

Communists Protest U.S. Ban on Paris Session

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PARIS, Feb. 16—North Vietnam and the Vietcong protested today against the refusal of the United States to hold a meeting tomorrow and accused Washington of trying to "sabotage" the peace talks.

The Vietcong delegation also indicated at a news conference that it took a dim view of President Nixon's voyage to Peking

and reiterated its demand that the Vietnamese question be settled in Paris.

Ly Van Sau, the Vietcong spokesman, said China and its leader, Mao Tse-tung, were "great friends" of the Vietnamese people but declared:

"Mr. Nixon's trip is taking place while in South Vietnam, the United States intensifies the bombings to a degree not at-

tained in the past two years."

The North Vietnamese demanded that the next session of the talks be scheduled for Feb. 24. The United States has not committed itself to any date and has indicated that it may allow considerable periods to go by without a meeting so long as it considers serious negotiations impossible.