

New Saigon Government Again Urges Cease-Fire

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Wednesday, April 30 (AP)—The Government of President Duong Van Minh appealed anew yesterday for a cease-fire as it sought ways to enter into negotiations with the Vietcong.

The calls for a truce were made on radio and television by Vice President Nguyen Van Huyen. He said later in an interview that a Government delegation met twice during the day with a Vietcong delegation at Tan Son Nhut air base, at the edge of Saigon. But the Vietcong representatives there, he said, pronounced themselves as not qualified to make political decisions.

The Vice President noted that one of the Vietcong demands—that all Americans leave South Vietnam—was already being met. He added that additional Vietcong demands for the dissolution of the Saigon Government and its army were being considered.

Reports of Accord Denied

Reports circulated during the day that the Government and the Vietcong had reached tentative agreement on a truce as a step toward the opening of negotiations. But the Vice President denied these reports, saying there had been no direct reply from the Vietcong.

[Political sources in Saigon, quoted by United Press International, said the Minh Government had agreed in principle to disarm the South Vietnamese Army except for a limited number of security forces, but there was no confirmation of this report. There also were reports that the Vietcong were demanding the withdrawal of the United States Seventh Fleet from the Indochina area before agreeing to talks].

A Vietcong statement broadcast by the Hanoi Radio accused the Minh Government of trying through its actions to prolong the war. The broadcast went on to call upon the country's people and army to join in a general uprising against the Saigon Government.

The statement said that neither North Vietnam nor the Vietcong's Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam accepted the appointment of General Minh as the solution to the Vietnam war.

The original call for a cease-fire was made by General Minh on Monday as he assumed the office of President to seek peace with the Communists.

Addressing himself to "our friends of the other side, the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam," the general, who is known among some Americans as Big Minh, said:

"Let us sit together and negotiate and work out a solution. I propose we stop all aggression against each other. I hope you will approve my suggestion."

He appealed for reconciliation and said that was the spirit of Vietnam cease-fire accord signed in Paris in January, 1973. The Communists, he noted have always urged that the Paris accords be carried out.

General Minh succeeded Tran Van Huong, who had served as President of South Vietnam for only a week. He had been Vice President under President Nguyen Van Thieu and became President after Mr. Thieu's resignation on April 21.

The transition from President Huong to President Minh was arranged with the approval of the National Assembly as an emergency step toward peace negotiations.

The Vietcong delegation with which the Government representatives met during the day has been at Tan Son Nhut since the first days after the Paris accords were signed.

Cease-Fire Reports Denied

PARIS, April 29 (Reuters) — The Vietcong mission here today dismissed reports of a cease-fire arrangement in Vietnam and said the Communist forces had already established power in some areas of Saigon.

"The fight continues," a spokesman for the Vietcong's Provisional Revolutionary Government told reporters.

Asked about Saigon reports of a new tentative cease-fire accord, the spokesman said the conditions for peace had still not been met.

As specified here earlier, the conditions included the withdrawal of all Americans from South Vietnam, dissolution of Saigon's army and ending of "police repression."