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## Saigon Expels U.S. Reporter and French Author

VIENTIANE, Laos, May 26 (UPI)—The new Government in Saigon expelled an American and a French journalist today, the first to be expelled since the Communists seized Saigon on April 30.

The two men were Matt Franjola of The Associated Press and Jean Lartéguy, a French author.

They flew here today aboard a North Vietnamese airliner carrying 80 foreigners, including three other journalists: Hugh van Es of United Press International, Tom Aspell of Visnews and Francois de Mulder of the Gamma picture agency.

The 75 other passengers on the flight were mostly French nationals, including several who had been imprisoned by

the former government in Saigon. There were a few Japanese diplomats, an Irish priest and one Swiss national.

Mr. Lartéguy, a former war correspondent with the French in Vietnam, has written numerous books on Indochina over the last 25 years. Among them were the novels "The Praetorians," "The Centurions," "Yellow Fever" and "The Hounds of Hell."

### 'Unfavorable Articles' Cited

SAIGON, South Vietnam, May 26 (Reuters)—Matt Franjola, the American correspondent expelled from South Vietnam, said that Nguyen Nhu Doi, a member of the Saigon Military Administrative Committee's foreign section, had told him that

he was being ordered to leave immediately because he had written articles and taken photographs that were unfavorable to the Vietnamese revolution.

Mr. Franjola said that Mr. Doi would not specify which articles had offended the new authorities.

"He said I should go home to the United States," Mr. Franjola said, "and reflect on all my time in Vietnam, then write a letter requesting to return, giving all the good things I had done, all the bad things I had done, and telling what I think of the Vietnamese revolution and my political beliefs."

The American journalist, who is 32 years old and from Franklin Square, N.Y., speaks Vietnamese, Thai and Lao.