

## Saigon Warning of 'Third Viet War'

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A South Vietnamese government spokesman said today that fighting has intensified to the point that a "third war" has broken out in Vietnam.

He said it could end negotiations in Paris for a permanent political settlement.

"The third war as indeed started in South Vietnam," spokesman Bui Bao Truc told a news conference in reply to a question.

"From small attacks to which nobody paid attention, the Communists will launch bigger and bigger operations, little by little, which will not attract the attention of public opinion.

"If they launch a big offensive — and small attacks thoroughly the country could also be considered a big offensive — the negotiations can break up" in Paris, he said.

Negotiations by South Vietnamese government and Communist delegations in Paris, begun last winter un-

der terms of the Paris cease-fire agreement, have so far accomplished little or nothing.

South Vietnamese jets yesterday bombed the Viet Cong's "capital" city and the Viet Cong retaliated with a raid against a South Vietnamese base 120 miles northeast of Saigon.

The fighter-bomber attack on Log Ninh, 75 miles north of Saigon, was the first time bombs had struck a large population center since the all-out U.S. attacks on Hanoi last Christmas.

Both Viet Cong and Saigon government spokesmen described the attacks by their armed forces as "retaliation."

The Saigon spokesman said the air attacks were "to punish the (cease-fire) violations by the Communists in recent days" — Tuesday's shelling of the Bien Hoa air base on the outskirts of Saigon and the overrunning of two South Vietnamese bases 115 miles northeast of Saigon Sunday and Monday.

The Viet Cong had similar justification for the Communist attacks. A spokesman Tuesday said the Bien Hoa shelling was in retaliation for South Vietnamese violations of the cease-fire.

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