

Peking Condemns Nixon's Proposal on Vietnam

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HONG KONG, Feb. 4—An official statement issued by the Chinese Government today condemned President Nixon's eight-point proposal for ending the war in Vietnam and reaffirmed China's support for the Communist cause in Indochina.

The Government statement, transmitted abroad by the Chinese press agency Hsinhua, followed Chinese press attacks on the Nixon plan. It came less than three weeks before the President is to visit China.

The Chinese Premier, Chou En-lai met last Sunday with the heads of missions representing North Vietnam and the so-called Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam, which was set up by the Vietcong. He told them that the Chinese Communist party, Government and people resolutely supported the Vietcong's seven-point peace proposal and would back the Communists until they achieved complete victory.

China's repeated declarations of support for the Vietnamese Communists were seen here as an effort to convince Hanoi and the Vietcong as well as world opinion that the Chinese would be similarly inflexible in discussing the situation in Vietnam and Indochina with President Nixon.

The Chinese statement said that the war in Vietnam was "started by U.S. imperialism singlehanded" and American aggression was the "root cause of the present situation."

It called on the United States to withdraw American and allied forces totally and unconditionally in advance of an established terminal date, to halt its air raids and other military actions against Vietnam, to stop supporting President Nguyen Van Thieu and to end "all its interference in the internal affairs of South Vietnam."

The statement added that unless the United States took those steps, its peace plans

were "nothing but deceitful empty talk."

Peking declared that the United States must "honestly accept the seven-point peace proposal of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam" and end its support not only for Mr. Thieu but also for the Laotian and Cambodian Governments.

Saigon Rejects Proposal

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Feb. 4 (Reuters)—Foreign Minister Tran Vam Lam today rejected the Vietcong's peace formula, presented yesterday in Paris, which calls for the immediate resignation of President Thieu.