-man presidential election on Oct. 3.

The call for the boycott, which is illegal under South Vietnamese law, came in the first statement issued by the An Quang Pagoda since it precipitated the overthrow of the late President Ngo Dinh Diem in 1963.

The militant Buddhist faction thus joined the slowly coalescing opposition to President Thieu's Government, along with a still largely unorganized number of anti-Government intellectuals, students and army veterans.

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