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Red China Paper Hits Nixon Plan

HONG KONG — (UPI) —
The official Chinese Communist Party newspaper said yesterday that President Nixon's eight-point Vietnam peace plan was "absolutely preposterous" and that Nixon should never expect Hanoi and the Viet Cong to accept it.

The plan is under study at the Vietnam peace talks.

The Peking People's Daily said the plan "in effect, is a new strategem of U.S. imperialism for persisting in its aggression on Vietnam and the whole of Indo-China and prolonging and intensifying its wart of aggression."

Peking Broadcast

The article was broadcast by Peking radio.

One western diplomat previously stationed in Peking made the cautionary comment that "although these commentaries obviously are indicative of Peking's attitude, they still must be classified as 'news' commentaries and do not constitute a direct response from the Peking government."

The People Daily article said the Nixon proposal "means that the Indochinese people have to lay down their arms and stop the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation . . . This is absolutely preposterous!"

'Truculent'

The paper said the plan posed "truculent and unreasonable conditions" and Nixon should never expect the Vietnamese people to accept them.

It repeated the Communist demands for unconditional evacuation of U.S. forces from Vietnam, an end to the Vietnamization program, withdrawal of support for the Saigon government and an immediate halt to all "war acts . . . including bombing attacks and military provocations against North Vietnam."