Guide to the Photograph Album of International Women's Day Parade in Saigon, Vietnam

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**Descriptive Summary**

**Title:** Photograph album of International Women's Day parade in Saigon, Vietnam  
**Date:** 1959  
**Collection Number:** MS-SEA024  
**Creator:** Organizing Committee of Vietnamese Women's Day (Saigon, Vietnam)  
**Extent:** 0.4 linear feet (1 box)  
**Languages:** The collection is in English.  
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**Abstract:** This photograph album contains 24 black-and-white photographs of ceremonies held in Saigon, Vietnam for International Women's Day in 1959. The celebration honored the heroic, first-century Trung sisters. Created by the organizing committee of the event as a keepsake, the album contains descriptive captions in English.  
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**Acquisition Information**  
**Processing History**  
**Historical Background**  
International Women's Day is an official holiday, celebrated annually on March 8 in several countries around the world, including Vietnam. In 1959 the celebration in Saigon honored the Trung sisters, Trung Trac and Trung Nhi, first-century heroines of the fight for Vietnamese independence from China.  
**Collection Scope and Content Summary**  
This photograph album contains 24 black-and-white photographs of ceremonies held in Saigon, Vietnam for Women's Day in 1959. The album was created by the organizing committee of the event and given to an unidentified person as a keepsake. The dedication of the album is signed by Mrs. Nguyen Van La. The celebration honored Vietnamese women in general, as well as the Trung sisters. The album also includes music and lyrics to a song extolling "Family Law" entitled "The Flood of the Vietnamese Women's Revolution." Photographs show parade scenes, delegates from women's associations, a girls' choir, and a man identified as the "President of the Republic" [Ngo Dinh Diem] conferring honors upon award recipients. There are captions in English for each photograph.  
**Indexing Terms**  
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.  
**Subjects**  
Women -- Vietnam -- Photographs.  
Parades -- Vietnam -- Saigon -- Photographs.  
**Genres and Formats of Materials**  
Photograph albums -- Vietnam -- Saigon -- 20th century.  
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