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INLAND (AP) — An explosion and masses of roaring flame blew out a 60-foot section of seats in the Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum Thursday night, three minutes before the scheduled end of an opening-night performance of Holiday on Ice.

Stunned Indianapolis officials, many of them among the 4,800 spectators, reported a blast lifted a section of 128 box seats and dumped them on a stretch of 460 bleacher seats just below.

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Boy Drifts to Sea

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FALMOUTH, England (UPI) — Nine-year-old Bobby Blackford was found ashore, in a wetsuit that had drifted out to sea. "I always wanted to be a sailor," the youngster told one of his rescuers, "but not any more."

DIEM TOPPLED

Military Forces Rule Saigon

By AL KRAMER

TOKYO — A military revolt toppled the government of President Ngo Dinh Diem Saturday after bitter fighting in the streets of the Republic of Vietnam's capital city.

In a direct telephone call to Saigon, a U.S. military spokesman told Pacific Stars and Stripes the Diem government had surrendered to the rebel forces after artillery and mortar fire demolished the presidential palace.

The spokesman said there were no American casualties in the fighting, but the toll among Vietnamese troops was believed high.

The Vietnamese government was being run Saturday morning by a council of generals who led the revolt, the spokesman said.

He said he called had named former Vice President Nguyen Ngo Tho to head a new government under the title of prime minister.

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Diem of the opponents of all political
alliances."

"It is tragically clear," the re-
port said, "that a highly emo-
tional religious issue and legiti-
mate religious protests have long
since become the funnel for vary-
ing types of discontent and pro-
test.

"Among those indiscriminate-
ly arrested (by the Diem reg-
ime) have been the children of
government officials and mili-
tary personnel, the latter of
which has become a growing
resurgence among key
people.

The report made public was
preparing by a House Foreign Af-
airs subcommittee which recent-
ly made a two-week on-the-spot
inspection tour of South Vietnam
and other Far East trouble spots.

It was obvious to the group, judging from the stories that people
people were telling. The report
mentioned members of Diem's
family as being "everly artic-
ulate" and having "inflamed the
public." This obviously referred
to Ngo Dinh Nhu, the President's
brother, and his wife, Madame
Dinh. He hinted Vietnam's sec-
ret police.

The report added, "This Orien-
tal oligarchy (the president's
family) has failed to understand
the importance of public support
and has failed to seek such
acceptance.

The report said "Diem's word
is law" and continued:

"While there is no evidence
that Diem is exercising his vast
authoritv for personal gain, or
for his family's or friends' ben-
efit, concentration of govern-
ment powers in the hands of
one family for almost a decade
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and discontent.

Among the conclusions reached by the
subcommittee:

"This study mission is disturbed the
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nam Nationalist Party in
connection with raids on Buddhist
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of our assistance objectionable."

Under Secretary of State Averell Harriman
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and Secretary of State Dean Rusk (right photo)
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(AP Radiophotos)

PURITANICAL
Portrait of President Diem

TOKYO (UPI) — Republic of
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that "it depends upon the cir-
stances" whether he joins
a new government in Viet-
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Chuong is the father of Viet-
nam's first lady, Madame Ngo
Dinh Nhu, and is one of his
nation's most respected law-
yers.

He served as ambassador to
the United States for nine years
before resigning in August to
join a new government,

Diem, a fervent Roman Catholic
who treats virtually no one but
other members of his family, was
reported to believe that God
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TheThings an Uprising Is Made Of

By NEIL SHEERAN

TOKYO (UPI) — Rising political and military tension with South Vietnam, plus a sharp deterioration in relations with the United States as a result of a series of events including reports of an abortive coup d'etat against the Ngo family regime, has set the stage for Friday's uprising.

The communist-led Viet Cong guerrilla fighters were able to exploit this discontent with the Ngo family regime, and the U.S. government became bolder in its support of the policy, leading to the Diem regime's policies in the country.

The discontent that resulted from the arrests of Buddhists and other dissidents brought a sharp deterioration in relations with the United States. The Diem regime also was a personal friend of the U.S. government in power.

The U.S. government is reported to have approved military coup "if the news from the president is true" about the reports of an abortive coup d'etat against the Ngo family regime.

The new American ambassador, Henry Cabot Lodge, adopted a "get tough" policy toward the regime in the Diem's regime.

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has reported that the Diem regime in its nine years of power has always been present in the Republic of Vietnam, but the new American ambassador is reported to have approved the coup.

Gen. Minh, Esteemed in Viet Army

Mme. Nhu Bitter, Spurns Asylum

DISTRESSED, PUZZLED

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Vietnamese government in power in the Republic of Vietnam, Ngo Dinh Nhu, appearing tense and angry, said Friday a coup could not have happened in his country "without American incitement and the complicity of the press." The controverted first lady of the Asian country, emerged from hotel room seclusion to tell journalists: "I cannot stay in a country whose government stabbed me in the back."

Mrs. Nhu was resting here with her 18-year-old daughter Le Thuy after a cross-country speaking tour when news of the coup broke.

"I believe all the devils of hell are against us. But we shall triumph," she said, "I feel very distressed and very paused, when I read this morning in the papers that all 15,000 American troops in my country are protecting your embassy in Saigon." Earlier in the day she had issued a statement saying, "The news from the press is true" about the reports of an abortive coup, "it would be a great shame for many Americans."

Her statement, written in French on hotel stationery a few minutes before was read by To Ngoc, the Vietnamese aide.

"Indeed, we all know that many Americans had waited for this for a long time," south Vietnam's first lady said. She added:

"Now that the fruits of a just victory are so near," some forces are trying "to snatch them from its true victors with the help of a little people who are traitors to Vietnam."

Dark glasses shield her eyes as Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu leaves a church in Los Angeles. After learning of the uprising in the Republic of Vietnam, she lashed the American government saying if the reports were true "it is a great shame to many Americans." (AP Radiophoto)

TOKYO (UPI) — Maj. Gen. Duong Van Minh, reportedly leading the coup forces in Saigon, is reportedly well respected within the Vietnamese military.

He is also thought very highly of by many military officials in the Republic of Vietnam including Commander General Paul D. Hartleb.

Any government which Minh succeeds in forming could expect to be basically pro-Diem, pro-American and pro-communist.

Forty years old and unusually dark, a Vietnamese, Minh has been in the military since 1951 and has led anti-communist, anti-Diem forces since he was 16. He was a key figure in the unsuccessful campaign to defeat the communists in 1954.

Minh was one of the first graduates from the Vietnamese Military Academy at Dalat. Besides being a French-trained officer, he has also reportedly attended the U.S. Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

In the early days of the Ngo family government Minh served under the Diem regime.

He reported helped remove American commanders deployed in Vietnam and organized and led the campaign in 1955 which crushed the armies of the dissident. Dau Dai and Hanoi religious sects which had threatened to topple the then young Ngo family government.

In Diem's behalf, Minh also crushed in 1955 the troops of the Binh Xuyen bandits who formerly controlled the Saigon police and racketeering in the city.

Although Dien promised Minh to general for quelling the dissident sects, as the years went by Minh reportedly grew discontented with the regime's policies and its handling of the war against the Viet Cong guerrillas and the Ngo family lost trust in him.

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**Military Revolt Ousts Diem**

(Continued From Page 1) In the capital as rebel soldiers hunted down disorganized bands of Vietnamese Special Forces troops who supported Diem.

The bulk of the fighting in the revolt centered around the presidential palace, guarded by Diem’s elite palace guard brigade.

The spokesman said that as rebel units were leveling the palace with artillery and mortar fire, two planes zoomed low over the city and fired rockets at the palace, apparently on purpose.

All Americans were being warned to remain off the streets and stay in their quarters Saturday unless on urgent business.

The Vietnamese ambassador to Japan was not available for comment in Tokyo Saturday morning, but Press Secretary Tran Viet Chau told Pacific Stars & Stripes that it was his personal opinion that there would be “chaos in Vietnam’s policies toward the West” under the new government.

He added that he hoped the new government would take stronger anti-communist measures in order to cope with the “exceptional situation.”

The following additional information was provided by the Associated Press and United Press International:

(Insurgent radio broadcasts monitored in Singapore and Tokyo identified the leader of the uprising as Ma. Gen. Vu Van Minh, a former member of the Vietnamese General Staff. The reports said 14 generals and 10 colonels have announced support of the rebellion, which Radio Hanoi was prompting by the Diem regime’s “treatment of the Buddhists and the students” and his alleged plans to “make a deal with communist north Vietnam.”

(The broadcasts added that U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge conferred with Diem shortly after the uprising started. They added that Gen. Duong broadcast an appeal to the people to support the rebels, who have imposed an armed forces were on the rebels’ side).

The armed forces rebels announced over captured Radio Saigon, which they rechristened “Voice of the Armed Forces,” that they had acted “to save the country from a communist takeover.”

Diem and Nhu surrendered in their palace bunker.

The reports reaching Bangkok said there were no reports of attacks on or injuries to American diplomatic or military personnel or their dependents.

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**Elsa Maxwell Dies at 80**

NEW YORK (AP) -- Elsa Maxwell, sharp-tongued critic, ardent friend and full-time hostess of the glittering cream of international society, died Friday afternoon in a New York hospital. She was 80.

"Do good and have fun," was her credo. Her enemies questioned the first part of her formula, but no one could deny the latter.

The date of her death was not yet ascertained. Miss Maxwell entered the hospital Tuesday.

Her last public appearance was in a wheelchair at the annual Atlantic City in Paris Ball. She was also in the Americas Hotel here.

Miss Maxwell earned an international reputation for her contributions to society and the socially prominent. She was a friend of all the famous hostesses in the world. She entertained more royalty than any other united hostess. Oliver (of the Ritz in Paris) stated that only three people in all his experience knew how to order a dinner properly: the princess of Wales, afterwards the queen of England, the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, and Elsa Maxwell.

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**Tojo's Lawyer Dies in U.S.**

BEVY MAWS, Pa. (UPI) — George P. G. Blewett, 64, prominent Philadelphia attorney who defended Japanese 'Premier Hi- toshi Tojo in the World War II war crimes trial, died Friday after injuries he received when struck by a train pulling out of the station.

Mr. Blewett was standing on the platform when a Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train pulled away. A witness heard a noise and found Blewett lying between the edge of the platform and the track.

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**His Grandeur Gone**

BRYN MAWR, Pa. (UPI) — The 24-year-old wife of the late King Farouk of Egypt, Princess Haya, died here Friday. She was 24.

The cause of death was not yet determined.

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**U.S. Acts to Protect Americans There**

To the question of whether protection would be provided for property and buildings as well as lives, one Defense Department source said the only purpose is to protect lives.

Ships of the 7th Fleet presumably will change course, if they have not already done so, to take positions close off the South Vietnam coast and the entrances to Saigon harbor.

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**Fire Show Blast Kills 68**

(Continued From Page 1) The shakers hurled off the ice to make way for rescue teams. With hundreds of injured pinned under shattered seats and sagging chunks of concrete, the obvious dead were left lying in pools of blood on the ice.

Injured persons lay unattended for what seemed an interminable time as the first few doctors and nurses on the scene did the best they could.

Auto wreckers drove directly onto the ice to help tug at the chunks of concrete, some of them as big as pianos. Finally a huge commercial crane was brought in, and it uncovered the last of the seats.

Many of the bodies were charred by gusts of flame that rear ed 80 feet in the air, to the curling of the huge ammoni a, in the initial blast. The fire itself was quickly extinguished.

It appeared that the blast occurred in a consignment, under the seats, which supplied pop corn and soft drinks to vendors. One woman, among the stunned survivors, lying out of the building, sobbed: "It's part of the show. "It's got to be! It's got to be!"

Ironically, the opening night performance was postponed 12 to 15 minutes, said one of the show's stars. Had it started on time, the crown would have been moving out for 20 minutes or more before the blast.

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**Auntie Back Home**

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (UPI) — President Josip Broz Tito re turned by plane Friday from visits to South and Central America and the United States.