

'War Could End Today,' U.S. Says

PARIS — (UPI) — The United States said today the war in Indochina could end "this morning" if the Communists accepted the U.S. peace proposals.

But the Viet Cong said President Nixon had tripled American strength in Vietnam and increased the bombing of the North in a threat to peace.

U.S. negotiator William Porter told the 157th session of the conference that if the American peace proposals were accepted "it would end the shooting and fighting throughout Indochina this morning immediately and without any harm to any legitimate North Vietnamese interests."

He said he regretted "that

the North Vietnamese chose to base their case on propaganda."

Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, chief negotiator for the Viet Cong, told journalists before she entered the conference hall that the United States had increased its naval and air forces to 200,000 men, "more than triple since the beginning of the year."

Mrs. Binh said "The United States still obstinately refuses to pull out all its troops and at the same time it has increased its forces in Southeast Asia."

President Nixon said at his San Clemente, Calif., news conference his latest troop reduction will cut the number of U.S. forces in South Vietnam to 27,000 men.