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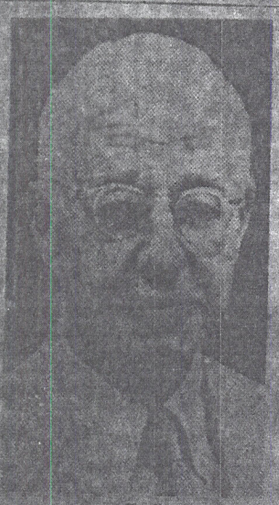
[illegible] Bunker [illegible] the resignation [illegible] Bunker as United States Ambassador to South Vietnam and announced that he would name a career diplomat, Graham A. Martin, to the Saigon post.

Mr. Bunker, who is 78 years old and has served in Saigon for six years, made it known several months ago that he intended to step down after a Vietnam peace agreement was reached.

He left South Vietnam for the United States today to take



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Ellsworth Bunker

part in the talks that President Nixon is scheduled to hold with President Nguyen Van Thieu in San Clemente, Calif., on Monday and Tuesday.

President Nixon flew to California this afternoon, and President Thieu was scheduled to leave South Vietnam for his visit to the United States tomorrow afternoon.

[illegible] announcing the acceptance of Mr. Bunker's resignation, Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, said that the departing envoy would be taking on [illegible] for the President. They will be announced in the [illegible] Mr. Ziegler added.

However, Mr. Bunker has frequently served as a diplomatic troubleshooter.

The White House said that [illegible]

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Mr. Bunker [illegible] bassador to South Vietnam by President Lyndon B. Johnson on March 15, 1967. At the time he was Ambassador at Large and living in Katmandu, Nepal. His wife, Carol C. Laise, is the U[illegible] States Ambassador there.

Mr. Martin, whose nomination as Mr. Bunker's successor in Saigon will require Senate confirmation, is 60 years old and a native of Mars Hill, N. C. He was United States Ambassador to Italy from 1969 until last month.

Served in Thailand

His career in the Foreign Service, which began in 1947, includes an earlier tour of duty in Southeast Asia—as Ambassador to Thailand from 1963 to 1967. During that period he was also the United States representative on the Council of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization.

Mr. Bunker's time in Saigon began on April 25, 1967, when the Ambassador, then 72, arrived to succeed Henry Cabot Lodge. Mr. Bunker—tall, trim, white-haired [illegible] bidding [illegible] preceded by a [illegible] cool, unflappable [illegible] and as one of the [illegible] mats of [illegible]

He kept his [illegible] manner during the [illegible] the fighting and was [illegible] a consistent supporter of a strong military approach to the situation. [illegible] President [illegible] close, and [illegible] to do [illegible] fidence [illegible] ment.

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