

SOVIET INDICATES COOLNESS IN HANOI

Hints at Differences Over Improved Ties With U.S.

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MOSCOW, June 19—The Soviet press today provided indications of unresolved Soviet-North Vietnamese differences over Moscow's improved relations with the United States in its first reports on the special mission to Hanoi of President Nikolai V. Podgorny.

The tenor of these reports, in Tass, the Soviet press agency, and Izvestia, the Government newspaper, routinely reaffirming solidarity and calling for negotiations, sharply underscored how sharply Mr. Podgorny had toned down Soviet pledges of support for Hanoi and criticism of the United States in comparison with his last trip to North Vietnam in October.

At that time he declared that Moscow would "resolutely support" the Vietnamese against the United States "until full victory" with aid on three levels—military, political and diplomatic. A joint statement affirmed their "unanimity of views."

By contrast, during his visit from June 15 to 18, Mr. Podgorny was reported to have pledged that the Soviet Union would "continue to render all the necessary assistance" to the Vietnamese struggle against "imperialist aggression" and sincerely wished them "fresh successes."

Frankness, Not Unanimity

There was no mention of unanimity. Instead, there was a reference to the "comradely frankness" of the talks, a normal euphemism for disagreements. The absence of a joint statement was also seen as an indication of continuing strains.

No specific mention was made of military aid and, unlike last fall, no senior military figures were included in Mr. Podgorny's delegation.

Missing from the group of senior North Vietnamese officials who normally meet with top Soviet Leaders were Premier Pham Van Dong and Defense Minister Vo Nyugen Giap. Their absence could also have signaled particularly strong personal disapproval of Moscow's willingness to play host to Mr. Nixon rather than respond to his mining of Haiphong harbor with touch action.

The Soviet press gave no indication whether, as Soviet

sources had said he would, Mr. Podgorny had tried to persuade Hanoi to agree to a cease-fire in Indochina to open the way for a resumption of peace negotiations.

The Soviet reports today, largely repeated over the Hanoi radio, quoted the two sides as joining in a demand that Washington "resume constructive talks in Paris" and end immediately all air attacks on North Vietnam and the mining of its ports. But there was no reference to remarks attributed to President Podgorny in press reports from India that the Vietnam negotiations in Paris would resume soon.

Briefing Isn't Mentioned

The Soviet reports did not touch on what was widely presumed to have been Mr. Podgorny's primary mission—to brief the North Vietnamese leaders on the results of the meetings with President Nixon in Moscow last month and to patch up differences stemming from Moscow's decision to go through with the summit meeting.

On the day before President Nixon arrived in Moscow, the North Vietnamese Army newspaper accused the Kremlin of having showed weakness toward the American President and of having put its own "national interests against the interests of the world revolution." The charges did not mention Moscow by name but it was clearly the target.

Five days later, on May 26, Novoye Vremya, a Communist party weekly on international affairs, carried a sharply worded and unusually explicit rebuttal written by Vadim V. Zagladin, deputy chief of the Central Committee's department for relations with other Communist parties.

The article denied that Moscow was shirking its socialist duty. It argued for proceeding with the summit meeting in the interest of major achievements, such as an agreement to limit arms, through the policy of peaceful coexistence, Communist terminology for better relations with the West.

Hanoi Demands Talks

PARIS, June 19 (Reuters)—North Vietnam today followed up President Podgorny's prediction of a speedy resumption of the Paris peace talks by demanding that the United States return to the negotiating table here.

"We demand that the United States negotiate seriously and resume the work of the Paris conference on Vietnam each Thursday as usual," the North Vietnamese delegation said in a statement.

HANOI, North Vietnam, June 19 (Agence France-Presse)—The North Vietnamese Government today broke its silence over the visit by President Podgorny, issuing a laconic communiqué stating that he had been on a "nonofficial" mission.

The clear indication was that he had not met Premier Pham Van Dong.