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Dzu Conviction

The Embassy confirms that Dzu was sentenced and fined on two charges: holding an unauthorized bank account in the United States and writing bad checks in 1962. The case against Dzu had been pending for about six months. Dzu has until tomorrow to appeal; a final decision could take several weeks if he chooses this course of action. We have no confirmation of press reports that he does plan to appeal. He may prefer instead to play the role of political martyr.

Validation of Election Results

According to the Assembly's chief administrative officer, about half the Deputies presently seem in a mood to invalidate the election. He felt that a majority would eventually see the light, however, and vote for validation. Several irregularities have been noted, but they seem honest mistakes and not sufficient so far to open the results to serious question.

Thieu-Ky Differences

Differences between Thieu and Ky have evidently spilled over into local Vietnamese press. Reports of dissension are receiving extensive coverage and editorial comment, some of the latter decidedly pro-Ky in nature.

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