

Hanoi Offer To U.S. on Missing GIs

Bangkok

North Vietnam said yesterday it is ready to pursue the fate of missing Americans but linked the offer to U.S. reconstruction aid.

"The search for U.S. missing persons in the Vietnam war, the exhumation and return of bones of U.S. personnel are outstanding matters that should be resolved as soon as possible," Premier Pham Van Dong said in a letter to 27 U.S. congressmen broadcast by Hanoi radio.

"The government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam is ready to confer with the government of the United States to solve these problems," Pham said. But he added there must be "total termination of interference into the internal affairs of South Vietnam and the contribution to postwar reconstruction to heal the wounds of war in both North and South Vietnam."

The letter, sent June 21, was in reply to the Democratic representatives "who previously worked for the termination" of U.S. involvement in South Vietnam, the broadcast said.

The Hanoi Radio broadcast quoting Pham's letter said it was in response to a letter from the congressmen dated May 22.

It identified the representatives, all Democrats, as Richard L. Ottinger, N.Y.; Donald W. Riegle, Mich.; Andrew Young, Ga.; Lionel Van Deerlin, Calif.; Henry S. Reuss, Wis.; Robert N. C. Nix, Pa.; Jonathan B. Bingham, N.Y.; Bella S. Abzug, N.Y.; James H. Scheuer, N.Y.; Shirley Chisholm, N.Y.; Morris K. Udall, Ariz.; Patricia Schroeder, Colo.; Abner J. Mikva, Ill.; Robert F. Drinan, Mass.; Frank Thompson Jr., N.J.

George W. Brown Jr., Calif.; Yvonne B. Burke, Calif.; James J. Howard, N.J.; John L. Burton, Calif.; John E. Moss, Calif.; John Conyers Jr., Mich.; Donald X. Fraser, Minn.; Benjamin S. Rosenthal, N.Y.; Michael Harrington, Mass.; Edward I. Koch, N.Y.; Ken Hechler, W.Va.; William S. Morehead, Pa.

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