

GENOCIDE CHARGE IS MADE BY HANOI

It Hints Village Killings May
Be Exploited at Paris Talks

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North Vietnam accused the United States yesterday of genocide.

The North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the alleged massacre of civilians in a South Vietnamese village in March of last year grew out of United States policy in Southeast Asia and was not merely the result of criminal acts by one American unit.

The Hanoi Government thus seemed to be moving to exploit the reported incident in Songmy village to reinforce its negotiating demands that the United States withdraw quickly and unconditionally from South Vietnam.

U.S. Officials Denounced

The Foreign Ministry statement was the latest of at least four long news articles and reports transmitted by the official Vietnam News Agency since Sunday. Other articles included an editorial denunciation of American officials and what were asserted to be first-hand accounts by survivors of the Songmy incident.

The United States Army has charged First Lieut. William L. Calley Jr. with the murder of at least 109 persons in the incident at Songmy last year.

The North Vietnamese For-

eign Ministry statement broadcast late last night, said:

"The United States war of aggression is a genocidal war against the Vietnamese people. This loathsome crime, which will be forever cursed, has itself laid bare the United States allegation on its so-called defense of the freedom and respect for the fight to self-determination of the South Vietnamese people."

"The question here," the statement continued, "is not only the responsibility of the criminals in Songmy" but "the responsibility of the United States. Ruling circles who have unleashed a war of aggression against Vietnam and committed innumerable and abominable charges against the Vietnamese people."

"To put an end to the United States crimes against the Vietnamese people, the United States aggression must be stopped and the United States and satellite troops must be totally withdrawn from South Vietnam," it asserted.

The Hanoi Government "strongly denounces" the killing of civilians in Songmy, according to the statement, and calls on "progressive people in the United States" and elsewhere to "raise their voices and take measures" to check American policy.

A similar statement by "a spokesman" of the Vietcong's political organization, provisional revolutionary government of South Vietnam, said the reported incident in Songmy "laid bare the fallacy of the United States ruling circles' mythical contention that a 'wholesale massacre' would take place in South Vietnam if the United States withdraws all its troops."