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# Vietcong's '5 Points' Reiterated

From News Dispatches

The Vietcong charged again yesterday that U.S. policy is the sole obstacle to peace in a statement coinciding with the arrival in Rangoon of three North Vietnamese diplomats, while U. N. Secretary General U Thant is vacationing in Burma.

### Vietcong

The Vietcong statement reaffirms that its 5-point program for ending the war is still the basis for any peace talks. Among other things, the program calls for withdrawal of American troops from South Vietnam. The statement was broadcast by the clandestine Liberation Radio and implied, Communist-leaning journalist Wilfred Burchett reporter, that Washington should not take recent "halt-bombings-for-talks offers" as a sign of weakness by North Vietnam or the Vietcong.

### North Vietnam

North Vietnam's official news agency denied that supplies from the Soviet Union have been held up by Communist China. The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia has accused China of interfering with aid destined for North Vietnam.

### U Thant

RANGOON—Thant went to a Burmese seaside resort after again refusing to say whether he would meet with the three North Vietnamese diplomats now in Rangoon. Thant returns to the capital Thursday.

### Goldberg

TAIPEI—U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg reiterated



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**MEDITATION**—U Thant and his wife, Daw Thein Tin, pray at Buddhist Pagoda in Rangoon during Burma visit.

that he will not visit Rangoon on his current tour of Asian capitals. He said on arriving in Taiwan that peace in Vietnam is entirely up to Hanoi.

### South Vietnam

SAIGON—For the fourth straight day demonstrators sanctioned by the government protested against France's Asia policies. More than 200 motor scooters that are part of Saigon's public transport system drove slowly through the main streets carrying anti-

French banners. There was no repetition of the violence that erupted Monday when flaming torches were thrown inside the French Consulate and cars were wrecked.

[In Paris, informed sources said the French government will take no retaliatory action for the damage to its Saigon consulate. France still maintains an active role in education and health facilities in its former colony, South Vietnam, and French firms own large plantations in the country.]