

Viet Reds Open Embassy in Paris

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Diplomats of South Vietnam's new Communist government hoisted their red and blue, yellow-starred flag in triumph over their legation building in Paris yesterday and said foreign newsmen will soon be allowed to file reports again from Saigon.

The French newspaper *Le Monde* said the Viet Cong's Provisional Revolutionary Government shut down press communications with the outside world after Communist forces captured Saigon April 30 because it was anxious not to let Western journalists still in the city be the only ones to transmit dispatches.

Le Monde said newsmen from Socialist bloc countries are en route to Saigon.

PRG officials said France has not yet given official consular privileges to their mission. The Paris government has not yet decided when to exchange ambassadors with the new Saigon government.

PRG officials took over the embassy unobtrusively Monday night after the remaining few members of the previous Saigon regime left.

The Communist military management committee of Saigon, meanwhile, broadcast "Order No. 1," ordering all soldiers and officers, police and former government workers to report and register between May 8 and May 31.

The order broadcast over Radio Saigon said: "In reporting and registering all must surrender their identification cards, all personal documents, all weapons, files, documents, means, cash boxes and so forth.

"Any individual, household, groups and organizations that have weapons, explosives, communications means or equipment must report and surrender everything."

"This order must be strictly carried out," it said. "Those who do not report by 2400 hours (midnight) May 31 but deliberately hide will



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PRG representative Phan Van Ba (left) led a ceremony on the embassy steps

be severely punished."

South Vietnamese Communists have previously

used the term "severe punishment" to mean death.

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