

# THIEU IS ADAMANT ON PEACE TERMS

Bars a Vietcong Coalition  
Without an Election and  
Is Cool to Cease-Fire

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, July 31 — President Nguyen Van Thieu declared tonight that South Vietnam's conditions for peace were unchanged and ruled out any coalition government with the Communists except one that might result from free, internationally supervised elections.

The President expounded his position in a 45-minute television address "to put the Communist side as well as those urging Saigon to adopt a more flexible negotiating position on notice that David K. E. Bruce, who will assume his post tomorrow as chief of the American delegation at the Paris peace talks, had with him no new proposals approved by the South Vietnamese Government.

Mr. Thieu noted that reports of new peace initiatives and cease-fire proposals had coincided with Mr. Bruce's appointment and his visit here last week. Therefore, he said, he felt it advisable to clarify South Vietnam's position.

Although he showed no optimism over the probability of a negotiated settlement, Mr. Thieu nonetheless spoke at greater length and in more detail on the subject of a cease-fire than he had before.

He said that a cease-fire was possible either to be implement-

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ed as part of a general peace agreement or to be negotiated and put into effect before a peace settlement. In either case, he continued, certain minimum conditions must be met.

First, he said, there could be no unconditional cease-fire. Such an agreement, he said, must be the result of negotiations.

Also, he said, a cease-fire must not serve to give the enemy a breathing spell and must be conducive to reaching a general settlement. Further, he said a cease-fire must be fully implemented and respected and supervised.

He emphasized, however, that South Vietnam had not made a cease-fire proposal at the Paris talks.

Mr. Thieu emphasized that the Vietcong could participate in any future election not only by casting their votes but also in counting the ballots under international supervision.

"We do not ask them to surrender," he said, "but only to lay down their arms and accept a democratic struggle."

Until they do so, Mr. Thieu warned, his Government had no choice but to continue the fight. He said:

"I am a man of peace. I am not warlike, nor am I a man ready to surrender to the Communists."

## Hanoi Aide Assails Nixon

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PARIS, July 31—A spokesman for the North Vietnamese delegation at the peace talks said here today that President Nixon's remarks about Vietnam at a news conference last night showed that his Administration "still cherishes the delusion of obtaining a military victory" in order to "gain a position of strength at the conference table."

In a statement, he said the Nixon Administration "excels in the art of lying, in the art of making defeats look like victory."

A Vietcong spokesman here, speaking separately, said, "Mr. Nixon is striving to cling to the Thieu-Ky-Khiem government, a corrupt and dictatorial government whose overthrow the entire South Vietnamese population demands."