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# Cong Will Let U.S. Set Date If Thieu Quits

PARIS — (UPI) — The Viet Cong submitted a new and somewhat relaxed peace plan today, promising the release of American prisoners the day all U.S. troops are withdrawn from South Vietnam and to start peace negotiations with the Saigon government if President Nguyen Van Thieu resigns.

The plan was submitted by Viet Cong delegate Nguyen Van Tien at the 143rd session of the Paris talks. It was immediately endorsed by the North Vietnamese.

The Communists told U.S. negotiator William Porter they do not accept the plan disclosed last week by President Nixon on television and put to the North Vietnamese by Henry A. Kissinger last Oct. 11.

Porter said the Viet Cong plan was "rather frantic" and will take time to "sort out."

Tien described the plan as a variation on the seven-point proposal submitted by the Viet Cong last July 1 and never formally rejected by the United States.

### Softer Version

However, it was a somewhat softer version and reflected a relaxation on Communist demands.

The Communists first demanded that they be allowed to set the date for the final U.S. troop withdrawal. Today's plan said the United States could set the date and all U.S. prisoners of war would be released on that day.

The Communists also talked earlier of replacing the entire South Vietnamese government while the new plan mentioned only the resignation of Thieu.

### Highlights

Tien said there were two high points in the redrafted plan:

The United States must set a new deadline for the complete withdrawal of its troops and Thieu must resign immediately.

"This date also will be the one marking the release of

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all prisoners of war including the U.S. pilots held in North Vietnam," he said.

"We also demand that Thieu must resign immediately and the Saigon government must change its policy," he said.

"If this becomes the case the provisional revolutionary government will discuss with this government the formation of a national concord government."

Tien warned that only on this condition will the Viet Cong talk with Saigon.

The revised Communist plan also specifically called for an end to the U.S. air war and threw some new elements into a proposed political settlement. These included election of a constituent assembly and working out of a constitution after Thieu's departure.

The Viet Cong also said the United States should set a "specific terminal date" for withdrawal of all its "troops, advisers, military personnel, weapons and war materials" from South Vietnam.

In addition to the resignation of Thieu, the Viet Cong declared:

"The Saigon administra-

## 'Careful Study' of Red Plan

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WASHINGTON — The White House said today a latest Viet Cong peace proposal contains some "new language" and that careful study is being given to it.

President Nixon's press secretary, Ronald Ziegler, was asked about a plan the Viet Cong submitted in Paris promising the release of all American prisoners of war the day that all U.S. troops are withdrawn from South Vietnam.

icy, disband at once its machine of oppression and constraint against the people, stop its 'pacification' policy, disband the concentration camps, set free those persons arrested on political grounds and guarantee to the people the democratic liberties as provided for by the 1954 Geneva Agreement on Vietnam."

Sources in Saigon reported, meanwhile, that Le Duc Tho, Hanoi's chief peace negotiator, will be in Peking when President Nixon is there, raising the prospect that he and presidential adviser Henry Kissinger will resume their talks on the various peace proposals in the