

Hanoi Asks Paris To Intercede

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North Vietnam appealed to France yesterday to try to halt American bombing of its territory.

A request to the French government to use its influence with Washington to halt the air attacks was made by Hanoi's charge d'affaires, Nguyen Thuan Lieu, in a meeting with Herve Alphan, secretary general of the foreign ministry, yesterday afternoon.

There was no immediate French reaction. The French are known to disapprove of the present escalation of the fighting on both sides and to be hoping for resumption of the stalled peace talks.

A North Vietnamese spokesman said Lieu had asked Alphan "that the French government continue to condemn American bombings of North Vietnam, even though they may be limited along the lines of 1966

Phnom Penh declaration made by the late President Charles de Gaulle."

In that declaration, de Gaulle called for a U.S. pull-out from Vietnam and South Vietnam's neutralization.

Earlier yesterday, the United States and South Vietnam turned down a new suggestion by the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese to resume the talks, saying the Communists are trying to secure a military victory and not a negotiated peace.

The United States suspended the talks March 23, claiming the Communists were not serious about negotiations. Since the decision was made, North Vietnamese troops have launched a major new offensive against South Vietnam.

Almost simultaneously, the North Vietnamese military command, in an appeal to its forces disclosed here, called for an all-out effort to "liberate" South Vietnam and destroy the enemy.

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