

Big Minh's Good-Will Peace Plan

Saigon

A former South Vietnamese president proposed yesterday scrapping all laws that are oppressive to non-Communist opponents to the Saigon government. He also called for the immediate release of all political prisoners.

Duong Van (Big) Minh, a middle-roader who was one of the leaders of the coup that ended in the killing of President Ngo Dinh Diem in 1963, said that the people of South Vietnam are setting their hopes on secret talks between Henry A. Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho in Paris this week.

But, he said, a realistic peace depends on the good will of the opposing parties in South Vietnam — the Viet Cong and the government of President Nguyen Van Thieu.

Minh's statement on political prisoners drew a denial from a Saigon government official that there are any political prisoners, but at the same time the official acknowledged that individual liberties have been restricted.

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