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GEN. MINH PROPOSES

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, May 1 (UPI) — Duong Van Minh, the retired general who overthrew Ngo Dinh Diem in 1963, made an apparent bid for leadership of a third force political movement today by offering his own program for South Vietnam's political future.

General Minh's program fell somewhere between those of President Nguyen Van Thieu and Vietcong. The only part of the program not previously proposed by either the South Vietnamese government or the Vietcong was propose to move the current political talks from France to an unspecified site in South Vietnam.

The Minh program appeared closer to that proposed by the Vietcong last Thursday than the one proposed by the South Vietnamese Government at the same time. Each side rejected the other's proposals.

General Minh's proposal, like the one submitted by the Vietcong, called for an immediate

end to all fighting, immediate restoration of all democratic freedoms, immediate freeing of "all civilian prisoners and political detainees" and permission for all exiled Vietnamese to return home. It made no mention of foreign troops in South Vietnam or of a specific timetable leading to a national election.