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# Hanoi Rejects Cease-Fire Plan

## Tokyo

North Vietnam officially rejected President Nixon's proposal for an internationally supervised cease-fire in Indochina yesterday and declared that the Vietnam question must be solved within the United States and Vietnam at the Paris peace conference.

A Foreign Ministry statement said Mr. Nixon's proposal of May 8 "is, in essence, only aimed at forcing the Vietnamese people to lay down their arms, abandon their just fight and accept the puppet administration, stooge of the United States, and the U.S. neocolonialist administration in South Vietnam."

## REJECTION

The statement was broadcast by Hanoi's official Vietnam News Agency and monitored in Tokyo.

The statement said: "The Vietnam question must be settled by Vietnam and the United States at the Paris conference . . . on the basis of the respect for the independence, sovereignty, unity

and territorial integrity of Vietnam and respect for the right to self-determination of the South Vietnamese people."

## BASIS

Referring to reported U.S. and British moves to organize a United Nations-sponsored Asian peace conference and a new Geneva conference to bring about a cease-fire in Indochina, the statement said these are "wicked maneuvers which are part of the U.S. scheme to continue sabotaging" the Paris peace talks.

The Statement said the U.N. "has no competence to interfere in the Vietnam issue in whatever form."

It said the Vietnamese people "categorically reject" Mr. Nixon's proposal and will push ahead the fight against "U.S. aggression until total victory" so long as the United States "continues its aggression."

It demanded that the U.S. stop sowing mines outside North Vietnamese ports, discontinue "all other acts of war" against North Vietnam and engage in serious talks in Paris. *Associated Press*