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U.S. REBUFFS REDS ON PARIS MEETING

Proposal for Peace Talks
Tomorrow Rejected

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PARIS, May 16—The Vietnamese Communists proposed today that the Paris peace conference resume on Thursday. The United States promptly refused to attend.

William J. Porter, head of the American delegation, was summoned back to Washington for consultations. His departure appeared to indicate that there would be no further contacts here between the two sides at least until after President Nixon's visit to Moscow.

At the 149th regular session of the conference on May 4, the United States said it would not return to the conference table until the other side showed willingness to "negotiate seriously" or new talks seemed desirable. Mr. Porter added that the first item on the agenda must be the halting of the North Vietnamese invasion of South Vietnam.

Le Duc Tho, a member of the North Vietnamese Politburo, declared at a news conference here last Friday that there could be no private talks without public sessions. The resumption of the public sessions, he added, must be unconditional.

Bombing Halt Demanded

This morning, the North Vietnamese and the Vietcong sent notes to the American and South Vietnamese delegations calling for the resumption of the conference on Thursday "as usual."

In announcing the move, the Communists demanded that the United States halt "immediately" the mining and bombing of "the two zones of Vietnam," but did not present this as a condition for resuming the conference.

Later, as Mr. Porter's departure became known, the American delegation announced that it had rejected the proposal. It said an explanation would be given tomorrow.

Xuan Thuy, chief of the North Vietnamese delegation, left last Wednesday for Hanoi, with stopovers in Moscow and Peking. Le Duc Tho, who as a leading member of the North Vietnamese Politburo far outranks Mr. Thuy, remained.

The overriding issue on which the talks remained deadlocked was the nature of the government that would govern in Saigon. The Communists maintain they seek only a minority role; the Americans insist that the other side's plan amounts to imposing Communist control.