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Headlines:

- President Kennedy says he doesn't think American aid to Vietnam should be reduced at this time, despite Washington's concern about the deterioration in anti-Communist efforts there.

- The President said the Federal Government will do whatever is necessary to ensure desegregation of Alabama's public schools.

- Vientiane is reported quiet following a brief clash between Laotian Rightists and pro-Communist Pathet Lao troops.

News in Detail:

- President Kennedy said he does not think America should reduce aid to the Republic of Vietnam at this time despite concern in Washington about a deterioration in the anti-Communist effort there. The President spoke in a television interview carried by the National Broadcasting Company network. Mr. Kennedy said it had been felt for the past two years the struggle against the Communists was going better in Vietnam. But he said that since June there has been a deterioration in the situation, particularly in the Saigon area. Mr. Kennedy said the U.S. is concerned about the government's repression of the Buddhists but still deal with that regime in combating guerrillas. The President said the American attitude has exposed our government to some criticism, but he said the U.S. is using its influence to persuade the Saigon government to take steps to win back support, and that takes time and patience. President Kennedy said a reduction of U.S. aid could have some effect on the government structure there, but it also might prompt a governmental collapse. He said that Communist China looms just beyond the frontiers, and if the Republic of Vietnam went it would not only give Peiping an improved position for guerrilla attacks on Malaya, but would give the impression that Communist China is the wave of the future in South East Asia. In answer to a question, the President said the United States Central Intelligence Agency coordinates its efforts with the State and Defence Departments. He said the head of CIA has been present at some recent meetings on developments in Vietnam.

Also in Washington, Senator Wayne Morse said he would offer an amendment to the overseas aid bill that would ban further aid to the Vietnam Republic as long as the regime of President Ngo Dinh Diem remains in power.

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FROM VOA BROADCAST (Cont'd)

News dispatches from Saigon said troops and police arrested hundreds of schoolboys who staged anti-government demonstrations at two high schools. Dispatches said students at the Chu Van An, and Nguyen Trai high schools in Saigon demonstrated against government repression of the Buddhists. There was no exact count of those arrested, but dispatches said four to five hundred were taken to detention camps.

- President Kennedy said in a White House statement the Federal Government will do whatever is necessary to ensure that court-ordered racial desegregation of Alabama's schools will be carried out. The statement said Federal intervention would come only as a last resort, and it accused Governor Wallace of Alabama of blocking desegregation and forcing a possible showdown with Washington for his own personal political reasons.

Mr. Kennedy's statement followed a day in which Governor Wallace sent state police to three cities, Mobile, Birmingham, and Tuskegee, to block Negro children from entering schools there.

- Vientiane is reported quiet following a brief outburst of fighting between Laotian Rightists and pro-Communist Pathet Lao troops in the Capital. Dispatches said Right Wing troops and tanks surrounded the headquarters of the pro-Communists in downtown Vientiane but there apparently was no further action. Laotian Premier Souvanna Phouma postponed his departure for New York where he will lead the Laotian delegation to the United Nations General Assembly session. The reports said he may leave Tuesday. Fighting flared for two hours early morning when Rightists and pro-Communist forces exchanged small arms and grenade fire. A Laotian Foreign Ministry communique said the shooting was started by a pro-Communist security unit. This was denied by the Pathet Lao Information Minister. The British and Soviet ambassadors to Laos reported they conferred with all factions in an effort to resolve the situation.

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