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Indochina Roundup

# Burma Troops Kill 11 Rebels

RANGOON—Eleven insurgents have been killed and nine captured in a major offensive by Burmese government troops against returned exiles and rebels, according to an official announcement.

The 13-day operation reportedly took place in lower Burma, near the border with Thailand.

Skirmishes began last month when about 200 rightist rebels and former exiles infiltrated an area near the town of Thanbyuzayat. Government troops and the people's militia attacked the group May 6.

Other engagements in late April resulted in setbacks for the rebels, the government said. Government losses were put at one dead and three wounded.

## ASEAN Session

KUALA LUMPUR—Foreign ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) reportedly have agreed at their meeting here to hold a summit conference in Jakarta in two months.

United Press International reported that the summit would make plans for creation of a zone of peace, freedom and neutrality in Southeast Asia free of foreign bases, defense pacts and interference by foreign countries.

UPI said the ministers from the member countries—Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore—will initial a treaty of "amity and cooper-

ation" Thursday during the final session of the three-day meeting.

The treaty is a first step toward implementation of the "peace-zone" plan, UPI said, and ASEAN members hope it eventually will be accepted by both Vietnams, Laos, Cambodia and Burma.

## Saigon Diplomacy

France announced its recognition of the new government of South Vietnam and said that the two countries shortly will exchange ambassadors. Elsewhere, the Provisional Revolutionary Government moved to extend control of South Vietnamese embassies abroad.

The North Vietnamese charge d'affaires in London took over custody of the South Vietnamese embassy at the instruction of the PRG. In Tokyo, the Cuban government took custody of the South Vietnamese embassy until diplomatic relations are established between Japan and the new Saigon regime, and a PRG delegation arrived in New Delhi to take charge of the embassy there.

On other fronts, Belgium said it was moving to establish relations with the PRG. In Geneva, the World Health Organization's annual assembly approved the membership of North Vietnam, 116- to 0. The United States and seven other countries abstained.

## Denmark Ruling

Denmark's foreign minister Knud Boerge Andersen

said his government will send back to South Vietnam 208 children who have been the source of bitter controversy in Denmark.

The children were taken to Denmark April 30 via the United States by journalist Henning Becker, who had been caring for them in an orphanage he operated in Saigon. The Danish Ministry of Social Welfare said Becker had not developed a satisfactory educational and training program for the children and removed him as their guardian.

In Geneva, the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration said some 10,000 Indochina refugees will be settled in countries other than the United States, including Canada, Australia, Britain, Switzerland, Britain, New Zealand and Belgium.

## Martin in Bangkok

MANILA—U.S. embassy sources said Graham Martin, former U.S. ambassador to South Vietnam, left Manila late Tuesday for Bangkok after an eight-day stay. They said they did not know how long he would stay in the Thai capital.

## Culture Campaign

BANGKOK—Cambodia's new rulers are destroying nightclubs and gambling places in Battambang, Cambodia's second-largest city, as part of a campaign to assert Khmer culture, Raido Phnom Penh reported.

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