

Notes on People

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Thieu Leaves Taiwan for Home in Britain

After five months of almost total seclusion in Taiwan, **Nguyen Van Thieu**, former President of South Vietnam, yesterday left Taipei for Britain, and at the airport he dismissed as "pure Communist propaganda" reports that he had removed a large portion of the national gold reserves from Saigon when he left before the Communist takeover there.

Mr. Thieu, who was traveling on a six-month visa supplied by Nationalist China, arrived in Taipei in late April, and had since refused to answer questions about the gold. He stayed at first with his brother, who had been his Ambassador to Taiwan, then moved into a modest house owned by an American military official.

When asked in the airport lounge about the reports he had smuggled a fortune in gold out of South Vietnam, Mr. Thieu, who seemed in a jovial mood, laughed and said, "It was pure Communist propaganda, made up by a stupid man, and spread by the Communists."

Mr. Thieu said his purpose in going to London was strictly to be with his wife, who flew there from Taiwan a month ago, and his son, who is in an English school.



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Nguyen Van Thieu leaving Taipei for London.

as Maritime Commissioner until June 30, 1980.

In Montgomery for the annual meeting of the Alabama branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** received the award from

and when he addressed both houses of the state legislature, "there was appreciative applause. During the nineteen-fifties and nineteen-sixties, Dr. King's son was often the target of segregationist investment in both those houses and Governor Wallace was the younger Dr. King's avowed enemy. Visiting Mr. Wallace, the elder Dr. King who lost his son and his wife to assassins, extended his sympathies to the Governor, who was crippled for life by an assassin's bullet. Dr. King told Mr. Wallace that the tempt on the Governor in 1972 was "an unreligious thing," Wallace replied ungoldily, "when Martin Luther King and Mrs

cial, whose name Dr. Barnard refused to reveal, was the latest in a long series of patients from Communist countries who have called on Dr. Barnard's services.