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like a true professional, Mao entered from stage left, dressed in a light overcoat to protect him from the cool evening weather and looking surprisingly well for his 69 years. He waved his arms and smiled broadly, acknowledging the cheers. Then, as abruptly as he had entered, the chairman made his exit.

New Tone: In the barely scrutable protocol of the Communist Chinese, Mao's appearance—his first at a public banquet since he gave up his post as Chairman of the Republic in 1959—was a significant event. The occasion was the annual dinner given by Premier Chou En-lai to kick off celebrations of National Day, Oct. 1, the anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China fourteen years ago. Mao's brief performance set the unusually moderate and friendly tone for all the proceedings that followed.

The next day, half a million Chinese paraded through Peking's Tien An Men (Heavenly Peace Gate) Square. Apart from some coed militia units, the usual display of military power was missing. Even more pacific was the keynote speech of Peng Chen, mayor of Peking and member of the all-powerful Politburo, who said a "concerted effort" of all the peoples of the world, including

Americans, can prevent another world war. Notably absent was any of the familiar anniversary bombast about "liberating" Formosa. Notably present, however, were "warm felicitations" from Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko who said: "May the unbreakable friendship between the Soviet and Chinese peoples grow."

As the Communist regime enters its fifteenth year, Mao's new friendship theme may indicate that recent Soviet barbs about China's truculence and universal enmity have hit home. For years Peking has outdone all others in strident militancy. Perhaps it has finally dawned on Mao that, tactically at least, gun waving is not the best way of making friends and influencing people.

#### VIETNAM:

### Win With Whom?

In Paris, on the eve of her departure for the U.S., Mme. Ngo Dinh Nhu was as radiant as ever. Was she frightened at the prospect of her visit to the U.S., a reporter asked Vietnam's "Dragon Lady," sister-in-law of President Ngo Dinh Diem. The emeralds in her ears glittered as she tossed her head. "The



AT THE reception following the mammoth parade in Peking, Mao Tse-tung was the genial host. Among those received was an American couple, Robert Williams and wife. The 6-foot-tall Negro was suspended from the NAACP in 1959

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be ready "to stop lynchings with lynchings." "We cannot take those people who do us injustice to the court," he said. "We must punish them ourselves." Living in downtown Monroe, N.C., the 38-year-old Williams took to collecting an arsenal of small arms and rifles in his

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house. In August 1961, he led a demonstration of angry Negroes in Monroe, protesting school segregation. Fighting ensued and Williams kidnaped a passing white couple and held them in his home for several hours, threatening to kill them unless police released some of the pickets. The police refused, but Williams failed to carry out his threat. Then, somehow, the fiery Negro and his wife managed to slip out of the house and flee to Canada, and thence to Cuba. Castro's overseas propaganda network is now blessed with his services.

only thing I'm afraid of is hairy caterpillars." How about the Communist Viet Cong and their guerrilla war against the Vietnamese Government? "It is really not a war any more," smiled Mme. Nhu. "The scale of operations has been greatly reduced ... I am optimistic."

In the past, Mme. Nhu's "optimism" about the war has not always been shared in Washington. But the Kennedy Administration, unable to dislodge the Ngo family from power in Saigon, has moved into another of its "Win with Diem" phases, and before she even stepped off the plane in New York this week, Mme. Nhu was pointing out that the White House has again come around to her way of thinking. After a whirlwind seven-day, fact-finding tour of South Vietnam, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor submitted a rosy report to President Kennedy. Its essence, as published in a formal U.S. policy statement: ▶"The military program in South Vietnam has made progress and is sound in principle." A thousand of the 15,000 U.S. advisers may, in fact, be withdrawn by the end of the year, "[and] the major part of the U.S. task can be completed by the end of 1965."

The political situation in South Vietnam remains deeply serious." And while Diem's repressive actions against the Buddhists have not so far "significantly" affected the military effort, "they could do so in the future."

McNamara had perhaps given Diem a slight slap on the wrist; but far more important was his apparent conviction that the war in Vietnam—which is costing the U.S. \$1.5 million a day—is indeed being won with the House of Ngo in power. Many wondered, however, how McNamara could have reached such a firm conclusion on the basis of a sevenday guided tour of South Vietnam.

Gloss: It seems unlikely, newsmen reported from Saigon. In An Xuyen Province in the Mekong Delta, for instance, the Viet Cong had gathered enough strength to overrun two major towns last month. It is a province where in one year Viet Cong guerrillas—according to U.S. Army estimates—have increased by 15 per cent. Yet U.S. soldiers on the spot claim McNamara was given the usual "glossy" briefing by senior officers. One officer who overheard what McNamara was being told later admitted: "We were in tears."

Others questioned the 1965 time limit President Kennedy has now set for the completion of the U.S. military mission. "After all, those Communist guerrillas have been out here fighting the French or Diem for nearly twenty years," noted one American official. The report, added Sen. Frank Church (Democrat, Idaho), was simply "designed to snuff out the

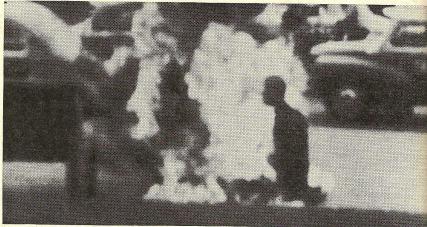
spreading Congressional revolt against the Diem regime."

It is also quite clear that U.S. officials in Saigon are still deeply split. The CIA, Gen. Paul D. Harkins, and most of the military brass who shepherded McNamara around Vietnam are firm believers that there is no realistic alternative to Diem. Equally firmly, U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge—who last week demanded, and got, the recall to Washington of CIA chief John H. Richardson—holds to the view that Diem cannot win and that he and his family must go.

Lodge may soon be proven right, for Diem remains widely unpopular. Last weekend, in the center of Saigon, another Buddhist monk, the sixth since ered outside his white-walled palace atop Mengo Hill in the capital city of Kampala, drinking banana beer and dancing in the streets.

Now 38, a small, thin man with delicate Hamitic features, the new President is more autocrat than democrat. His power stems from his people, who represent more than 2 million of the country's 7 million population and are fiercely loyal. Buganda also produces most of the country's coffee, which this year will bring in nearly half of the nation's export earnings of \$126 million.

Fearful that Buganda might secede, Prime Minister Apollo Milton Obote engineered the King's election as President with a minimum of opposition. He will



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Suicide No. 6: Could Vietnam be lost in the cities?

June, burned himself to death in protest against the government. Three U.S. correspondents who tried to report the suicide were beaten up by Diem's police. It may be possible to win the war in the paddy fields, but it can certainly be lost in the cities.

#### UGANDA:

# From King to President

His Highness Sir Edward Frederick William David Walugembe Mutebi Luwangula Mutesa II, K.B.E., Magdalene College, Cambridge (1948), and the Kabaka (ruler) of the eight-century-old kingdom of Buganda, got a new title last week. London's Mayfair set knew him during two years of high-living exile (1953 to 1955) as "King Freddie," but he is now the first President of a new African nation—the landlocked onetime British protectorate of Uganda, which embraces three lesser kingdoms.

By a vote of 62 to 27, the National Assembly made Freddie President just one year to the day after Uganda gained independence. His Baganda tribesmen, who fall on their faces when he passes in his black Rolls-Royce, gath-

take office Oct. 9, the day Uganda becomes a hybrid royalist republic within the Commonwealth. As a figurehead "republican monarch" he will replace Queen Elizabeth as the nation's head of state and continue to enjoy his old privileges (e.g., a tax-free annual salary of at least \$45,000, among other things). But Obote, an able administrator and shrewd politician who began life as a goatherd, remains the real power in a land whose problems are as confusing as its nomenclature: in Uganda's Buganda Province, an individual is called a Muganda but two or more become Baganda; they all speak Luganda and use the adjective Kiganda to preface their description of anything from the size of Buganda to the shape of the Kabaka's veranda in Kampala.

### CONGO:

# **Prolonging the Peace**

Fighting in the Congo may have ceased—though it's hard to tell in a country the size of the U.S. east of the Mississippi—but fighting in the U.N. over what to do about the Congo is a neverending operation. The current session is