

Civilian Cabinet Meeting Held in Saigon

By Reuters

SAIGON, South Vietnam, June 6—The Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam has held its first Cabinet meeting here, but there is no indication when it is to take over power from Saigon's Military-Administrative Committee.

The official Saigon newspaper, *Giai Phong*, said today that the meeting was held Wednesday, with a representative of the committee sitting in. It was decided, the paper said, to permit some banks to reopen as part of the process of speeding the revolution, but no date was given.

The formal decision followed a recent statement by Lieut. Gen. Tra Van Tra, the head of the Military Administrative Committee, that the bank holiday would be ending soon.

The Cabinet meeting, the Provisional Revolutionary Government's first official function here, was announced on the sixth anniversary of the founding of the provisional group in the South Vietnamese jungles.

Mrs. Binh Not Present

The ministers of the Interior, Education, Defense, Information and Culture, Health and Justice were said to have attended. It was noted that several other ministers were on missions elsewhere. The Foreign Minister, Mrs. Nguyen Van Binh, for example, was in Algeria.

It appears from the official statements of recent days that those governing South Vietnam are concentrating now on getting production going again. The stress in the first weeks after the Communist take-over on April 30 appeared to be on problems of national reconciliation.

Several factories and other commercial organizations have been taken over by workers'

committees, but many businesses have been allowed to reorganize and continue work under existing management. Companies and factories have been encouraged to resume work.

The anniversary of the Provisional Revolutionary Government was marked today by a reception for heads of foreign missions held by Nguyen Huu Tho, president of the Central Committee of the National Liberation Front, the government's political arm.

Mr. Tho welcomed the envoys of Yugoslavia, Poland, Algeria, Mauritania, Guinea, Tanzania, Uganda, Senegal, Burundi and Mongolia and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Garbed in a soldier's uniform, Mr. Tho chatted with the ambassadors in French but switched to English when toasting each individually with "I drink to your health."

Military Man in Cabinet

HONG KONG, June 6 (Agence France-Presse)—The Saigon radio said today that a member of the capital's Military Administrative Committee was serving as deputy minister of economy and finance in the Provisional Revolutionary Government.

The radio made this known as it broadcast a list of 17 ministers who attended the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday. The committee member in the cabinet was identified as Duong Ky Hiep.

But diplomatic sources here also noted that the list identified the Defense Minister as Tran Nam Trung. They said that in the past this name had been used by Lieut. Gen. Tran Van Tra, who heads the committee running Saigon.

The Saigon radio also said

today that a report presented at the Cabinet meeting Wednesday stressed that the foreign policies of South Vietnam and North Vietnam would be closely aligned.

The report, from the Foreign Ministry, headed by Mrs. Binh, described South Vietnam and North Vietnam as two regions of a single country and said the policy alignment was intended to meet the revolutionary needs of the whole land in the new situation.

Presence of Northerners

The presence of the North Vietnamese in Saigon is becoming more visible each day, with less effort being made to conceal it, according to a dispatch from Bangkok, Thailand, by George Esper, the Associated Press correspondent who was expelled from South Vietnam Thursday.