

Civilians Attack Viet Red Delegates

Saigon

A team of Communist Joint Military Commission delegates was mobbed yesterday by an angry crowd of 2000 people in the hill town of Ban Me Thuot, 170 miles northeast of Saigon, military sources reported here.

The Saigon sources said that when Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) and North Vietnamese officers arrived in the town, a mob of civilians swarmed onto the football stadium where the helicopters landed. The crowd shouted that Communist troops had killed people in a nearby town despite the cease-fire.

The Communist delegates and American and South

Vietnamese officers who were there to receive them were shoved about by the mob.

The sources said five of the PRG and North Vietnamese officers and one South Vietnamese lieutenant colonel were injured — one seriously.

In addition ten civilian and military policemen were injured in scuffles with the mob.

The sources said the Communist delegates were eventually driven through the mob to a bungalow in the town.

The mob followed them and surrounded the building but gradually dispersed in the evening without causing further injuries or damage.

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