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NGUYEN MINH VY
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New Hanoi Charges of Dike Raids

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The Vietnam peace talks remained as stalled as ever yesterday as the North Vietnamese delegation pressed charges that United States are systematically bombing North Vietnamese dikes and dams.

Deputy Hanoi negotiator Nguyen Minh Vy, standing in for the ailing Xuan Thuy, said U.S. aircraft have made more than 200 sorties daily over North Vietnam since April, dropping hundreds of thousands of tons of bombs all over the country.

He claimed American planes attacked North Vietnam's flood control system 177 times and destroyed 58 portions of dikes and seven floodgates.

The North Vietnamese delegation issued several statements dealing with the American bombing of the north, all aimed at backing up their allegations of deliberate bombing of hydraulic works and other civilian targets.

American chief delegate William Porter said the Communists were distributing a flood of propaganda around the world in an effort to "deflect attention from the basic issues here."

He said that if the Communists would agree to a cease-fire and the release of U.S. prisoners of war, an entirely different situation would be created which would "take care of so many of the things they are complaining about."

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