

Anti-Thieu Protests Grow

SAIGON — (AP) — Anti-government demonstrations continued in Saigon today as two more groups called for the resignation of President Nguyen Van Thieu and cancellation of the Oct. 3 presidential election.

Nearly a dozen religious and political groups have denounced the election and Thieu's unopposed candidacy.

Nguyen Tan Dat, rector of the Buu Son Ky Huong branch of the Vietnam Buddhist Church, sent an open letter to Thieu asking that he resign and that the election be canceled.

New Elections

Dat called for the organization of new elections and invalidation of the election law that requires presidential candidates to be endorsed by 40 members of the National Assembly or 100 province and city councilmen.

Dat's letter also called for the withdrawal of all American troops from Indochina by the end of the year, and urged Thieu not to be the "servant of foreigners."

At a meeting attended by a number of important religious and political leaders who oppose the government, Secretary General Pham Ba Cam said his Social Democratic Party does not accept either the coming presidential election or the results of the Aug. 29 lower house election.

He called the one-man race a plebiscite and "contrary to the constitution."

Students

The latest demonstrations broke out at the Faculty of Science in Saigon, when about 100 students protested the election and the government's compulsory ROTC-type military training.

The students set a mass of rubble afire in the middle of Cong Hoa Street in the Chinese section of Saigon, then chalked anti-Thieu and "Bunker go home" slogans on the street. Ellsworth Bunker is the U.S. Ambassador to Saigon.

Police fired several volleys of tear gas and made one brief charge into the compound to disperse the students.