

# Reds Spurn Offer Of 600 POWs

## Paris

The Communists refused yesterday a South Vietnamese offer to send 600 sick and wounded North Vietnamese prisoners home.

The proposal was put officially to representatives of Hanoi at the 156th session of the Vietnamese peace talks.

The North Vietnamese delegate, Nguyen Minh Vy, said after the meeting that the proposal was rejected because it was a "maneuver" and had "no significance." Vy substituted at the meeting for Xuan Thuy, who was said to be taking a rest outside Paris on doctor's orders.

Apart from the prisoner offer, Thursday's session was another sterile ex-

change of old arguments by the two sides.

Outside the conference room, the Communists were scornful of President Nixon's reference to the war in his acceptance speech at the Republican convention in Miami Beach, Fla.

As she arrived for the conference, the Viet Cong representative, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Bihn, told newsmen that Mr. Nixon had measured his "desire for peace" by the number of kilometers he had traveled during his term seeking a solution to the war.

She said that while traveling "thousands of kilometers President Nixon did not move a single millimeter from his position of aggressor and neo-colonialist in Vietnam."

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