

Air Show Crash ^{Oct 1st} Kills 5 ¹⁹⁶⁶

SAIGON (UPI)—A South Vietnamese fighter-bomber doing aerial acrobatics for Premier Nguyen Cao Ky and a boy scout jamboree crashed Saturday into a shopping-housing area on Tan Son Nhut AB.

Military spokesmen said five Vietnamese were killed, including the two unidentified Vietnamese Air Force pilots, a civilian and two children, and 25 others were injured.

The injured included 17 Vietnamese and eight U.S. servicemen. None of the Americans—five from the Air Force, three from the Army—was injured seriously.

Military spokesmen said the injured Americans apparently were caught in the barber shop-bicycle store area by the crash.

Witnesses said the A-1E Skyraider wobbled as it swung low out of a maneuver and struck a machine gun nest defending the base, skidded across a roof and plunged into a barber shop-bicycle store complex.

They said hundreds of boy scouts, meeting with Ky, watched the prop-driven craft explode in flames.

Ky rushed to the scene and helped direct rescue operations.

A sudden monsoon rain burst and the South Vietnamese base commander credited the downpour with dousing the flaming debris.