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VIETNAM RIOTERS STONE AMERICANS

Protest Against Killing of Youth by G.I. in Quinhon

By The Associated Press

QUINHON, South Vietnam, Dec. 8 — Demonstrators chanting "Yankee go home!" hurled rocks at Americans and burned a jeep today in protest against the fatal shooting of a Vietnamese high school boy by a United States soldier.

Some Americans were reported injured in the rioting. Several students also were injured, as national policemen reinforced by members of the territorial militia and the local police fought the demonstrators with riot gas and clubs.

At one point, demonstrators ransacked a bar frequented by Americans. There were reports also that three American civilians had to be flown to safety by helicopter from the roof of a downtown hotel. They were taken to a United States air base a half mile away.

Curfew Imposed

At night, as rock-throwing bands still roamed the streets, the Binhdin Province chief imposed a 24-hour curfew on the 117,000 Vietnamese residents of the central coastal city, and United States military authorities ordered all Americans in the area to make themselves as inconspicuous as possible.

Several thousand American soldiers stationed at logistics bases and Quinhon port facilities were restricted to quarters and all military traffic in the city was halted. There are no American combat units in the immediate area.

The rioting was described as one of the worst civil disturbances in Quinhon since 1966, when students demonstrated against the South Vietnamese Government in this city 275 miles northeast of Saigon.

The rioting began Monday afternoon after an American soldier shot and killed a pupil from a Buddhist high school. United States officials said the boy was hit accidentally by a warning shot fired as some other youths were trying to steal C-rations from an American truck.

Buddhists Parade With Body

They said the pupil was not involved in the attempted robbery. Militant Buddhists parade the boy's body through city streets, attracting pupils from other high schools and non-Communist opponents of the Government.

When daylight came, a crowd estimated at 2,500 to 4,000 demanded that the American who shot the pupil returned over to South Vietnamese authorities for trial.

United States advisers who met with the province chief and student leaders assured them that the family of the dead youth would be compensated. But they said the soldier would remain in United States hands pending an investigation.