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Detroit to Greet Viet Nam's Ruler

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Ngo Dinh Diem, president of the Southeast Asian country of Viet Nam, is coming to Detroit late this afternoon for a one-day visit and tour of some of the city's industrial sites.

He and his party of 10 Vietnamese officials and seven Americans are to arrive at Wayne County Airport aboard an Air Force plane. They will go to the City-County Building to meet Mayor Cobo and the City Council.

In the evening Diem will be the guest of honor at a civic dinner at the Statler Hotel.

Before leaving Detroit tomorrow for East Lansing to receive an honorary degree from Michigan State University, Diem will tour the United States Rubber Co. and the Ford Motor Co. steel plant at River Rouge.

During the Communist revolution in French Indochina in 1945, Diem was held prisoner by the Reds for a few months and

his brother, Ngo Dinh Khoi, murdered.

With the promise of full independence from France, Diem in 1954 took over all civil and military powers from Emperor Bao Dai.

The country Diem agreed to rule was in a perilous condition.

However, Diem, taking over all power from the French, closed the opium and vice dens and gambling houses, unified the army and rid the country of the war lords' private armies.