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Intelligence Believes Hanoi Hopes to Show Key Role of Vietcong in Fighting

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, April 30 — Allied intelligence sources said today that the enemy planned a major series of terrorist attacks and popular uprisings in May in South Vietnam's largest cities, especially Danang on the central coast.

According to one intelligence analyst, the plans, which include action against Saigon and attempts to incite riots in a Danang sports stadium, are said to be designed at least in part to reverse the impression that all the fighting is being conducted by North Vietnamese regulars.

So far during the month-long offensive Vietcong forces have played only a minor role and both the leadership in Hanoi and in the National Liberation Front are said to be concerned that this will make it appear that any victories were by the North Vietnamese Army rather than the indigenous Communist movement.

Hanoi Reported Criticized

The Vietcong leaders are so worried about being overshadowed, one intelligence report indicates, that there has been some criticism of Hanoi for staging a conventional offensive with attacks by main-force units and not continuing traditional guerrilla tactics.

The enemy's original plans for the offensive did call for "spontaneous uprisings" in the major cities to accompany the main-force battles, but they have not taken place, an intelligence analyst insisted today, because the Vietcong's urban apparatus is too weak. He said that the new plans for urban fighting supplemented the original ones.

As part of the enemy's effort to create panic and unrest in Saigon, the North Vietnamese Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Divisions, which have been fighting near Anloc in Binhlong Province 60 miles north of Saigon, have been ordered to move into Tayninh Province to the southwest to sweep around the South Vietnamese defending the capital, the sources said.

Perhaps as a result of this order, the pressure on Anloc, where the South Vietnamese

Fifth Division has been besieged for three weeks, has eased in the last few days. At the same time new contacts with the enemy have been reported in Tayninh near the town of Godauha and in Haunghia Province at Cuchi, only 25 miles northwest of Saigon.

Interrogations of North Vietnamese prisoners from the Ninth Division indicate that they have been told they are eventually to move on Saigon and to support the fighting there, but analysts believe that the most immediate threat to Saigon is from enemy rocket attacks, which can be carried out by a few guerrillas.

In Danang, captured documents and prisoners suggest that the enemy cadres have been instructed to incite peo-

ple to riot by playing on the city's depressed living conditions and on the plight of many refugees there who have never been properly resettled by the Government.

Danang, the country's second largest city, has long been a center of anti-Government agitation. Riots by Buddhists and students there in 1966 nearly brought down the Government of Nguyen Cao Ky, who was Premier.

The current enemy plans are said to call for uprisings in five

specific villages on the outskirts of Danang and a march on the Chilang sports stadium. An intelligence analyst said the people would be told that because of Government reverses on the battlefield, the South Vietnamese police and army would be too weak to stop them.

The analyst said the new enemy plans indicated that the North Vietnamese offensive might continue until the fall. Senior American military and civilian officials have previous-

ly said that they believed the enemy could only sustain an offensive for a month or two at the most and would then run out of supplies and manpower. This has been the pattern in the past.

However, the officer said today that since the North Vietnamese were attacking through the demilitarized zone they could now supply their troops more directly. He predicted that the enemy would be likely to run out of soldiers before they ran out of supplies.