

Hanoi, Reacting to Trip, Bitterly Assails Nixon

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HONG KONG, March 3 — In its first official reaction to President Nixon's China trip, North Vietnam today denounced the American side of the joint Peking communiqué and accused the United States of "sowing discord" among Communist countries.

Even while issuing the denunciation in the official newspaper Nhan Dan, Hanoi continued to keep from its people the fact that their ally China had received Mr. Nixon. It addressed its comments only to "a recent document."

Nhan Dan described Mr. Nixon as a "bellicose, ferocious, ruthless and tricky imperialist ringleader." It declared that the United States was the "enemy No. 1 of all nations in the world."

Reporting this, North Vietnam's official press agency said Nhan Dan also published a cartoon showing a two-faced Nixon holding a bomb in one hand and an olive branch in the other.

Nhan Dan made the attack in an article signed with the byline "Commentator," a pen name used for reports written by senior officials.

Although its invective was directed against Mr. Nixon and the United States, the article appeared to be something of a rebuke to China for entertaining the American President.

Peking has repeatedly affirmed its support for Hanoi and the joint communiqué restated China's support of the Vietcong and North Vietnam, but there was more than a strong hint of disapproval of the visit in the Nhan Dan article.

Referring to the American statement on Vietnam in the communiqué, which recalled the eight-point proposal of the United States and the Saigon Government, the Nhan Dan article said President Nixon "still insolently asked the Vietnamese people to pay a price for the complete withdrawal of American troops."

Dismissing his statements on the need to remove walls existing between nations and peoples and to relax tension in Asia and the world as "ballyhoo," Nhan Dan said that exactly at the same moment as he made the statements, the President ordered intensified air attacks on both North Vietnam and South Vietnam.

"This is how Nixon is working for peace and the self-determination of the Indochinese peoples," the article said.

'Most Dangerous Enemy'

Nhan Dan accused the United States of wrecking world peace, waging aggression, creating tension and "seeking hegemony in the Asia-Pacific region."

In the Peking communiqué, the two sides stated that neither should seek hegemony in the Asia-Pacific region.

Nhan Dan declared: "Listening to Nixon, one cannot help thinking of a gangster who, hiding his bloodstained hands behind his back, preaches morality."

The paper said: "It can be seen from Nixon's activities regarding the Vietnam question and other problems that this aggressive, bellicose, ferocious and obdurate nature of U.S. imperialism has not changed a

bit, that U.S. imperialism is the most dangerous enemy, the enemy No. 1 of all nations in the world."

The Vietnamese people, Nhan Dan said, "resolutely expose the deceptive statements and acts of Nixon regarding the Vietnam problem" and firmly condemn this "savage war crimes."

The article said: "Our position is stronger and stronger, our strength bigger and bigger and our road to complete victory is very clear. Our people and armed forces will not be deterred in this valiant advance by any barbarous act or any dark scheme of U.S. imperialism."