

OCT 9 1971

THE NEW YORK TIMES,

SOVIET-HANOI TIES APPEAR BOLSTERED

Podgorny Ends Visit After
Aid Pacts Are Signed

By TILLMAN DURDIN

Special to The New York Times

HONG KONG, Oct. 8.—President Nikolai V. Podgorny of the Soviet Union left Hanoi by air today, ending a five-day visit that appears to have further consolidated Soviet-North Vietnamese ties.

Mr. Podgorny's delegation signed new agreements with the North Vietnamese for trade and for economic and military aid. The agreements are likely to increase Soviet assistance at a time of special need by the Vietnamese Communists because of recent damaging floods and earlier losses of military matériel along the Ho Chi Minh Trail network and in Cambodia.

No details of the trade and aid agreements were included in the Hanoi radio's reports of the Podgorny visit reaching here. But in a speech he made at a reception Tuesday night, Mr. Podgorny said that in aid and trade talks Soviet commitments had given full satisfaction to the North Vietnamese.

Followed Chinese Visit

Mr. Podgorny's delegation included Gen. Sergei Skachkov, First Deputy Minister of Defense; Kirill T. Mazurov, member of the Politburo of the Soviet Communist party; Nikolai P. Firyubin, a Deputy Foreign Minister; and Ivan T. Grishin, a Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade.

Their stay followed a visit a week earlier by a Chinese Communist delegation under Deputy Premier Li Hsian-nien.

Like the Russians, the Chinese during their visit signed new agreements for economic and military aid and trade exchanges.

The Podgorny visit seemed particularly aimed at countering the Chinese impact on the North Vietnamese.

A joint statement issued by the Russians and the Vietnamese stressed the mutual support and solidarity of North Vietnam and the Soviet Union and emphasized that Moscow "will eternally and firmly support the Vietnam peoples' struggle against U. S. imperialism by every means."

The statement noted that Soviet aid is "without repayment."

It also expressed the full support of both sides for the peace terms of the Cambodian Government-in-exile of Prince Norodom Sihanouk and of the Communist-led Pathet Lao in Laos. These call for an end to American involvement.

In supporting the Sihanouk program for a peace in Cambodia, the Soviet delegation

appears to have moved toward backing the Peking-based Cambodian Government-in-exile despite the fact that Moscow recognizes the Lon Nol Government in Phnompenh.

While effusive in their expressions of appreciation to the Russians, the North Vietnamese were careful to voice, at appropriate times, similar sentiments toward all Socialist countries that are helping them, including Communist China.

President Podgorny and his delegation went to the airport today through streets lined with cheering, banner-waving crowds. At the airport all top Hanoi leaders were present to bid farewell to the visitors.