

## Mrs. Binh Briefs 9 Envoys

South Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh has briefed envoys of nine Communist countries and received their assurances of support in expanding the revolution, the Vietcong radio reported yesterday.

Mrs. Binh received ambassadors of the Soviet Union, China, Cambodia, Cuba, East Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Romania on Saturday, the radio said. Apparently they met in Saigon.

The briefing on the "situation after the April 30? liberation" included "certain subjects which could reinforce links between the countries," the broadcast added.

The nine ambassadors assured they would "continue to support and aid our people in its efforts to protect and expand the results of the dazzling revolution," it said.

According to the same broadcast, another 400 prisoners from the Conson Island "tiger cages" returned to Saigon, bringing the total released to 1,300.

The Provisional Revolutionary Government ordered workers at Tansonnhut airport under the previous gov-

ernment to return to their jobs so that international flights could resume.

Finally, the radio acknowledged that people are starving but said the new rulers have distributed 1,100 tons of rice to more than 220,000 persons. It said committees have been formed to make citizens realize that "the present starvation is caused by the former regime."

### Samphan Celebrates

Cambodian Vice Premier Khieu Samphan presided over a celebration in Phnom Penh of the Vietcong victory in South Vietnam, Radio Phnom Penh announced. It was the first mention of Khieu Samphan in almost two weeks, tending to discredit rumors that he had been jailed.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodia's titular head of state, left his home in Peking by special train for North Korea at the invitation of President Kim Il Sung, China's Hsinhua news agency reported.

Earlier, the Japanese news agency Kyodo quoted Sihanouk as saying he would not return to Phnom Penh until the capital is rehabilitated.

### For the Record

- Philippine Foreign Minister Carlos Romulo said in Manila that the new Communist governments in Indochina had not responded to proposals that they join the five-state Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

- Swedish immigration authorities said they had granted temporary visas to 22 of 27 South Vietnamese refugees picked up in the South China Sea two weeks ago by a Swedish freighter. The other five were given visas for Canada, where they have relatives.

From staff reports and news dispatches