

NYTimes SEP 1 1972
2 Sides at Paris Talks Trade Charges

Special to The New York Times

PARIS, Aug. 31—Delegates to the Vietnam peace talks here blamed each other's sides today for the unending war and agreed to meet again next Thursday.

There was only the slightest effort to make it appear that the talks were serving any other purpose than to let off steam within earshot of the international press.

The American spokesman, David F. Lambertson, was asked at the press briefing why the United States continued to attend the talks.

"We've not been encouraged by what we've heard, and failed to hear, in these last eight sessions," he said, referring to the period since the resumption of the talks last month. "But we continue to hope for something better. It also gives us a chance to put forward our views."

Mr. Lambertson was reminded that when President Nixon ordered the United States to stay away last May, he said

he would not allow the talks to continue as a propaganda forum and would agree to resume only if there were concrete evidence that serious progress might result.

"I would not dispute what the President said," Mr. Lambertson replied, with evident discomfort, "but we'll be back next week."

Not many reporters were present and few found any questions worth asking. The Viet Cong's spokesman, Ly Van Sau, made his presentation, asked for questions, but received none. He laughed with embarrassment and made a gesture to indicate that he understood and sympathized, then left.

The mutual accusations were harsh, but even the invective has been blunted by futility and familiarity, so that it makes no impact.

South Vietnam's ambassador, Pham Dang Lam, said that "there is a risk that the war will be prolonged indefinitely." At another point in his pre-

pared remarks, he said North Vietnam's negotiating stand could "only render inevitable the prolongation and even the escalation of the war, that is to say, lead to an even greater catastrophe." A spokesman for Mr. Lam denied later that any kind of threat had been intended.

The Viet Cong's chief delegate, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, referred to "U.S. military circles speaking of the possibility of further introducing particular military actions in South Vietnam and extending further the use of B-52's to bomb North Vietnam."

The United States chief delegate, William J. Porter, called attention to President Nixon's latest announcement of American troops withdrawals, saying "this is an additional measure of the success of Vietnamization." The Communist delegates said Vietnamization had been frustrated and must be abandoned if negotiations were to succeed.