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Curfew in Saigon Follows Breakins

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SAIGON, May 17—The Military Management Committee imposed a curfew on Saigon today because hoodlums had been taking advantage of the relaxation of an earlier curfew to break into houses and other buildings at night, sources in Saigon said.

Most of the offenders are believed to be jobless soldiers of the former Saigon army, some of whom kept their weapons after the war ended. Last night a few rifle shots were heard in the streets.

Today, "liberation police," who so far have been conspicuously absent from the Saigon scene, made an appearance on the city's main streets in a convoy of jeeps equipped with machineguns.

Despite the introduction of the 11 p.m.-4 a.m. curfew, the atmosphere in Saigon was calm Saturday, with North Vietnamese and PRG soldiers relaxing.

There still has been no movement on the political front, but the leaders who appeared at Thursday's victory parade gathered in the Presi-

dential Palace and diplomatic sources predicted the PRG would announce a full Cabinet soon to take over from the Military Management Committee.

Banks here are still closed and there is a great shortage of cash. Civil servants are being paid in rice.

Saigon is now smarming with East European newsmen and camera crews and a big Cuban film unit is making a full length feature film, including the restaging of combat scenes.

Meanwhile, Tran Van Huong, who was president of South Vietnam for one week after Nguyen Van Thieu resigned, said Saturday that he had refused a suggestion by U.S. Ambassador to Saigon Graham Martin that he leave in the evacuation.

Huong, 71, said he is spending time tending his flower garden. He said that a colonel of the PRG had come to his house after the Communist takeover and had assured him that he would have no trouble