

Saigon Imposes Strict Regulations

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, May 11—South Vietnam was placed on stringent emergency status tonight.

A series of measures announced on the Government radio heightened the state of military mobilization and further restricted civil rights. The actions were decreed by the Cabinet after President Nguyen Van Thieu's declaration of peril to the nation Tuesday and of a state of martial law yesterday.

A number of the measures are aimed at increasing military manpower and expanding the ratio of combat soldiers to service troops.

The seven South Vietnamese universities were ordered closed. Their students, if physically fit for military service, are to be drafted.

The Government also decreed severe limitations on the number of draft deferments, a privilege readily available to the well-heeled and well-connected. The draft age was lowered to 17 from 19.

Draftees excused from military service and returned to civilian Government posts are to be recalled to service, which is expected to add about 45,000 men to the active rolls.

Certain categories of militiamen and Home Guard members were ordered transferred to the regular army.

In nonmilitary areas, political demonstrations and strikes were forbidden.

Central and local authorities were instructed to control the distribution of essential goods strictly. Controls on prices—more honored in the breach than in the observance—are to be enforced and violators are to be punished.

Curfew hours were increased and nightclubs, music halls and the only racetrack were ordered closed, as were the ubiquitous "steam baths," which serve as a cover for prostitution. Dancing in private homes was outlawed, public dancing having been forbidden for years.

Travel to foreign countries, a coveted privilege, was ordered drastically reduced. Persons aged 17 to 43 were forbidden to go abroad, and official trips by soldiers and civil servants are to be held to a minimum.

The Government empowered itself to search private residences at any time and to seize or requisition private property as governmental or military needs require.

Additional taxes are to be levied at movie theaters and restaurants and tax collection is to be more strict. The sale

of Government bonds will be promoted.

A curfew from 10 P.M. to 5 A.M. was instituted, subject to revision as local conditions require. Saigon is under a curfew beginning at 11 P.M. Before the current North Vietnamese offensive people were allowed on the streets until 1 A.M.

The emergency measures are believed to be the result, at least in part, of American suggestions that the President take steps to overcome the apparent complacency of those people not directly in the line of battle.

South Vietnam's Senate Approves Envoy to U.S.

SAIGON, South Vietnam, May 11 (UPI) — South Vietnam's Senate approved the appointment of Tran Kim Phuong as Ambassador to the United States today.

Mr. Phuong, who has served as ambassador to Australia and Singapore, is now a special assistant to the Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam.

He will replace Bui Diem in Washington. Mr. Diem, who has been ambassador since 1967, will return to Saigon to resume his position as editor of the English-language newspaper, the Saigon Post.

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