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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN.VIETNAM DEMONSTRATION.

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The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, announced today that the police had advised the State Government that they believed next Saturday's Vietnam Protest March in the city would be conducted on peaceful lines.

He said that the Government had also received advice from the Town Clerk that the City Council had no objection to the proposed demonstration taking place.

Mr. Dunstan said the police had no opposition to the March which is being organised by the Campaign for Peace in Vietnam.

Mr. Dunstan said a report to the Government from the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Leane, endorsed by the Commissioner said: "After consultation with the police proper notification of the March was made and it seems that it will be conducted on peaceful lines. Therefore, I have no opposition to such a March."

The Premier added however that there would be a sufficient number of police on duty to ensure that the demonstration was orderly. The police would act to enforce the law if any attempt was made by extremists to disrupt the March or cause injury to persons or damage to property.

Police Superintendent Calder had advised that police control of the March would be carried out in the usual manner with the object at all times of maintaining the peace.

It was planned that the March would be supervised by police in co-operation with the organisers and C.P.V. marshals.

The Premier said that acts of violence or damage to property could not and would not be tolerated.
