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Hanoi Seems to Soften Terms on Vote in South

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PARIS, Nov. 30 — North Vietnam indicated tonight that it might not oppose international supervision of elections in South Vietnam if they were held under a coalition government — a government that the Communists are trying to promote in place of the present one in Saigon.

Xuan Thuy, chief North Vietnamese delegate at the peace talks here, said on a program to be televised in the United States that his side had never expressed opposition or acceptance of a supervisory commission.

"We are opposed to the maintenance by the United States of the present Administration and the demand that it organize such elections," he said. Under the American-backed proposal put forward by the Saigon Government, elections would be held by a commission in which the Communists were represented and would be supervised by an international body.

Mr. Thuy's apparently conciliatory move came in a videotaped interview that is to be part of a debate on the question of a coalition government.

The debate was organized by the Public Broadcasting Service in its series called "The Advocates" and will be televised Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 on New York's Channel 13 and a day earlier in the rest of the United States.

Organization of Trial

Mr. Thuy and Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, chief negotiator for the Vietcong, both made tape recordings before the regular debate, which was organized as a courtroom trial with witnesses for and against coalition government. The advocate for such government was Richard A. Falk, professor of international law at Princeton University, and the advocate against was Kenneth T. Young, a former United States Ambassador to Thailand.