

Chou's Warning On Asian War

Tokyo

Premier Chou En-lai visited North Vietnam over the weekend and declared that Communist China has made "adequate preparations" for continued U.S. war efforts in Indochina, Hanoi radio reported today.

The Chinese leader also said the Nixon Administration "must be responsible for all the serious consequences" arising from such military action, the broadcast said, without specifying what kind of preparations China has made.

The official Vietnam news agency said Chou made the statement at a banquet Friday night in Hanoi after arriving there with a delegation of high-ranking military officials from Peking. They reportedly left yesterday.

The Chinese premier said "the three Indochinese countries are China's close neighbors," the agency said in the broadcast monitored here.

"By wilfully enlarging their aggressive war in the Indochinese area, the U.S. imperialists are posing a serious threat to China," he said.

Chou said, "The Chinese government and the Chinese people have already seen through all the frenzied and

adventurous nature of the U.S. imperialists, and have made adequate preparations.

"The Nixon government must be responsible for all the serious consequences arising from its unceasing expansion of the aggressive war in the Indochinese region."

Chou continued: "China and Vietnam are two neighbor countries as close to each other as the lips and the teeth.

"The two peoples of China and Vietnam are comrades in arms sharing life and death.

"The Chinese people, now as before, always regard the struggle of the Vietnamese people as their own.

"The 700 million Chinese people provide a powerful backing for the Vietnamese people, the vast expanse of China's territory is their reliable rear area.

"The Chinese people will forever act upon the teachings of Chairman Mao Tse-tung, their great leader, by standing unswervingly on the side of the Vietnamese people and the other peoples of Indochina, and making all-out efforts to assist your resistance war against U.S. aggression, for national salvation.

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