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Fireworks Pop in Hanoi; Envoys in Peking Sing

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HANOI, North Vietnam, April 30 (Agence France-Presse) — Hanoi exploded with joy today.

Most of the city's population heard Gen. Duong Van Minh's surrender announcement on their transistor radios. Soon after people all over town were telephoning one another with congratulations.

Fireworks were let off in some of the most austere North Vietnamese ministries.

The news had an even bigger impact than it might have at another time because Hanoi is getting ready for a mass meeting to celebrate May Day. This year, according to the Federation of Vietnamese Trade Unions, the May Day theme is the brilliant prospect of the Vietnamese revolution.

Singing in Peking

PEKING, April 30 (Reuters) — Dark-suited officials of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam rushed into the courtyard of their embassy here today shouting the news.

Soon the street outside was

full of envoys singing and chanting. Albanian diplomats embraced the Vietnamese. Even the usually dour Chinese embassy guards put down their guns and began to applaud.

"We have been waiting a long time for this," a senior Vietnamese diplomat said.

Envoys Celebrate

PEKING, April 30 (Agence France-Presse) — Diplomats from North Vietnam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam celebrated the fall of Saigon today in their respective embassies. They shouted with joy and embraced each other as hundreds of firecrackers were set off.

The two embassies were decorated with little flags. Staff members, dressed in their best clothes and beaming, received congratulations from delegations from other Communist embassies.

Most Chinese, however, were still unaware of the fall of Saigon because it had not yet been reported by Hsinhua, the Chinese press agency.