

Nixon Hopes His Vietnam Move

Won't Prevent Trip to Moscow;

Hanoi Aides Reject 'Ultimatum'

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### President's Course Is Termed 'Challenge to Entire World'

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PARIS, May 9—North Vietnam declared today that "the Vietnamese people will never accept Mr. Nixon's ultimatum."

An official commentary by Hanoi's delegation to the Paris conference said that the President, by mining the port of Haiphong and stepping up the air war, had taken "the gravest step in escalation of the war to date and thrown down an insolent challenge to the Vietnamese people, to the socialist countries, to all peace-loving nations, to the American people

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and to peoples the world over."

The North Vietnamese accused the United States of violating the 1954 Geneva agreements and its 1968 pledge to end attacks north of the 17th Parallel, and of spurning "all reasonable and logical proposals" by the Communists.

#### 'Colonialist Aggressor'

"Both in the plenary sessions and during private contacts, the American side has always maintained its position of a colonialist aggressor," the statement said.

The statement, issued in the name of the Democratic Republic of (North) Vietnam, concluded that the Vietnamese people, while "profoundly attached to peace," would never accept Mr. Nixon's stand.

"As long as the Nixon Administration continues its aggression in Vietnam, continues its policy of Vietnamization of the war and escalation of the war against the "DRVN," it said, "all the Vietnamese people, united as ever, will resolutely continue their resistance struggle until they reach their fundamental objectives, namely, independence, freedom and peace."

#### Condemnation in East Bloc

LONDON, May 9 (Reuters)—Radio stations in Eastern Eu-

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rope were unanimous today in condemning President Nixon's new moves in Vietnam, and several forecast that they would jeopardize the chances of success of his visit to the Soviet Union this month.

The Budapest radio, in a report from its New York correspondent, said that the situation was being compared to the 1962 Cuban crisis and that observers considered it probable that the President had re-

duced the chances of his Moscow visit to a minimum.

A similar view was taken by the Yugoslav press agency, Tanyug, which said the Washington commentators had concluded that the chances of the meeting's taking place had been lessened by 50 per cent.

The Bulgarian radio said Mr. Nixon was "not ready to realize that his policy of Vietnamization is a complete failure."

The East German press agency, A.D.N., described the United States plan an extreme intensification of the war, a serious onslaught against North Vietnam and a violation of international law.

In other Communist reaction,

North Korea denounced the Nixon order as "an extremely dangerous criminal act."