

Holiday in Hanoi: 'Glorious Spring Victory' Is Praised

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BANGKOK, Thailand, Sept. 2

—North Vietnam today celebrated the 30th anniversary of its declaration of independence as hundreds of thousands of people thronged Hanoi's main square to hear Premier Pham Van Dong praise "the glorious spring victory."

It was the first gathering since the Communist victories in Indochina of the leaders of all the region's major Communist countries—from North and South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos—together with those of the Soviet Union and China.

From the reviewing stand adjoining the newly opened Ho Chi Minh mausoleum on Ba Dinh Square, the leaders reviewed a parade of more than 20,000 troops with artillery, missiles and tanks as jets flashed overhead. Later these same leaders reportedly began a series of conferences in the North Vietnamese capital, the nature of which has not yet been disclosed.

There were ceremonies in Saigon as well. Hanoi and Saigon began live radio broadcasts of the celebrations in the respective cities shortly after 6 A.M. today. The broadcasts, including speeches and commentaries, were monitored here.

Mausoleum Opens

The ceremonies in Hanoi capped nearly a week of openings, celebrations and parties including the unveiling of the huge Soviet-designed mausoleum for President Ho Chi Minh, who died six years ago tomorrow.

In the last week, scores of foreign dignitaries poured into Hanoi. From Peking, Cambodia's titular head of state, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, led a Cambodian delegation that also included Khieu Samphan,

the deputy premier who is considered the real power in Cambodia.

It is expected that this visit to North Vietnam is a prelude to Prince Sihanouk's return to Cambodia next week for at least a brief visit.

Laos was represented by a delegation led by Prince Souphanouvong who is nominal head of the Pathet Lao but it considered to be little more than a figurehead. There was, however, no mention in any of the dispatches that any members of the Pathet Lao leadership from their headquarters of Samnua had made the trip to Hanoi. These leaders are con-

Japan Says North Koreans Seize Fishing Boat, Killing 2

TOKYO, Sept. 2 (UPI) — A North Korean patrol ship fired on a Japanese fishing vessel, and then seized it in the northern Yellow Sea today, killing two of the nine crewmen and wounding two others, the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency reported.

The agency said that the fishing boat, the Shosei Maru, was fired on while operating in an area 108 miles east of Dairen, Manchuria, near the sea boundary between China and North Korea. Both countries claim extensive military zones outside their territorial waters.

The 49-ton vessel was surrounded by several North Korean patrol ships while being towed toward North Korea, reports from nearby Japanese ships said, according to the maritime agency.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry said it had asked both China and North Korea through Japanese Red Cross to investigate the case.

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considered particularly close to many of the top North Vietnamese figures.

In his keynote address, Premier Dong emphasized the need for "close cooperation" between the leaders of North and South Vietnam while steering clear of any indication of an immediate merger of the two countries.

And he went even further, noting that "Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City, will have a very important position in many fields and will develop relations with Southeast Asia countries and the rest of the world."

Efforts for the establishment of relations with other Southeast Asian countries have, however, stalled in recent weeks.

Today, Thailand's Foreign Minister, Chatchai Choonhavan, said that a "full schedule would prevent him from accepting invitations he had received to visit North Vietnam this month. But Premier Dong said that North Vietnam was "ready to establish normal relations with the United States."

After Premier Dong's speech, the review of the military units by Defense Minister Vo Nguyen Giap began.

In his "order of the day" read at the start of the review, General Giap reiterated what has become a recent theme among several North Vietnamese leaders.

"It is necessary," he said, "to smash all dark schemes of counterrevolutionaries in order to defend territorial integrity, airspace, territorial waters, borders and islands of the independent and unified Vietnam."

Thousands March In Saigon

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Sept. 2 (UPI)—Hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese marched through the streets of Saigon today to celebrate North Vietnam's independence day. "I really don't know how

many people are marching," said a Government official who had been watching people pass 15 abreast for two hours.

A final estimate was 250,000—one of the largest demonstrations ever seen in Saigon. Railroad workers had built a locomotive float and there were two bands, but mainly it was a parade of people—from peasants dressed in black pajamas to city women wearing flowery silk ao dais.

Everyone seemed to be carrying a flag or a picture of Ho Chi Minh or one end of a banner welcoming peace, independence, and freedom—the rallying slogans of the Government.

For three hours they passed a huge reviewing stand of the former presidential palace and a block from the old American Embassy. An honor guard of soldiers stood at attention the whole time.

Many of the marchers had been up all night and appeared

fired. Torn shoes and sandals littered the streets.

Russians Meet Cambodians

MOSCOW, Sept. 2, (Reuters)—A Soviet delegation in Hanoi for North Vietnam's 30th anniversary celebrations today saw Cambodian leaders in the first known high-level meeting since the Communists took over Phnom, Penh, the official press agency Tass reported.

The delegation met the titular head of state, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, and the armed forces chief and deputy Premier, Khieu Samphan, for what Tass describes as "talks on problems of mutual interest held in a friendly atmosphere."

Leading the Soviet delegation was Mikhail Solomentsev, Premier of the Russian Republic. With him was Konstantin Katushev, a central committee secretary charged with relations with other governing Communist parties.



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A billboard on a street in Hanoi depicting Ho Chi Minh and proclaiming the reunification of Vietnam. The victory over Saigon was praised as North Vietnam celebrated its 30th anniversary of independence.