

Communists Accuse Laird

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PARIS, Jan. 7—The Vietnamese Communists charged today that Defense Secretary Laird was taking new war plans with him on his visit to Saigon.

After another fruitless session of the Vietnam peace talks the 98th since they began in January, 1969, Nguyen Than Le spokesman for the North Vietnamese delegation, declared that in the last two months, "the Nixon Administration has multiplied its threats against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam."

Mr. Le said the threats and pretexs for acts of aggression were a prelude for Mr. Laird's visit to Saigon, which is to begin tomorrow. He noted that Mr. Laird's visit to Saigon at the beginning of 1969 was followed by announcement of the Vietnamization policy, which Mr. Le said was a way of perpetuating the war. In February, 1970, Mr. Laird again visited Saigon, Mr. Le said, and this was followed by the overthrow

of Prince Norodom Sihanouk in Cambodia and the incursion into that country by American forces.

The North Vietnamese and Vietcong delegations today tried to belie the optimism expressed by President Nixon on television Monday and by Mr. Laird yesterday in a news conference here.

Xuan Thuy, the chief North Vietnamese negotiator, noted at the conference table that the President had said that an end of the American combat role in Vietnam was in sight.

"This is only propaganda," Mr. Thuy asserted. "The realities of the situation give the lie to such declarations." He said American forces and the Saigon puppet troops had committed innumerable crimes in trying to pacify the country, had stepped up B-52 bombardments, had intensified the use of chemical products and had spread the war to Cambodia and Laos.

Duong Dinh Thao, spokesman for the Vietcong delegation, said his side wanted the United States not only out of combat but out of Vietnam.

Stephen Ledogar, the American press spokesman, who appeared after the Communist spokesmen, asked: "If they are

winning, why are they complaining so much? Why are they running scared?"

3 Dead Pilots Identified

PARIS, Jan. 7 (Reuters) — The Hanoi delegation to the peace talks today identified three United States pilots killed when their planes either had been shot down or crashed in North Vietnam.

The pilots were identified as Donald Maurice Singer, Arthur Steward Mearns and Capt. Samuel Fantle 3d. No home towns were given.

The first two names were also given to the New York-based Committee for Liaison With American Families, Mr. Le said. Mr. Fantle's name was given to Senator George McGovern, Democrat of South Dakota, in response to a query, he added.

Combat Troops to Remain

WASHINGTON Jan. 7 (UPI) —United States troops are to cease to play a major combat role in Vietnam after May 1, but the Pentagon said today that more than 100,000 American combat troops would remain there in a security role.

A Pentagon spokesman, Jerry W. Friedheim, mentioned the figure after Secretary Laird said in Bangkok today that by

May 1 "a major portion of our combat forces that have a combat responsibility or a combat assignment within the country will have been withdrawn."

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