

U.N. Assembly, 123-0, Asks Reversal of Veto of Vietnams

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 19 — The General Assembly voted today to send back to the Security Council for immediate and favorable consideration the applications of North and South Vietnam for membership in the United Nations.

The United States, which had vetoed the applications in the Security Council last month, abstained in the 123 to 0 vote on the resolution for reconsideration. The resolution was sponsored by 65 members, most of them third-world and Communist nations, but including Sweden and Finland.

The United States vetoed the applications after the Security Council refused to consider the long-standing application of South Korea.

In vetoing the two applicants, the United States maintained that it did not oppose the entry of the two Vietnams but could not accept the practice of according admission only to nations acceptable to certain countries.

Moynihan Affirms Stand

Daniel P. Moynihan, the chief United States delegate, made it clear in the Assembly that the Government's position remained unchanged, that it opposed "selective universality."

"The United Nations will die if it does not remain representative," Mr. Moynihan warned the Assembly members.

He also asserted that it was not the United States but the Soviet Union that had abused the veto power by four times blocking South Korea's application.

Third-world countries led by Algeria and supported by the Soviet Union and China had campaigned to re-open the is-

sue of the Vietnam applications in the Assembly.

At their insistence, the Assembly also permitted speeches today by delegates from South Vietnam and North Vietnam who have only observer status here. They were the first representatives of non-member nations to speak in the Assembly.

The only other instance of such privileges were the invitation to Pope Paul in 1965 and to Yasir Arafat, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization who spoke in the Assembly last year.

The speeches by the representatives of the two Vietnams struck many diplomats here as being markedly moderate.

License Was Refused

Dinh Ba Thi, the South Vietnamese, told the Assembly that his Government sought normal relations with the United States but that the United States pursued a policy of hostility, even going so far as to prevent private religious organizations from sending humanitarian aid to his country.

There is no law embargoing the shipment of such assistance, according to United States officials. However, the American Friends Service Committee, which has been one of the few agencies operating aid programs, said in July that it had been refused a license to ship agricultural or fishing equipment to North and South Vietnam.

There was no indication when the Security Council would meet to reconsider the applications. There have been a number of similar efforts in the past, most recently in 1972 when Bangladesh was vetoed by China, where the Assembly has requested reconsideration of a blocked application.