S. Analysts Find Austerity in Saigon

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months ago and Saigon's days as the bustling center selective executions. there has been no bloodcoming to an end. of a consumer society are that there may have been bath, suspicions are growing Communist take-over three ingly austere in South Vietnam since Life has become increasthe complete While

South Vietnam. pieced together by U.S. analysts on the basis of information This is the overall picture filtering out of

programs under way is di-rected at "thought reform" ing processed weekly. with up to 100,000 people be-One of the most extensive

course lasts 60 days. bers. Some reports say the officials of cers and comparable civilian villans as judges and former ernment. It includes such ci-National mer field-rank military offi- A 30-day course for for-It operates at three levels: Assembly memthe Thieu gov-

middle-rank military and ci-A two-week course for

vilian officials. This includes noncommissioned of-

ficers.

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self-criticism, sions. removed from their homes those being processed are the program are lectures, bases. The main features of mer South Vietnamese army to such installations as for-During these courses and confes-

of his life. The higher the rank of the individual, the longer the account is exranking persons.
Once this is produced, to write out a full account 600 pages in the case of toppected to be-up to 500 or Each individual is asked

body in or informing on othby perhaps turning somedemonstrate his conversion declaration. To prove re-form, the individual must be wiped out in a simple a tainted past that it cannot that the individual has such bush, saying, then likely to spring an am-Communist officials are for example,

900 high-rank people ended When a 30-day course for

rumors the missing men had been executed. Gen. Tra re-fused to receive them but these missing people then turned up at the office of Gen. Tra Van Tra, head of sent out word their relatives recently, 150 of the group Saigon, and said there were failed to return to their had not been executed. Committee which controls the Military homes. The families of 50 of Management

were considered "bad" enough to be sent to special late that the missing men "bad" correct, U.S. analysts speculabor camps. If Gen. Tra's assertion is

day in the South include: Other features of life to-

nist take-over there. of the cruel starvation reof food due more to distriported from neighboring complete nonavailability of Cambodia since the Commuthings to eat. There is none bution problems than to the Widespread shortages

been arbitrarily seized from want to avoid rice riots at all costs and when neces-Saigon authorities seem to

private is available. automobiles In some

power supply in Saigon which have been national Cutback of the electric

haps-a change of currency. But Saigon's new rulers gradually keep them closed indefichecks that dried up. operate when cash supplies capitalist economy could not what was still basically a cial reform including pernitely pending major finanand the intention was to were closed for six weeks can cash at banks. Banks A limit of \$50 a day on discovered an individual

armed robberies and bur-There was Ø spate

shifted from places where groups of people have been wealthy Chinese rice merfood is scarce to where food cases

> banks were then reopened. had run out of cash. The from well-to-do families who criminals but by people

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trucks and buses-most of available costs \$8 a gallon, and priority is given to other cities. Gasoline when the streets of Saigon and Disappearance of most from

September, curricula

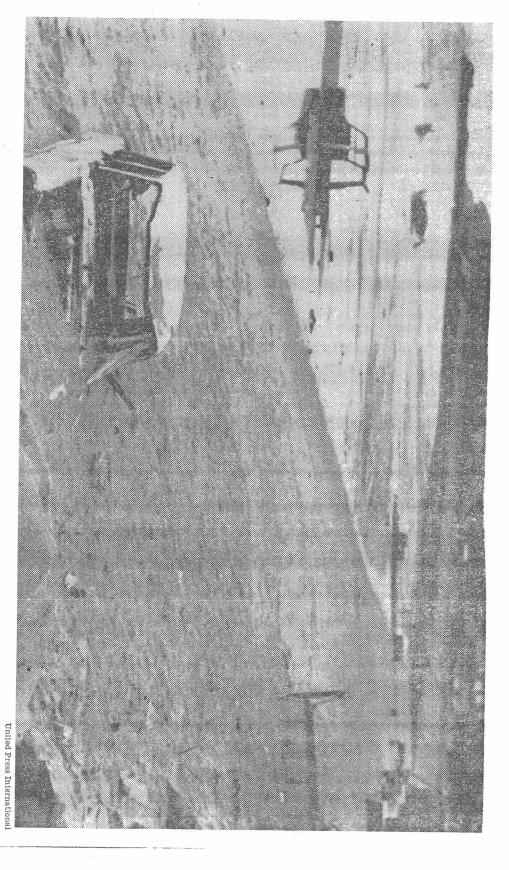
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have been overhauled. Some the summer vacation. high-school teachers during screening of elementary and

cause of the shortage of fuel to generate electricity. three to four hours a day beseized. books and records are being

ulties of Saigon University except for the medicine, remain dentistry, and pharmacy facble than high schools—will tially greater threat of trou-All universities—a potenclosed indefinitely,

dered by the authorities, refusal to register when orof this. and the setting up of bogus spreading of the false news areas, press has documented much sional firefights in outlying ance takes the form of occapose a serious threat. Resistside-but not on a scale to in both town and countrythe new Communist rulers tions. The controlled Saigon "revolutionary" Scattered resistance to occasional sabotage,



Vehicles litter the beach at Vungtau, 40 miles from Saigon. The once-popular resort seess few visitors since the American departure.