

## PEKING AID PACT HAILED BY HANOI

North Vietnam Is Silent on  
Nixon's Peace Proposals

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HONG KONG, Oct. 8—Expressions of solidarity with Communist China and appreciation for a new Peking aid grant came from Hanoi today, but no reaction to the new proposals by President Nixon for a settlement of the Indochina war.

Like the North Vietnamese, the Chinese Communists offered no comment on Mr. Nixon's proposals during the day and night that followed the President's speech.

The North Vietnamese Government, however, devoted more than usual attention to a new agreement for military and economic aid from Peking announced there yesterday.

Reporting the agreement in a radio broadcast heard here, Hanoi revealed that the aid, described as "covering assistance for 1971," would be "nonrefundable," that is, free. The Peking announcement that preceded Hanoi's report did not mention this aspect of the aid package.

### Hanoi Aide Expresses Joy

The Hanoi report of the aid agreement said that Nguyen Con, a North Vietnamese Deputy Premier who headed the delegation that negotiated the

agreement in Peking, had expressed joy over the aid and "sincere thanks to the Communist party, Government and great people of China."

The Hanoi radio said the Chinese Premier, Chou En-lai, who was present at the signing of the agreement, had stressed that "China and Vietnam are standing in the same combat trench" and that "the Chinese people are resolved to support the Vietnamese people's resistance against United States aggression until final victory."

The official Hanoi daily, Nhan Dan, elaborated on North Vietnam's appreciation for the aid in an editorial, heard here in a radio broadcast, that said the new aid package was "an eloquent manifestation of the Chinese people's determination to oppose United States imperialist aggressors and warmongers."

### Amount of Aid Undisclosed

No details have come from Peking or Hanoi with regard to the scope of the latest aid program. The new accord follows up other agreements concluded annually for almost two decades.

Between last year's annual agreement and this year's a special program of grant aid was provided by Communist China at midyear this year. This appeared to be the result of the Vietnamese Communists' loss of Cambodia as a sanctuary and import supply route for the Vietnam war through the port of Sihanoukville, now known as Kompong Som.

The announcement of last year's annual aid agreement, unlike this year's, made no mention of military aid, nor was there any statement that last year's aid was nonreimbursable.