

Monk Suicide by Fire

In Anti-Diem Protest

SAIGON, Vietnam, Tuesday, June 11 (AP)—An elderly Buddhist monk surrounded by 300 other monks calmly put a match to his gasoline-urennched yellow robes at a main street intersection here today and burned to death before thousands of watching Vietnamese.

The victim, Quang Duc, was protesting alleged persecution of Buddhists by President Ngo Dinh Diem's Government.

Nuns and monks around him carried banners reading:

"A Buddhist priest burns himself for five requests."

The demonstration was the latest in a wave of Buddhist protests against the Government. The Buddhists demand guarantees of religious freedom and social justice.