

# Viet General Upsets Canada

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Canadian officials are seeking to quietly deport a former Vietnamese general with a reputation for corruption and drug trafficking. His presence has raised a major controversy over whether Ottawa should continue accepting Vietnamese refugees with criminally or politically tainted backgrounds.

Politicians, Vietnamese refugee groups in Canada and Asian scholars are protesting the presence of Lt. Gen. Dang Van Quang, former special assistant for military and security affairs for ex-South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu.

The 45-year-old former three-star general and close personal friend of Thieu was spirited out of a U.S. refugee camp

at Ft. Chaffee, Ark., allegedly with CIA help, and flown to Montreal on May 16.

Now the embarrassed Canadian Ministry of Immigration is seeking to pressure Quang, who is in seclusion in the 14-room house of a Vietnamese associate in the Montreal suburbs, into leaving of his own accord. Otherwise he may be expelled.

Officials in Canada and Washington said yesterday that the United States had told Canada informally that it wants no part of Quang, who was described recently by a State Department official formerly stationed in Saigon as "perhaps the epitome of everything that was wrong in South Vietnam."

In addition to Quang, Canadian immigration officials said they would conduct

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security checks on a number of Vietnamese believed closely connected with him. These Vietnamese reportedly have large sums of money and are investing in motels and other real estate from Montreal to Vancouver, officials said.

"There are lots of questions being asked," said a Canadian official in Washington. "We will obviously be tightening down the investigation and selection procedures because of Gen. Quang."

Quang and the others close to him are part of a total of about 2,700 Vietnamese refugees who have fled to Canada, primarily to the French-speaking Montreal area where there already are many Vietnamese.

Canadian officials and Derek Blackburn, a New Democratic Party Member of Parliament, who has been leading the attack on Quang, said yesterday that among those who either already are in Canada or are seeking to enter are the following:

- Nguyen Tan Doi, former director of the second-largest bank in Vietnam, who was ar-



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rested and jailed in Vietnam last year for graft and narcotics activity. Doi, who had lived in Canada previously, before returning to Vietnam several years ago, now is seeking re-admission as a permanent resident. Officials said they believe he is in Thailand now. Doi's wife and children live in Canada.

- Bui Dinh Nam, former head of one of the largest pharmaceutical houses in Vietnam, who some non-government sources said may have been acting as advance man for Quang. Dinh was reported by officials to have been a frequent traveler between Canada and Vietnam and is believed to be one of the richest Vietnamese refugees in Canada, with holdings in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.

- Dao Diep Khanh, sister-in-law of Nam, who authorities in the Canadian Solicitor General's office said is be-

lieved to be the person listed as the recipient of art treasures that were taken from South Vietnam's National Museum. The shipment was briefly held up in Guam, but was released for its Montreal destination last Sunday.

- Nguyen Tan Phat, who owns a house near the one now housing Quang. Phat once served as Thieu's financial adviser. The house, built with one windowless wing, is now heavily guarded.

Tran Shi Tan, former chief of Thieu's "special branch" of police, is also reported to be trying to gain entry to Canada, Blackburn said.

"All of these people seem to be connected with the general as the focal point, and we're trying to pin down their relationships," said an Immigration Ministry official.

The official said that in addition to the Vietnamese already in Canada who reportedly are associated with Quang, the government has had entrance applications from others believed to be part of the circle in Guam and in the refugee camps at Camp Pendleton. "We are not taking any action to let them in yet," he said.

Quang also has drawn severe criticism from a number of Vietnamese refugees in Canada. One group calling itself the Black April Committee has charged that the former general took bribes of up to \$25,000 for exit visas near the end of the war and then left the country and never delivered the visas, according to Prof. Nguyen Huu Chi, a Vietnamese who is head of the political science department at

Carleton University in Ottawa.

Chi said the Black April group included marines and paratroopers who were blaming corrupt officials for the loss of the war.

Chi said the group had been formed on Guam to carry out reprisals against corrupt Vietnamese leaders and that Quang's name was at the head of the group's list. Members of the Black April Committee are in Canada, on Guam and at Pendleton in California, Chi said.

Canadian officials in Ottawa and Washington said that the United States won't allow Quang, who is reported to have worked with the CIA in Saigon, back into this country. The officials indicated the United States would use its influence to have him accepted if necessary as a refugee on Taiwan, where Thieu is in residence.

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## Consolidation Plan Referendum Asked

FRONT ROYAL, Va., June 3 (AP)—The Warren County Board of Supervisors and Front Royal Town Council agreed today to ask the county's Circuit Court to order a referendum on consolidation of the two localities.

If the referendum is ordered, the voters will decide Nov. 4 whether they favor consolidation and whether they prefer a city or country type of government.

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