

U.S. WARNS REDS AT PARIS SESSION

Delegate Calls Intransigence of Hanoi Intolerable

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PARIS, May 14—The United States told the Vietnamese Communists today that their "intransigence" at the bargaining table and heightened activity on the battlefield had become "intolerable."

If this continues, "we will react accordingly," Philip C. Habib, the United States delegate, declared at the Paris peace conference. Mr. Habib, who conferred with President Nixon at the White House yesterday, did not expand on his warning. The Communists termed it a "futile threat." However, all parties agreed to meet again next Thursday.

The third year of the conference, and its 66th session, thus opened on a grim note. It was the first meeting since the American intervention in Cambodia April 30 and the subsequent weekend bombings north of the 17th Parallel, which led to the cancellation by the Communists of last week's session.

Desire of Talks Stressed

Mr. Habib did not refer to these events in his opening statement and repeated the American desire for negotiations. He concluded:

"Your answer has been intransigence at the conference table, belligerence in Hanoi, massive aggression in Laos and Cambodia and stepped up attacks in South Vietnam, designed to increase American casualties. This attitude has become intolerable.

"As President Nixon said on April 30, we will be patient in working for peace. We will be conciliatory at the conference table. But if your response to our efforts for peaceful negotiation continues to be intransigence in negotiation and an increase in your military attacks, we shall react accordingly."

At a news conference, Stephen Ledogar, the delegation spokesman, turned aside questions seeking a clarification. He said the statement was a summary of President Nixon's speech of April 30, and he added, "I can't be in the position of interpreting the President's words."

Mr. Habib engaged in an exchange with the Communists over the extent of the booty captured by allied troops in Cambodia. Nguyen Minh Vy, the North Vietnamese delegate, asked why the list did not include a tally of stolen chickens. Mr. Ledogar later commented, "If we come across any caches of North Vietnamese chickens, we'll report them."