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Exile Asks For Ouster Of Thieu

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PARIS, Nov. 3—A Buddhist monk, who heads a Vietnamese exile federation here called today for a removal of South Vietnam's President Thieu, the release of political prisoners and constituent assembly elections in post-war South Vietnam.

Thich Thien Chau's remarks at a hotel news conference contrasted with statements he made less than two weeks ago during a private visit to the United States.

Chau heads the recently broadened opposition and reconciliation movement and served for years as president of the Association of Vietnamese Buddhists in France.

In keeping with his close association with the North Vietnamese and Vietcong delegations here, he reversed his previous willingness to allow Thieu to remain as head of the Saigon segment of the two-headed government system proposed in the draft peace agreement.

The Communist delegations returned to their earlier demands for Thieu's immediate ouster earlier this week when the Saigon leader's removal was justified on the ground that he represented an "obstacle to peace."

The monk's insistence on constituent assembly elections is also a Communist demand which the version of the draft agreement released by Radio Hanoi last week skirts by calling for "general elections" without specifying their exact nature.

He portrayed both these demands as representing the sentiments of all the neutralist opposition to the Thieu regime which observers believe is not the case.

However, all neutralists who have spoken up here and in South Vietnam agree with his demand that the Saigon government must release political prisoners after the cease-fire.