Saigon Ousts Its Top Man On the Truce Commission

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ment has abruptly replaced the mander of South Vietnam's head of its delegation to the Military Region II with head-Four-Party Joint Military Com- quarters in the Central Highmission, a military spokesman lands, was accused by Congresssaid tonight.

commission was shortly after the start of the The general was dismissed as cease-fire two weeks ago, was commander of the military replaced by Lieut. Gen. Du Quoc region in 1972 after troops un-Dong, a former commander of der his command lost a series troop division.

night because of his "physical reasons when the general was condition," and he would not relieved of his command then. elaborate. There had been, how- When General Dzu was apever, no recent reports that the pointed to head the South Vietgeneral's health was failing and namese delegation to the milinewsmen who have seen and tary commission, informed dip-

*The opposite is implied in version of this report carried by SFChronicle 12 Feb, over.

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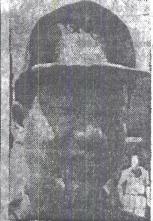
talked with him in the last few lomats and South Vietnamese days say he appeared to be fitt officials said that President officials said that President Nguyen Van Thieu had done so to show that he did not take the commission seriously.

> The President had named as General Dzu's deputy Brig. Gen. Phan Hoa Hiep, who had been dismissed as commander of the South Vietnamese Second Division after a series of

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compat defeats and had been sent to Saigon without being given a new assignment. In the days since the start of the cease-fire the Four-Party Joint Military Commission—made up of delegations from South Vietnam, the United States, North Vietnam and the Vietcong Provisional Revolutionary Government—evolved as the most significant single hody in carrying out and overseeing the Paris agreement. The leaders of the International Commission of Control and Supervision—comprising interestitatives of Canada, Ponday Fringary and Inconesia—interestitatives of Canada, Ponday Fringary and Inconesia—interestitational commission.



Gen. Du Quoc Lieut. Dong, new head of the Saigon delegation to the joint military commission,

in assistance from the military commission.

The international commission is to observe the exchange of prisoners scheduled, but it tas been the military commission that has been working out the detail of the exchange.

The Communist delegations to the four-party commission have been receiving poor treatment. They have said that they are being subjected to nearly prison-like living conditions and that their food has been helow standard. They have said that they would like to meet with the foreign press, but they have been arrested.

Last Friday a group of Communist members of the four-party commission were stoned by tribesmen as they arrived with some Americans at the city of Ban Me Thuot in the living commission.

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