

Hanoi Says New Talks Are Up to U.S.

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PARIS, March 29 — North Vietnam said today that it was waiting for the United States to take the initiative in resuming the stalled peace talks here.

Nguyen Than Le, spokesman for the Hanoi delegation, told the press that "it is up to the American side to remedy its error" in suspending the talks indefinitely last week. He said that his delegation had made no proposal for a new meeting and indicated that it would make none.

Mr. Le's comments followed a statement from North Vietnam's Foreign Ministry last night demanding resumption of the talks and calling on "brother socialist and peace-loving countries" to put pressure on the United States.

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William J. Porter, the American delegate, told the Communists last week that he would await "some sign from you that you are disposed to engage in meaningful exchanges on the various points raised in your and our proposals." Nothing in the Hanoi statement indicated any shift from the standing communist demands that the United States agree to set a date for total evacuation, to halt the Vietnamization program and to remove President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam.

The American delegation is understood to feel that there may not be any significant shift between now and the Presidential elections in the United States. But the absence of change on the Communist side is not being taken to mean that the conference will be called off. Informed diplomatic



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Nguyen Than Le, North Vietnamese spokesman, at news session in Paris.

circles here stress that Mr. Porter left a door open to further meetings by saying that "our side intends to suggest meetings to discuss particular points or subjects whenever such discussions appear likely to be useful."

Accordingly, none of the delegations are packing their bags to go home. Mr. Le said his delegation had "patience and goodwill" and added, "If the conference cannot continue, it is the Nixon Administration that will be entirely responsible."

Hanoi's appeal to other socialist countries "to act in time

to condemn the Nixon Administration's acts of sabotage of the Paris conference" appeared to be directed principally to China and the Soviet Union. The United States is now in intermittent contact with the Chinese through meetings between their ambassadors here. Two such meetings have taken place so far.

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As for the Soviet Union, President Nixon is scheduled to visit Moscow in May, and there was speculation here that Hanoi would welcome a Soviet cancellation of the visit. The Nixon visits to both Peking and Moscow are known to have caused some nervousness in Hanoi about the possibility of a deal on Indochina without Vietnamese participation.

Mr. Le offered little encouragement today on the prospect of private talks in place of full sessions. He denounced Mr. Nixon for unilaterally revealing the contents of the last private round of talks conducted by Henry A. Kissinger, the President's adviser for national security, and Le Duc Tho, a member of the North Vietnamese Politburo. "It is Nixon who has torpedoed all the means of negotiation," Mr. Le asserted.

He said that the United States was not in a position of strength since it was undergoing defeats in all three Indochinese areas.

On the American side, officials are not ruling out the possibility that Hanoi, to accomplish its unyielding negotiating position, may launch some major military action before the November elections to test the results of the Vietnamization program.