

## What it's like under N. Viets

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SAIGON — Several thousand North Vietnamese administrators, most of them women, have been brought into South Vietnam to govern the cities of Da Nang, Hue and Dalat, all of which are under martial law, Western diplomats said yesterday.

They said they had interviewed several persons who were able to leave the three cities after the Communist takeover and, while there

have been some executions and arrests, most people are allowed to move about unimpeded.

"One of the more distressing aspects of the Communist takeover is that they have apparently decided to force everyone who fled from the north in 1954 to walk back to Hanoi," one Western diplomat said.

"That would mean as many as one million people and their families could be walking north soon."

North Vietnamese leaders

consider those who left North Vietnam in 1954 the "worst kind of traitor," said one source, and want to make examples of them.

According to persons interviewed, several policemen in Da Nang were stoned to death in a public market for "crimes against the people."

However, the Western diplomats emphasized that there did not appear to be any wholesale slaughter of

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South Vietnamese officials.

"People are being issued four kinds of identity cards by Hanoi," one source said, "Dark red ones go to those who fled from the North in 1954, after Vietnam was partitioned, and to their descendants and suspected enemies.

"Light red ones go to ARVN (Army of the Republic of Vietnam) soldiers and military policemen. Yellow cards go to young men, laborers, and women, and white cards are given to persons over 50."

According to the sources, persons holding yellow and white cards, most of the population, are allowed free movement and are allowed to have 400 grams of rice per day.

Persons holding red cards must remain in their homes and are allowed 200 grams of rice per day.

The sources said South Vietnamese currency was still being used in the three cities

and that gasoline, once about \$1.30 a gallon under the South Vietnamese regime was now selling for about \$4.50 a gallon.

North Vietnamese officials have prohibited more than three nonfamily members to visit any one house at one time, an effort to prevent possible plotting, one western diplomat said.

Buses are running between Da Nang and Hanoi and Da Nang and Nha Trang, the sources said, and at least 50,000 persons who fled Hue have returned to their homes.

During the first few days of the takeover, all weapons were confiscated and citizens were ordered to write short autobiographies and submit them to North Vietnamese administrators.

Young men also were recruited by the North Vietnamese Army to "fight against the Americans," one source said, but there were few if any volunteers.