A United Nations fact-finding team - invited to South Viet Nam by the Diem government - hasn't started working yet, but it became obvious today the eight-member mission will get little help from its hosts. The official Viet Nam news agency quoted "administrative circles" as saying today that the U.N. team is "only an information mission" - not in any case to be "considered an investigation mission". The Diem government making it very clear it does not want an investigation of the Buddhist crisis which came to a head during the summer. If Saigon stands by this view, the Buddhist problem may still explode in the U.N. General Assembly.

Our Ambassador in South Viet Nam - Henry Cabot Lodge - arrived in Saigon just after the Diem gov**e**rnment made a series of raids on Buddhist pagodas in August. He's returning to Washington within the next few weeks for conferences with President Kennedy.

C U B A

The United States issued two statements on Cuban affairs today - both of them blunt. One rejected Fidel Castro's request to life the economic embargo. The State Department saying of this - the policies of the United States toward the Cuban regime have been determined by its communist character, its hostility toward this country, and its efforts to overthrow other governments in this hemisphere. The statement went on to say that as long as Cuba follows this course, we have no choice but to maintain our present economic controls.

Statement number two concerned yesterday's attack on that American owned freighter as it steamed off the coast of Cuba. Of this incident, the state department declared the vessel was fired on by not one, but several planes - "most probably jets". It said 16 strafing attacks came at intervals of three to

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five minutes ... and that rounds of 20 millemeter

ammunition were found imbedded in the ship.

EXPORT

United States and Soviet officials were discussing the sale of some of our surplus wheat today, when another surplus farm products transaction was announced by the Commerce Department. One million two hundred thousand bushels of yellow corn to be shipped to communist Hungary - the export license issued to a Minneapolis trading firm. Those 30 thousand long tons will cost the Soviet Satellite nation close to two-million dollars. This was the first export license issued since President Kennedy approved the sale of surplus farm products to the Soviet bloc two weeks ago.

Tonight we have a tape recording from Darwin, Australia. In a way, it explains the changes in temperature our Traveling Lowell Thomas has experienced

in the last few days.

DARWIN IV

Well, the name of that American radio-TV personality who came out here to Arnhem Land the other day and bought a cattle station - Art Link -- Link -- I don't remember the other letters in his name. But he has a program for kiddles of some sort on what you people call the wireless. The place he bought - it's called Fitzroy, on the Victoria River that flows into the Indian Ocean. His place covers about a hundred square mile: six hundred and forty thousand acres. The price he paid? Oh. about what it would cost for a hundred foot lot in that residential section of that town where he comes from - a place called Hollywood. But what has me bothered is that today I bought the place just south of this Art Link -- Link, place. I bought Victoria River Downs which is about the size of Belgium or Connecticut. You see I've always wanted a little place about the size of Connecticut.

We were checking the boundaries today in a single engine Cessna. And between Fitzroy and Victoria River Downs,

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we saw a lot of cattle moving over onto my side of the line. Evidently their herders were driving them across to our side because the grass is much heavier there at this dry season.

So down we came for a closer look. And then we camped beside a billabong, and we broke out a bottle of Swans, and we had a billy of tea and some kangaroo tail soup, and talked the matter over. It looks like this tycoon from Hollywood is about to get jimself into a feud with us out here in Arnhem Land.

Say, that heat is getting me. How about reviving me with a glass of that Australian nectar, your fruit with the fifty flavors, all in one -- that Monsterio Delicioso or whatever it is.

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TITO

It was a mere day ago that Yugoslav President Tito complained so bitterly about how the New York City police department had failed to protect him from demonstrators and incidents. But today, Tito decided he wanted to drive out into the country - - a spur of the moment decision. Along with the complement of State Department agents and his own Yugoslav security force ... eight motorcycle policemen and three carloads of city detectives - courtesy of the New York City police department.

Now a word from Dick Noel.

BRITAIN

Britain's new Prime Minister changed his name with the stroke of a pen today, and at the same time became a Prime Minister without a Parliamentary seat. It is now Sir Alexander Frederick Douglas-Home ... a commoner, who likes to be called "Sir Alec". By renouncing his 359-year-old Scottish title, he paved the way for his election to the House of Commons, where the real business of the British government is done. But Lady Elizabeth Douglas-Home said today she regretted her husband had to renounce his title ... saying she regrets losing Not the title itself, but the history behind it. However, she feels there was some advantage for the family. Lady Elizabeth isn't sure what her name is yet, and she's afraid to sign any checks.