

# A Comparison of Both Sides' Positions on Peace

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Following is a comparison of the position taken in Paris today by the Vietcong with those put forth in May, 1969, plus those set out by President Nixon in a June, 1969, speech and by President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam in various statements.

## WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS

**VIETCONG TODAY**—Total withdrawal of allied troops by June 30, 1971; no attacks by Vietcong during withdrawal.

**VIETCONG 1969**—Unconditional withdrawal of all foreign forces; no date set.

**NIXON**—Gradual withdrawal of U. S. and allied forces over 12 months from an agreement; remaining forces to be withdrawn as North Vietnamese return home.

**THIEU**—Opposed to complete U.S. withdrawal, wants residual force for many years.

## PRISONERS OF WAR

**VIETCONG TODAY**—Ready to talk about them now.

**VIETCONG 1969**—Release to be negotiated after war is settled.

**NIXON**—Earliest possible release on both sides.

**THIEU**—No position.

## CEASE-FIRE

**VIETCONG TODAY**—Arranged after agreement on all other points.

**VIETCONG 1969**—Not mentioned.

**NIXON**—On an agreed timetable and under international supervision.

**THIEU**—Closely supervised and as a prelude to a general agreement.

## INTERIM PROVISIONAL GOVT.

**VIETCONG TODAY**—Thieu, Ky and Khiem out of Government, Vietcong to negotiate with a new government in Saigon.

**VIETCONG 1969**—Coalition of all tendencies, including

those in the Saigon administration but Thieu, Ky and Khiem not mentioned by name.

**NIXON**—U.S. will not abandon Thieu Government nor force it to resign.

**THIEU**—His Government must be party to any agreement.

## ELECTIONS

**VIETCONG TODAY**—Free for all, supervised by interim government.

**VIETCONG 1969**—Vietnamese to decide for themselves, under an elected coalition government.

**NIXON**—Elections open to all under international supervision.

**THIEU**—Elections open to all

who agree to abide by decision, under international supervision.

## Reunification

**VIETCONG TODAY**—Gradual, with no foreign interference.

**VIETCONG 1969**—Same.

**NIXON**—Up to Vietnamese self-determination.

**THIEU**—Through free choice of the Vietnamese people.

## FOREIGN POLICY

**VIETCONG TODAY**—Neutrality; diplomatic relations with all nations.

**VIETCONG 1969**—Same.

**NIXON**—Up to the self-determination of the Vietnamese.

**THIEU**—To be determined by a new government.