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TOM HAS REPORTED IN SAIGON, THE CAPITOL OF SOUTH VIET-NAM, THAT ANTI-COMMUNIST PRESIDENT DIEM IS REPORTED INSIDE HIS 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.

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THE NEWS AGENCY TASS SAYS "HOW MANY TIMES HAVE UNITED STATES OFFICIALS, INCLUDING 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 TROOPS LOYAL TO THE PRESIDENT DIEM. THE UPSET BEGAN WHEN THE REBELS SEIZED GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, 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 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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