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PARIS, JULY 19 (AP)-MRS. NGO DINH NHU SAYS VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS, CAPITALISTS AND NATIONALISTS "MUST MEET AND TALK" AS A FIRST STEP IN SETTLING THE WAR, THE PARIS WEEKLY NOUVEAU CANDIDE SAYS.

THE SISTER-IN-LAW OF THE LATE PRESIDENT NGO DINH DIEM OF SOUTH VIET NAM ALSO DECLARED SHE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF ARRANGING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VIET CONG WHEN THE AMERICANS ENCOURAGED THE ARMY TO OVERTHROW AND KILL DIEM. HER HUSBAND, DIEM'S BROTHER WHO WAS SECURITY CHIEF, WAS ALSO KILLED.

CONTINUING HER ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN, SHE SAID THE AMERICANS WERE DISMAYED AT THE PROSPECT OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNIST VIET CONG. SHE SAID THE COMMUNISTS "ARE VIETNAMESE LIKE US AND NATIONALIST LIKE US."

MRS. NHU, WHO NOW LIVES IN ROME, SPOKE OF AN EVENTUAL SOLUTION OF THE VIETNAMESE WAR AND SAID:

"I THINK THAT THE VIETNAMESE OF ALL SORTS, THE PRO-COMMUNISTS, THE PRO-CAPITALISTS, THE NATIONALISTS, SO NUMEROUS, SO DIVERSE, SOMETIMES OPPOSED, MUST MEET AND TALK, NO LONGER AS BROTHERLY ENEMIES, BUT AS BROTHERS.

"THE DIFFICULTIES ARE IMMENSE. BUT ONE COULD ARRANGE AN INTERNATIONAL OR ASIATIC CONFERENCE TO MEET SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD. IT COULD BRING ABOUT A CEASE-FIRE IN VIET NAM. IT WOULD INVITE THE COMMUNISTS TO SEND THEIR DELEGATION AND IT WOULD INSIST THAT THE PUREST NATIONALISTS BE HEARD. THEY WOULD BE THE SURVIVORS OF THE NGO FAMILY, THEIR PARTISANS AND MYSELF. I WOULD GO TO SUCH A CONFERENCE, WHICH WOULD ONLY BE A FIRST STAGE..."

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SPEAKING OF CONTACTS WITH THE COMMUNISTS, SHE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING: "IT WAS I WHO SAID TO MY HUSBAND 'RECEIVE THE COMMUNIST EMISSARIES WHO WANT TO SEE YOU AND NEGOTIATE WITH YOU. BUT DON'T TELL THE AMERICANS.'

"WE THEN ESTABLISHED IMPORTANT SECRET CONTACTS. I DECIDED TO MAKE A FRATERNAL GESTURE IN SENDING MY TWO ELDEST CHILDREN TO TONKIN...IT WAS THEN THAT AMBASSADOR (HENRY) CABOT LODGE AND THE AMERICANS

COMMITTED THE CRIME OF JUDAS IN HAVING MY HUSBAND AND NGO
DINH DIEM KILLED..."

MRS. NHU SAID THAT HER HUSBAND, URGED BY HER, HAD SOUGHT AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE VIET CONG AND WAS ON THE POINT OF SIGNING
IT WHEN THE COUP OCCURRED. THE CIA AND THE U. S. EMBASSY IN SAIGON
INTERVENED, SHE SAID.

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