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Sweden Condemns Viet Raids

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Sweden accused the United States yesterday of intensifying bombing raids in Indochina and said President Nixon's Vietnamization policy "is apt to prolong the war."

In a statement read at the start of a foreign policy debate in the Ridsdag (parliament), Foreign Minister Krister Wickman said the prospects of an Indochina peace "still appear to be small. The Vietnamization policy is apt to prolong the war, not to shorten it."

Wickman, expressing the view of Premier Olof Palme's Social Democratic Government, said "the major part of the American ground forces have been withdrawn" from South Vietnam "but at the same time the bombing over the whole of Indochina has been intensified."

He said the raids "severely afflict a poor civilian population. The government has expressed the anxiety we feel over this escalation."

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