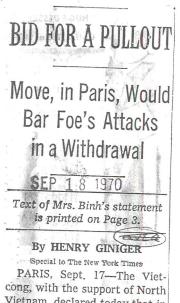
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VIETCONG OFFER NEW PEACE PLAN; U.S. IS COOL TO IT



Vietnam, declared today that in exchange for an agreement on the withdrawal of all American and other foreign forces from South Vietnam by June 30 of next year, the Communists would refrain from attacking the withdrawing troops.

The offer was expressed in an eight-point statement by Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, foreign minister of the Vietcong's provisional revolutionary government, who returned to the conference table here for the first time in three months.

Later, a spokesman for the Vietcong delegation, asked what the Communists' attitude would be toward South Vietnamese troops, said that it would depend on Saigon's reaction. If the South Vietnamese troops continued hostilities, he said, the Vietcong would fight back. If they ceased all combat, he said, the Vietcong would also refrain.

All Four Heads Present

The new Communist initiative was taken when, for the first time since last December, all four delegations were represented by their regular heads David K. E. Bruce of the United States, Pham Dang Lam of South Vietnam Xuan Thuy of North Vietnam and Mrs. Binh. The move represented the first substantive initiative in the public talks in more than 16 months.

The American delegation appeared more guarded than ususal in characterizing the Communist move. Mr. Bruce said that his first impression had been that the Communists were offering "old wine in new bottles" but added that their statements would be studied carefully.

Two basic Communist demands, presented as part of an over-all 10-point settlement in May, 1969, appeared to be basically unaltered. One calls for total and rapid withdrawal of American and other non-Vietnamese troops and the other calls for the replacement of the present Government in Saigon by a coalition government.

The two demands had been reiterated week after week since their introduction with virtually no elaboration and with steady denunciations of what were termed American imperialism and South Vietnamese treason. The United States, characterizing the demands as preconditions, had complained constantly that no real negotiation was taking

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shift. In the 10-point program, The initiative also provided settlement of the prisoner quesadded reasons for private ses- tion would have been part of sions between Mr. Bruce and an over-all settlement. The Mr. Thuy. The United States North Vietnamese said has said it will not meet pri- prisoner settlement would in-vately with the Vietcong if clude those they held, mainly Saigon's delegates are not pres-airmen.

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room in the old Hotel Majestic Australians, New Zealanders and Thais. Mrs. Binh merely reiterated the original proposal that "the question of the Vietnamese armed forces in South Vietnam shall be resolved by the Vietnamese parties among themselves." The North Vietnamese have never acknowledged that their troops are in South Vietnam.

On the political side, the communists said that they Communists said that would enter discussions about the formation of a provisional coalition government only with a new Government in Saigon. They called for the removal of President Nguyen Van Thieu, Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky and Premier Tran Thien Khiem, but said that other members

of the present Government would hold elections for an ould be acceptable. Such persons would partici-tution. Mrs. Binh asserted that would be acceptable.

Binh said. To arrive at a political solu-tion, Mrs. Binh said, her gov-ernment was ready to make contact "with forces and per-sons of all political and re-ligious opinions in the country and abroad including persons. United States Government will and abroad, including persons United States Government will participating in the present not impose any government on Saigon Administration with the the people of South Vietnam." exception of Thieu, Ky and He continued to quote Mr. Khiem."

Such persons would partici-pate in a coalition with mem-bers of the Vietcong's provi-sional revolutionary govern-ment and other leaders in South Vietnam and abroad who favor peace, democracy, neu-trality and independence, Mrs. Binh said. To arrive at a political solu-tions run by an electoral com-

Nixon. "Our essential objective

From discussions between the new government and the provisional revolutionary gov- determine their own future ernment, Mrs. Binh said, would emerge a coalition regime that ence."