

Vietnam Assembly Opens Session After 30 Years

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HANOI, North Vietnam, June 24—The first session of the National Assembly of reunified Vietnam opened here today after 30 years of war and separation.

Of the Assembly's 492 seats, 249 were filled by North Vietnamese and 243 by South Vietnamese.

Present for the ceremony were practically all members of the steering committee of the Vietnamese Workers Party and the main political and military leaders of the North and South.

The convening of the Assembly was the first main legal step to cement reunification of North and South Vietnam. In a few days, Vietnam is expected to have a new cabinet and a new constitution.

Today's ceremony began with the playing of the national anthems of North and South Vietnam, which may have been

about the last time. Then a funeral march was played in memory of those killed in the war.

Nguyen Huu Tho, chairman of the South Vietnamese legislature, mounted the speaker's stand along with Truong Chinh of the North.

Mr. Truong Chinh outlined the agenda for the session, which will last seven to 10 days. The Parliament will designate a committee to review the constitution and will seek a new name for the country.

The colors of the new flag and a national anthem will also be chosen and political and economic capitals designated. It is generally believed that Hanoi will be the political capital and Saigon the economic capital.

The new Assembly consists of 1.6 percent workers, 20.33 percent peasants, 1 percent artisans, 8.66 percent political officials, 10.97 percent revolutionary soldiers, 18.5 percent intellectuals and .06 percent religious figures and Democrats.

Reflection of National Unions

Minority groups are represented by 1.8 percent of the legislators, and women make up 26.21 percent of the Assembly.

This composition "reflects the national union founded on the worker-peasant alliance," Mr. Truong Chinh said.

This new Vietnam "with its 50 million inhabitants constitutes an important factor for peace and social progress in Southeast Asia and in the world," Mr. Truong Chinh said.

The Assembly will meet again tomorrow in Ba Dinh Hall, across the street from the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

Le Duan, first secretary of the North Vietnamese Party, will make a long political report on the situation, the immediate tasks of the country, socialism in Vietnam, domestic and foreign policy and the drafting of the constitution.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Meets at 10:30 A.M. on Palestinian question.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outer Space—10:30 A.M. and 3 P.M.

Committee on Review of U.N. role in Disarmament - 10:30 A.M. and 3 P.M.

Committee Against Apartheid—10:30 A.M.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Committee on Crime Prevention and Control — 10 A.M. and 3 P.M.

Tickets may be obtained at the public desk, main lobby, United Nations headquarters.

Tours: 9 A.M. to 4:45 P.M. performed consecutively for