

# Buddhists Join Viet Protest

## Saigon

Militant Buddhists who toppled two governments in the 1960s joined Roman Catholic demonstrators yesterday in demanding the resignation of what they called the fascist military dictatorship of President Nguyen Van Thieu.

The call for an uprising was spurred by a statement from General Duong Van (Big) Minh that a "new set of leaders" is needed in South Vietnam.

Small groups of monks and followers made running forays out of the An Quang pagoda in Saigon's chintown last night, but were quickly

anti-government rally, listening peacefully to speeches by monks denouncing Thieu for alleged corruption and failure to end the war.

The Buddhist-Catholic protests were the gravest threat to Thieu's leadership since he took office eight years ago.

Thieu struck back with an attempt to discredit his anti-government foes by calling them Communists and Communist lackeys, but he promised to fight corruption in the armed forces and government.

An Quang-based monks and Buddhist followers top-