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Envoy Backs Attack on Nixon Policy

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The Swedish Ambassador to the United States said here yesterday that the attack on President Nixon's Vietnamization policy by his Foreign Minister Thursday is "very consistent" with Sweden's view of the war.

"We have been critical most of the time," said Ambassador Hubert de Besche.

Thursday, Foreign Minister Krister Wickman — in a statement read before the Swedish parliament — accused the U.S. of intensifying the air war in Indochina and warned the increased bombing "is apt to prolong the war."

Ambassador de Besche said neutral Sweden also spoke out against both Russian and German aggression during World War II.

Sweden supplied the Nazis with badly needed iron ore only "because we had to start trading to build up our defenses," he said.

Sweden had turned over large amounts of its precious military supplies to Finland when the Finns were fighting the Russians, he explained.

Ambassador de Besche, one of the founders of the European Free Trade Association, was honored last night at a reception and dinner dance at the St. Francis Hotel sponsored by the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce.