
Hanoi Says People Sweep Up the Mines

Paris

Hanoi's top peace negotiator, Le Duc Tho, said yesterday the North Vietnamese people, guided by military experts, are clearing up U.S. mines as fast as they are dropped into their harbors.

He said the mining has not stopped the influx of war material because North Vietnam has a long coastline and frontier and the North Vietnamese have devised ways of defying U.S. air raids.

"The Vietnamese have skillful hands," he said. "As soon as the Americans drop the mines, we remove them. They drop them again. We take them out again."

Tho told newsmen: "We have been receiving supplies over roads on which the Americans have dropped millions of tons of bombs — all to no avail."

Tho, during his news briefing issued a warning to Kremlin leaders that President Nixon is a man whose word cannot be trusted, call-

ing Mr. Nixon a "war-like bellicist."

Tho made his remarks soon after the Hanoi and Viet Cong delegations demanded for the second time in a week that the United States and South Vietnam return to the conference table. They want negotiations to resume tomorrow.

The U. S. delegation said it would respond to the Communist demand today. The talks have been suspended since May 4. *United Press*
