

KY CALLS CEASE-FIRE FIRST STEP TO PEACE

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South Vietnam's Vice President, Nguyen Cao Ky, declared today that a cease-fire in Vietnam was "the first step" toward a peaceful solution of the war. But he did not elaborate.

"The basic problem is the cease-fire first, the principle of a cease-fire," he said in a televised interview. "If they accept it, and then we will sit with them and discuss, and listen to them, any kind of a proposition, any kind of a cease-fire they want."

Mr. Ky's comments, made on the Columbia Broadcasting System television show "Face the Nation," filmed in Paris, added to earlier speculation that the allies may be preparing to make new cease-fire proposals at the Paris peace talks before the Nov. 3 Congressional elections in this country.

In the interview, Mr. Ky said he did not know whether the Communist negotiators were interested in negotiating on the terms of a cease-fire.

But he stated that he had returned to Paris to head the South Vietnamese delegation in an effort to "bring new hope to the Paris talks." In this connection he mentioned the cease-fire issue.