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TOM HAS REPORTED IN SAIGON, THE CAPITOL OF SOUTH VIET-NAM, THAT ANTI-
COMMUNIST PRESIDENT DIEM IS REPORTED INSIDE HIS ^{Palace} PROVINCE. THE MILITARY
GROUP WHICH HAS TAKEN OVER ACUSES DIEM OF HAVING ADOPTED A FAMILY DICTATORSHIP
AND OF NOT BEING ABLE TO FACE A GROWING COMMUNIST DANGER.
THE NEWS AGENCY TASS SAYS "HOW MANY TIMES HAVE UNITED STATES OFFICIALS, IN-
CLUDING THE PRESENT PRESIDENT, PRAISED THE SOUTH OF VIETNAM DICTATOR, CALLING
HIM THEIR BEST FRIEND? NOW THIS BEST FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES HAS FOUND
HIMSELF ON THE RUBBISH HEAP OF HISTORY." ABOUT 30 PERSONS WERE KILLED, AND
MANY OTHERS WOUNDED IN FIGHTING BETWEEN THE REBELS AND THE TROUPS LOYAL TO
THE PRESIDENT DIEM. THE UPSET BEGAN WHEN THE REBELS SEIZED GOVERNMENT BUILD-
INGS, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE AIRPORT AND THREW A LINE AROUND THE
PRESIDENTIAL PALACE. THE PALACE GUARDS PUT UP A FIGHT; ARMORED UNITS CAME
INTO THE CITY, ANSWERING A CALL FROM DIEM AND JOINED THE REBELS. THE HEAD
OF THE NEW RULING COMMITTEE IS A PARATROOPER COLONEL (NGUYEN ^{VAN THY} CHANH THI) OF
SOUTH VIETNAM, PRODUCT OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT WHICH ENDED THE INDO-CHINA
WAR, HAS RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE U.S. AID. ITS ARMY IS SUPPORTED BY AID FUNDS.
THERE IS NO WORD OF CASUALTIES AMONG THE AMERICANS IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

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