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[Press review]

[Text] Rome, April 4 (ANSA)--The situation in Indochina with last night's foiled coup attempt against Saigon strongman Nguyen Van Thieu kept the front-page headlines of the Italian dailies today with the authoritative Milan daily, CORRIERE DELLA SERA warning that Washington's "final crisis" in Southeast Asia was "inevitable, sooner or later". According to IL CORRIERE, the 1973 truce agreements in Vietnam merely took note of American disengagement and postponed the "inevitable North Vietnamese eruption. But the collapse in Southeast Asia is simultaneous with the failure of the Mideast negotiations and the change in Portugal after the breach opened in NATO's plank by the Greco-Turkish conflict," the daily warned.

According to the GAZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO of Bari, "one of the foulest of polemics" was being created around the reasons for the "desperate and chaotic exodus" of one or two million refugees. The daily denied that the exodus could be taken as a "vote" for the "pocket-dictator Thieu and his gang of aides", though it said the refugees intended to escape the "often relentless toughness of the communist regime". But the daily added that it was not only America that was exiting from Indochinese scene with a tough defeat and loss of face. "The entire international community is suffering what may be an unprecedented defeat, if you think of the solemn pledges assumed by the greater powers in the final Paris declaration of March 2, 1973".

L'AVVENIRE of Milan claimed that the root of the Vietnamese problem was that a "civil war" was under way between communists and non-communists.

IL LAVORO of Genoa denied that the Vietnamese fleeing southward should be seen as "in search of liberty with the advance of the Vietcong partisans and the North Vietnamese at their heels". The daily said two factors should be taken into consideration:

--To what extent the "pounding propaganda" of the Van Thieu regime was beating on those in flight.

--The fact that "when the end of satrap Thieu arrives, he will certainly find an American jet ready to fly him to safety".