

MOSCOW AFFIRMS IT STILL OPPOSES INDOCHINA PARLEY

Letter by Gromyko to Thant
Believed to Reflect Stand
of Vietnamese Reds

PEKING U.N. SEAT ASKED

Publication Suggests Nixon
Shift on China Has Not
Affected Soviet Policy

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MOSCOW, July 20—The Soviet Government today affirmed support for Communist China's admission to the United Nations and opposition to an international conference on Indochina.

A letter from Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko to Secretary General Thant of the United Nations, made public in Izvestia, seemed to indicate that the Vietnamese Communists remained opposed to any effort along the lines of previous Geneva conferences to negotiate an Indochina settlement. In the past the Russians have been careful to coordinate their public statements on Indochina with Hanoi, and Western diplomats believed that the call for a settlement by the Indochinese themselves without outside intervention reflected North Vietnam's position.

Australian Report Recalled

There had been some speculation abroad that Hanoi might be shifting its position after Premier Chou En-Lai of Communist China reportedly told an Australian Labor party delegation that Peking now would participate in a new conference of the Geneva type. But Mr. Chou did not suggest such a meeting or say that Hanoi wanted one, diplomats said.

Despite repeated efforts to reactivate the Geneva machinery, North Vietnam has opposed any meeting, preferring to negotiate directly in Paris with the United States. The Soviet Union, as a co-chairman with Britain of the 1954 Geneva conference on Indochina and the 1962 parley on Laos, has followed Hanoi's lead in rejecting efforts for a new meeting.

Mr. Gromyko's letter was solicited by Mr. Thant as part of his assigned task of finding out how a United Nations declaration on strengthening international security was being carried out. Mr. Thant will make a report to the 26th General Assembly, which convenes Sept. 21.

Before Announcement of Trip

The letter was dated July 13, before President Nixon announced his acceptance of an invitation from Mr. Chou to visit China. But its publication today indicated that the visit would have no effect on Moscow's traditional, if often lukewarm, support of Communist China's admission to the world body.

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