

# Tass Hits At Viet Blockade

## Critical of President SFXaminer

Examiner News Services

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union's official news agency, Tass, said today that President Nixon is guilty of "naked aggressive acts" and of violating international law in his new moves against North Vietnam.

It was the initial — and perhaps tentative — response to the American announcement of stern new military moves against the Soviet ally — and perhaps against Soviet shipping.

Tass distributed a six-paragraph dispatch under a Washington dateline, about 12 hours after Nixon's announcement of plans to block the approaches to North Vietnamese ports.

### 'Naked Aggression'

Tass said that "Nixon has tried to justify these naked aggressive acts, which mean an aggravation of American interference in Vietnam and the violation of norms of international law, as saving the lives of 60,000 American soldiers."

Despite the Tass report, there was still no indication of what the Soviet response would be to the direct challenge posed by Nixon's decisions.

### Cong Asks Talks

The North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong accused Nixon of laying down an ultimatum to the Vietnamese people and they rejected it.

The Viet Cong delegation to the Paris peace talks called on the President to "immediately halt all of his acts of war . . . and engage in serious negotiations."

The delegation said: "The Vietnamese people, in fighting for their fundamental national rights . . . will never retreat as long as they have not achieved their sacred objectives."

There were no statements issued by the North Vietnamese delegation, but Communist diplomatic sources said in Paris earlier today both the Hanoi and Viet Cong commands have stored up military hardware

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and will resist the blockade of North Vietnamese supply lines.

"The Nixon Administration is making a big mistake in believing it can use threats, violence and maneuvers to subjugate the Vietnamese people," the Viet Cong statement said.

The declaration added that Nixon "has gone further than his predecessors along the road of escalation of his criminal war of aggression. The evidence shows the Nixon Administration is acting like a barbarian aggressor and like an international policeman, trampling on all the norms of international law and all international conventions, as well as on all moral principle."

Both the Hanoi and Viet Cong commands have stores close to the battlefields in the current offensive in South Vietnam and will continue their attacks, the sources said.

In addition, they said, the Communists are certain to reject President Nixon's conditions for halting the blockade — release of U.S. prisoners of war and an internationally supervised cease-fire.

Hanoi and the Viet Cong have said in the past they will not settle for any partial military accords, but will agree only to an over-all political and military package.