

Hanoi Delegation at Paris Says Message Lies About Indochina

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PARIS, Feb. 25—North Vietnam declared today that President Nixon had lied on three crucial aspects of the Indochina war in his State of the World Message.

A statement issued after the 104th fruitless session of the Paris peace talks was given to newsmen for release after the President's report, the text of which had been distributed in advance by news agencies.

"Mr. Nixon claims he wants to solve the war peacefully, while he continues the war in the South and repeats his acts of war against the Democratic Republic of North Vietnam," the Hanoi delegation's statement said. "That is the first lie."

The statement said Mr. Nixon

lied a second time in accusing North Vietnam of extending the war to Laos and Cambodia whereas it was the United States that had done so. "A third lie," it said, was his claim to be willing to negotiate, whereas he rejects the other side's peace proposals and nurtures "the illusion of a military victory."

The statement declared that the Nixon Administration was preparing "senseless military adventures" against North Vietnam but was "heading for even worse defeats."

Victory communiqués read by Communist delegates regarding the recent fighting were the only relatively new note at the session, which was otherwise limited to restatement of previous positions.

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