

# Thieu Running Out of Time--Buss

Time is running out for South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu, according to Stanford University Asian expert Claude Buss.

"The South doesn't want him, the North doesn't want him, and, if the truth be known, neither does the U.S.," Buss said in an interview at his Palo Alto home.

Buss, a former foreign service officer before World War II, returned a week ago from his sixth trip in 10 years of Southeast Asia.

He called Thieu "the biggest stumbling block between the U.S. and peace in Vietnam."

President Nixon's war policies have failed, the historian said.

"Right to this minute, the Viet Cong controls all of the Ho Chi Minh trail from the

nor clear to the Gulf of Siam in the South," he said.

"They can cut South Vietnam into pieces anytime they want to. The fight now is between the local village officials and the VC over who will control the immediate countryside. It's just a continuation of Vietnamese civil war."

He said Nixon's two greatest blunders were the incursions into Laos and Cambodia.