

Thieu Establishes Himself As Astute Powerful Politician

SAIGON — If President Nguyen Van Thieu wins a "vote of confidence" from South Vietnam's voters, as he appears certain to, it will confirm what observers here have believed for months. That he is the country's most astute and powerful politician since Ngo Dinh Diem.

A colonel and army division commander, Thieu was a peripheral figure in the 1963 coup which overthrew Diem. Although Thieu agreed to participate in the coup, he did not order his troops to move on Saigon until he was certain the coup would be successful.

Thieu was sufficiently astute—and sufficiently aloof—to survive several subsequent coups. Between 1963 and 1965 he was promoted from colonel to lieutenant general, and in 1965 became chief of state under a junta headed by Air Vice Marshal and Premier Nguyen Cao Ky.

In 1967, Thieu successfully outmaneuvered Ky and eliminated him from the presidential race even before the campaign began.

When both Ky and retired Gen. Duong Van "Big" Minh withdrew from this year's race, however, Thieu became the

sole presidential candidate. The other two pulled out of the race charging that Thieu had rigged the election.

His uncontested candidacy caused the gravest political crisis of his career, uniting his enemies and giving rise to violent street demonstrations.

Thieu, however, survived. He either suppressed or ignored his critics, and spurned efforts by the Nixon administration and U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker to maintain an image of a more democratic election.

During his four-year term, he has weathered crisis after crisis, crushing or reaching agreements with Ky supporters, Buddhists, students, disabled veterans and opposition legislators.

However, his tactics, viewed by some critics as often heavy-handed, have alienated many South Vietnamese, leading to comparisons of his career with Diem's.

Despite four years in office, Thieu remains an enigma. His private life, associates and behind-the-scenes manipulation of power remain cloaked in obscurity. In public he is calcu-

lated, deliberate, almost wordless. He is literally a mystery man to all but a handful of intimates.

His private habits are little known, although it appears that Thieu, once a tennis player, now prefers fishing and swimming during secluded weekends at the beach in Vung Tau.

Son of a commercial fisherman, Thieu was born 48 years ago in a tiny fishing village in Ninh Thuan province on the central coast.

One of his boyhood friends is now a North Vietnamese general, and a sister—married to a rice and vegetable farmer—still lives in the Thieu family home.

His wife, Nguyen Thi Mai Anh, comes from a wealthy family in the Mekong Delta city of My Tho. They have two children.

A succession of Thieu's relatives have turned up in important government positions.

One brother is South Vietnam's ambassador to Italy. Another, Nguyen Van Kiec, is ambassador to Taiwan but was recalled Sept. 1 to serve as Thieu's chief political adviser during the campaign.



DISCUSS BAR ASSOCIATION—U.S. Judge William Hastie (left), is shown discussing the newly formed National Bar Association Judicial Council with Attorney Donald L. Hollowell, regional director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, at the NBA Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia recently. At right is Harold Hamilton, acting manager of the Market Development Department, Coca-Cola USA.



OBSERVER TO UN SEMINAR IN AFRICA—Mrs. Inez Kaiser, far right, was selected by the State Department to represent the United States at the recent United Nations Seminar on the Participation of Women in Economic Life held in Libreville, Gabon in Africa and is shown conversing with Madame Anna Marie Bouma, Chairman of the conference and Ambassador to Gabon, John A. McKesson, Mrs. Kaiser, owner and president of Inez Kaiser and Associates, a public relations, advertising, marketing, and consulting firm in Kansas City, Mo., addressed the conference while there.

Missing Diplomat Found; Was in 'Voluntary Seclusion'

CARACAS — Police found the missing Dominican Republic consul-general, Mrs. Thelma Frias de Rodriguez, originally reported as kidnapped, early Sunday in an apartment where they said she had been in "voluntary seclusion" since disappearing four days ago.

Remberio Uzcategui, director of Venezuela's intelligence police, told a news conference that because of Mrs. Frias' diplomatic status he was unable to comment on whether she had faked her kidnapping.

Besides Mrs. Frias, police questioned her adopted son, Fausto Frias, who is the Dominican vice-consul in Caracas. Angel Castellanos, a Dominican student who lives with the Friases, and Argentina Ramos, their Dominican maid.

Ransom Notes

One of two ransom notes delivered to her family after her disappearance Wednesday morning demanded \$1 million in small bills for her release.

"She was found in a state of voluntary seclusion in an apartment near the intercommunal freeway in the El Valle district," Uzcategui said.

The police official said there was a woman and her two-month-old child in the working class apartment with Mrs. Frias. The other woman was not brought in for questioning because Venezuelan law prohibits separating an infant from its mother.

Dominican Ambassador Rafael Bonilla Aybar, who made the announcement of her discovery, said possibly a Dominican group had been involved in her disappearance.

"The information I have, true, is that there are others involved," he said. "It looks like she had hidden there."

The apartment house where she was found is located about five miles from where she was last seen and she presumably left her home to make a bank deposit.

The last person who reported seeing her was Castellanos. He said he found a ransom note under the door of the combined consul-apartment when he returned.

Castellanos telephoned the vice-consul in Santo Domingo,

where he was visiting, and Frias advised the police of his mother's disappearance when he got back to Caracas. He said he received a telephone call at 7 a.m. Thursday which led him to a telephone booth where he found a second note asking for the ransom of \$1 million.

The second ransom note was the last contact the supposed kidnapers made with the family. Police said that the terrorist group taking credit for the kidnaping had been disbanded and had been inactive for a long time.

Bonilla, shortly after Mrs. Frias' disappearance, said that if she had been kidnaped it was the work of supporters of Bosch who want to embarrass the government of President Joaquin Balaguer and help bring Bosch back to power.

Papers Say Rumors Helped Spark Revolt

NEW YORK — The four-day rebellion at Attica State Prison was sparked by a misunderstanding by a prison guard who thought inmates were scuffling instead of playing a game of touch football, according to the New York Times.

In a 10,000-word chronology of the prison uprising, the Times said in its Monday edition it sought to clarify a series of misunderstandings that resulted in erroneous rumors, such as a report that guard William Quinn was thrown from a second story window and that hostages had their throats slashed by inmates.

Another report, published by the Daily News in Monday edition shed light on the confusion and the making of the rumors, which resulted in the deaths of 43 persons.

The Daily News reported that state police Capt. Henry F. Williams, who was in charge of the assault on Attica on Monday, Sept. 13, gave the following order over his walkie-talkie: "Move in! Move in! The drop of tear gas canisters has been made." The News said that available evidence gives no indication the troopers ever were ordered to fire their weapons.

Both newspapers said a series of misunderstandings resulted in erroneous rumors that were quickly accepted by prison guards, state troopers, prison officials and even high state officials. Many of these rumors later were issued to newsmen as matters of fact and were reported in the news

media. Wrong Rumor

For example, a rumor that a guard had been emasculated was widely circulated but later was proved false. The News reported that a prison chaplain, Rabbi Daniel Kerman, entered the prison at 4 p.m. on the day of the assault and asked a guard what had happened. The News reported that Kerman was told by the guard he had just seen a prisoner who had been emasculated. The rumor later was changed, incorrectly, to guard.

The origin of the rumor that hostages had had their throats slashed was attributed by the News report to a gesture by state corrections commissioner Russell G. Oswald who, when asked how the hostages died, drew his finger across his throat and said, "I understand their (the hostages') throats were slashed." It later was discovered the hostages died from state trooper gunfire.

Closing Door

The source of the rumor about Quinn's death was not pinpointed by the Times, but the newspaper said he fractured his skull while trying to close a manually operated cell door. Quinn was taken to a Rochester Hospital where he died of cardiac arrest.

The Times also reported that the citizen observer committee talked by telephone with Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller for 40 minutes Sunday afternoon, begging for more time to negotiate. But, the Times reported, Rockefeller insisted on taking literally the prisoner's statement that a demand for amnesty was non-negotiable

Alioto Suit Resumes
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and told the committee there was nothing further he could do.

suit against San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto and two former Washington State officials returns to this Columbia River city Monday for opening statements by attorneys.

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Medical Cost Control Is Planned

WASHINGTON — The secretary of Health, Education and Welfare said Sunday the Nixon administration plans to include controls on hospital and doctors' costs in Phase 2 of the new economic program.

Secretary Elliot L. Richardson said since Nixon announced his program Aug. 15 to stem inflation and unemployment, the department has been working with the Cost of Living Council on sanctions for after the wage-price freeze ends.

"Because the very rapid rate these costs have been rising year after year, we do intend to include specific measures to deal with them," Richardson said. He gave no specifics.

Richardson made his comments on the NBC radio-television program "Meet the Press."


Richardson said also the Nixon administration in addition may send a proposal to Congress supplementing the President's health-insurance bills to deal with costs and quality of medical services.

Richardson said since the administration has "proposed to mandate health insurance coverage for all families and all workers... that we should also hold out assurances that cost and quality of medical care are going to be protected."

On another subject, Richardson said there is an opportunity Congress may complete action on the President's welfare reform program before the end of the year.

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Q: I'd love to wear false lashes but am afraid one of them will fall off in the soup. Is there a foolproof way to put them on?

A: Yes. Pinch the center of your extra lashes together; hold the ends with fingertips. This straightens out the arc of the lashes and makes a tiny point in the center. Now use a plastic pin to apply a thin layer of surgical adhesive to the thread of the lashes. Place that tiny point of the extra lashes on your upper eyelid right in the center of your own lash line.



Then LET GO. The extra lash will straighten out all by itself. Tuck each corner down and gently push the thread until it follows your own lash line. Let lashes dry while you press them into place, and you'll stay out of the soup! When adhesive dries, it's transparent and won't show. The thread will add darkness to the base of your lashes, just as the eyeliner used to do.

Q: Does brushing hair 100 strokes a day really help?

A: It certainly does — in more pretty ways than one. To get the most benefit, lean over and brush while your head is upside down. Incidentally, if brushing seems to bring too much oil out to the ends of your hair, twist pieces of cotton and put them between the rows of bristles to absorb excess oil.

Q: I have to watch my weight, but I adore deserts. What shall I do?

A: Stick to your calorie control right through dessert, by serving Slender Mini-Mousse Gelee. Take one packet of Slender diet food from Carnation, any flavor. Mix with 6 oz. nonfat milk; use slender if desired. Dissolve 1 envelope unflavored gelatin in 1/2 cup boiling water. Combine Slender and gelatin mixture, using a whisk or the blender. Pour into individual molds; chill. Total calories—192.

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