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HANOI, North Vietnam, May 24—A leading member of North Vietnam's Communist party Politburo, Truong Chinh, was reported today to have said the war was "reaching the crucial stage."

"The bigger defeats the enemy suffers," he said, "the more frenzied he will become. We are resolved to make all sacrifices and overcome all difficulties and fight on till complete victory."

The uncompromising tone of his remarks and the reference to further sacrifices both fit with what lesser officials have been saying to Westerners here lately. This is that they expect even heavier American bombing but will go on fighting in any event.

The speech, given at a recent meeting, was reported in the party daily Nhan Dan.

President Nixon's mining of North Vietnamese ports and increased bombing, Truong Chinh said, showed not strength but "weakness, embarrassment and fright before the heavy setbacks of the United States puppets in South Vietnam and the danger of collapse of 'Vietnamization.'"