

Thieu Would Go to Hanoi

SAIGON — (UPI) — President Nguyen Van Thieu said yesterday he is willing to go to Hanoi to hold peace talks with the Communists or have their representatives come to Saigon.

Thieu said he has repeatedly offered the Communists a ceasefire while peace is discussed.

"I would even go to Hanoi or have them come to the

palace here for talks. I've offered them everything. I would even consider having the two parts of Vietnam inside the United Nations."

North Vietnam is not in the United Nations and South Vietnam has only an unofficial observer there.

Thieu said, for all his concessions, the Communists have offered nothing in return.

The president, departing somewhat from his usual stand of urging a military victory, spoke off-the-cuff to several thousand people in Cholon. He is a candidate for reelection in the Oct. 3 presidential election.

As Thieu spoke, his leading election opponent, Gen. Duong Van (Big) Minh, made his initial campaign appearance in Cholon, speaking for two minutes.

He refused to answer questions, observing that under the election laws it is illegal to make public statements until the official campaign begins Sept. 2.

Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky, another potential presidential candidate, still has not mustered the required support to qualify for the ballot. Deadline for filing is Aug. 4.