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FROM VOA BROADCAST AUGUST 22 - 8:00 a.m.

Headlines:

- The Republic of Vietnam is reported tense but quiet following the declaration of martial law throughout the country.
- India says it is gratified for promises of defence help from Soviet bloc as well as free world nations.
- A top Defence Department scientist said in Washington he favors the limited nuclear test ban treaty.

News in Detail:

- The Republic of Vietnam was reported tense but quiet following the declaration of martial law and the arrest of hundreds of Buddhist monks in government raids on temples throughout the country. Reports reaching Washington said the Saigon government appeared in full control of the situation. Thousands of troops guarded important power, communications, and other installations. In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the U.S. deplores the repressive action taken by the Saigon government against Vietnamese Buddhists. He said the actions was in direct violation of assurances that the Vietnamese government was pursuing a policy of reconciliation with the Buddhists. A proclamation broadcast by Saigon Radio said President Ngo Dinh Diem had declared martial law throughout the country, and ordered the Army to restore security and public order. News censorship and a curfew have been imposed. The announcement said the state of siege would continue until further notice. The government and the Buddhists have been in dispute over Buddhist charges that Saigon has discriminated against them. A United Press International dispatch, carried to a neighboring country of the Republic by a traveller, said Vietnamese troops fired pistols and teargas grenades to fight their way into Saigon's main pagoda. The dispatch said the troops arrested at least three hundred monks and nuns, and smashed the inside of the pagoda. And it said two monks escaped over the temple wall to the grounds of the U.S. Aid Mission. UPI quoted monks who escaped from the pagoda as saying police battered down doors, fired teargas inside, and then beat monks and nuns with rifle butts. The government statement said police and troops found mines, daggers, and plastic bombs, and submachine guns in some of the pagodas that were raided. In Washington, a State Department spokesman said US military advisers are not in any way involved in the enforcement of martial law in the Republic of Vietnam. He added that the U.S. had no advance information on the action taken by the Diem government. The State Department also said that the new U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam, Henry Cabot Lodge, has been instructed to go to Saigon from Tokyo as soon as possible.

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FROM VOA BROADCAST (Cont'd)

- A New Delhi broadcast says India is gratified by promises from the Soviet bloc countries, as well as from the Free World allies, to help the nation strengthen its defences. It said military aid from the Soviet bloc countries is especially significant because it indicates their support of India's stand against Communist China. The broadcast said there appears to be a growing volume of opinion in other communist countries that Peiping is rapidly moving toward a position where it will become a serious danger to world peace.

- In Washington the focus of attention is still on the test ban treaty. Senators from three committees heard testimony from the Defence Department's top scientist Dr. Harold Brown. He made these points as he testified in support of the pact: The Soviet Union could not gain any substantial advantage under the treaty, even if Moscow cheated as much as it could; the treaty would not hinder development of an anti-missile defence as Dr. Edward Teller, an opponent of the pact, testified Tuesday; the problems involved in improving an anti-missile system have little or nothing to do with further nuclear testing; at any rate, he is not sure an effective anti-missile system could ever be developed; American anti-missile development work is comparable in magnitude and success with that of the Soviet Union. As Dr. Brown said, even without any further American nuclear tests, American missiles would be able to penetrate any enemy missile defence.

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FROM VOA ENGLISH LANGUAGE BROADCAST - FREQUENCIES AND NEWSCASTS:

MUSIC USA:

7:00 a.m. 7225, 9580 kc; 8:00 a.m. 15335, 9700 kc;

9:00 a.m. 17845 kc. 10:15 p.m.

7:00 and 8:00 p.m. 15335 kc; 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. 9625 kc. 11:15 p.m.

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USIA IPS/NEWS ROUNDUP (FEF-41)

BELGRADE--Khrushchev arrives for two-week working vacation expected to include talks with Tito on future of Communist world.

NASHVILLE--Tennessee Governor Frank Clement names Herbert Walteson 67 year-old democratic national committeeman to serve last two years of Senator Kefauver's term.

NASHVILLE--Hero sergeant York is placed on serious list at veteran hospital.

SEOUL--Defense Department announces General Chung Hee Park will be transferred to reserve Aug. 24; he is expected to be Democratic Republican party candidate for President.

ATLANTA--Former University of Georgia coach Wally Butt wins \$3 million in libel suit against Saturday Evening Post.

PANMUMJOM--North Korea charges group of South Korean "armed raiders" boarded Communist fishing boat August 7 and machinegunned crew.

DJAKARTA--Seven doctors called August 20 when Sukarno suffered recurrence of gall-stone disease say he is not seriously ill.