

# Saigon Says Mekong Revolt Quelled

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Vietcong soldiers, aided by private citizens, have wiped out a pocket of anti-Communist resistance in the Mekong Delta, South Vietnam's Liberation Radio reported yesterday.

The action took place between May 29 and June 8 in Dinhtuong Province 45 miles southwest of Saigon, the broadcast said.

It said that "a group of unreported military men" were "encircled and completely crushed," and that many other "reactionary elements" who had failed to register with the new government and were "working against the peaceful life of the people" were brought to light. There were no further details.

Isolated pockets of military

resistance and banditry have been reported since Saigon fell April 30, but they are considered no threat to the new government.

Reports from Bangkok said 14 American F-111 fighter-bombers left Thailand under a program to withdraw all U.S. forces by March 1976. The last 15 F-111s stationed in Thailand are scheduled to leave Saturday, a U.S. military spokesman said.

Meanwhile, a North Vietnamese broadcast said that Laos is reorganizing its army, requiring soldiers to attend political courses and calling for the dismissal of "all officers condemned by the masses."

It said Laos' coalition government has agreed to appoint Pathet Lao officers to leading posts from battalion level to

the national defense ministry.

The Associated Press reported from Vientiane that while the American presence is dwindling in Laos that of the Soviet Union and North Vietnam is growing.

The Soviet mission in Laos, now one of the largest, numbers about 100 persons with more reported on the way.

## ***Embittered Thieu Living in Seclusion***

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TAIPEI, June 15—Former South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu is living in seclusion here, and harbors great bitterness toward the United States which he blames for the collapse of his government, according to family and other sources.

Thieu was quoted by one

source as saying recently that "the Americans are good enemies but bad friends because they treat their enemies better than their friends."

One of his security guards said Thieu has left his residence no more than five times in the month and a half he has been here and spends most of his time indoors or in the garden, chatting with his relatives.

Family sources said Thieu plans a month-long trip to Europe to see his son who is studying in England. They added that he planned to make Taiwan his home.

"The president has found Taiwan a most friendly place and feels happier and safer staying on this strong anti-Communist bastion than in any other country," a member of the family said.