

Saigon General Defies Ouster

SAIGON, South Viet Nam, April 27 (AP).—Binh Xuyen Gen. Lai Van Sang today defied Premier Ngo Dinh Diem's order ousting him as head of the Surete, the national security police.

Gen. Sang said Mr. Diem had no authority to remove him since he had been appointed to the job by Viet Nam Chief of State Bao Dai, who has been living on the French Riviera for the past year. Gen. Sang, whose office controls the provincial and

the free and Communist camps—a tension that must be relaxed or the cold war may flare into a hot war at any moment."

secret police, appealed to Bao Dai for new instructions.

The general also told all employees and guards to remain at their posts in the National Surete headquarters located in the heart of Saigon.

The American-supported Premier ordered Gen. Sang to give up the post yesterday and named an Army man, Col. Nguyen Ngoc Le, as the new police chief. The move came after weeks of feuding between the government and the Binh Xuyen, which is allied with the dissident Cao Dai and Hoa Hao religious sects.

The government said it would order the 5,000 security police in the provinces to take their orders from Col. Le rather than Gen. Sang. This may force a showdown between Mr. Diem and the Binh Xuyen, a powerful society of former river pirates which has monopolized Saigon's gambling and vice as well as running the police.

Mr. Diem's order transferred

HESS MAY GO TO ASYLUM; SUICIDE ATTEMPT REPORTED

BERLIN, April 27 (AP).—Allied doctors are reported discussing a proposal to transfer Rudolf Hess to a mental home. Informed sources revealed yesterday Adolf Hitler's former deputy, now serving a life sentence as a war criminal, recently attempted suicide in Spandau Prison.

These sources said Hess has deteriorated mentally in recent weeks and a special guard has been placed on him. He reportedly is convinced that he has cancer, although medical examinations disclosed no evidence of the disease.

Hess, Hitler's first deputy in the Nazi Party, is one of six Nazi leaders held in Spandau Prison under joint American, British, Russian and French guard. Any decision to remove him would have to be approved by all four powers.

Although an American doctor at the prison denied the suicide attempt reports, other sources said Hess swallowed insecticide he had been given for his garden in the prison grounds.

the Surete to the prefectural police building, a half mile away, where Col. Le set up his headquarters. It gave Surete workers until tomorrow afternoon to move over to the new office. It also declared illegal the greenbereted commando units created by Gen. Sang for the Surete.