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**Truce Team
 Operations
 Imperiled**

Vietnam Fighting At 3-Month Peak

SAIGON — (UPI) — South Vietnam said yesterday the operations of the international truce monitoring team might come to a halt if a replacement for Canada is not found.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Pham Dang Sum said the International Commission of Control and Supervision could not operate with only three members, "two of which (Hungary and Poland) always show partiality to the Communist side."

Canada announced at the end of May it would withdraw from the ICCS no later than July 31. Finding a replacement has proven difficult.

South Vietnam asked Japan to replace Canada, but Japan refused on grounds its constitution barred it from participating. Since then, South Vietnam's search for an Asian country to replace Canada has nearly run out, a diplomatic source said.

The source said the Saigon government is considering asking a Western country to replace the outgoing Canadian delegation in the ICCS.

"We think it is better to have an Asian country."

SAIGON — (AP) — Fighting escalated sharply across South Vietnam yesterday, reaching the highest level in more than three months.

The Saigon government and the Viet Cong accused each other of land-grabbing operations in anticipation that the Paris negotiators might announce new peace agreements setting a deadline for delineation of which side holds which territory.

However, Henry Kissinger flew back to Washington from his talks with the North Vietnamese in Paris without announcing the widely expected agreement to halt cease-fire violations.

Thieu Opposition

President Nguen Van Thieu of South Vietnam reportedly opposed any understanding that would permanently divide South Vietnam into Communist and non-Communist zones.

The alleged land-grabbing attacks were reported to have nearly doubled to their highest number since Feb. 21.

Because of the clashes, Canada's nearly 300 representatives on the international peacekeeping commission were ordered to stay in their quarters except for essential duties.

The U.S. Embassy warned

Americans not to venture far beyond Saigon for a weekend holiday without first checking with security authorities for fear major highways might be cut. Saigon forces went on a higher state of alert in the usual trouble spots.

Delta Fighting

The fighting swirled in an arc 20 to 60 miles north of Saigon and 15 to 100 miles below the capital in the Mekong Delta. Other attacks were reported along the central and northern coasts.

Military sources said two South Vietnamese helicopters were shot down by ground fire near Cu Chi, 20 miles northwest of Saigon, and a third was hit but landed safely.

The Saigon command accused the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong of 185 cease-fire violations during the 30-hour period ending at noon yesterday.