

Ky advises U.S. to lead drive

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WASHINGTON — Nguyen Cao Ky, South Vietnam's former vice-president, says America should exert world pressure to prevent persecution of the Vietnamese people by Saigon's Communist rulers but should not

recognize the new regime.

Ky said resumption of diplomatic relations between the United States and Saigon would not "solve" the sufferings that his countrymen have been going through since the Communist takeover April 30.

"The world pressure is neces-

sary to prevent the Communists from killing our people little by little, especially those who opposed them for many years," he said.

"In my personal opinion, the U.S. government should not establish diplomatic relations with the Communists. It would not solve

against Viet persecution

anything. But, of course, we cannot force the American government to do this or that."

In hopes of averting reprisals against Vietnamese who either worked for or supported the American-backed regime of President Nguyen Van Thieu, he said the United States should mount an

international campaign to muster world opinion against possible atrocities.

Ky denied a report that he had advocated the return of American troops to South Vietnam to rally former South Vietnamese soldiers who were opposed to the Communists and

who have been launching armed resistance against Saigon, mostly in the rice-rich Mekong Delta.

Since coming to the United States six months ago as one of the 100,000 Vietnamese refugees, he has been giving talks on college campuses at up to \$2,500 a lecture.
