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Viet Reds Say Issues 'Unsolved'

PARIS — (UPI) — Amid a crescendo of world-wide speculation on an imminent end to the lengthy war in Indochina, North Vietnamese and Viet Cong peace talks delegates said today that basic issues remain unsolved although conditions for peace are at hand.

"As we have said on a number of occasions all the conditions are presently at hand for a prompt settlement of the Vietnamese problem," said Nguyen Thanh Le, the North Vietnamese spokesman in a press statement. However, he added, "The war is being prolonged and intensified."

"Rumors are rumors and bombs are bombs," said Ly Van Sau, the Viet Cong spokesman, when asked about the barrage of reports that peace or a cease-fire was near. "So far, the basic problems have not been settled."

Sau insisted that South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu "must go."

The Communist statements coincided with bold French newspaper headlines predicting an early cease-fire and peace agreement.

The newspaper Le Monde published six-column front page headline "toward an early end of fighting in Vietnam?" and editorialized that an agreement would

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mark a major turning point in Asia.

"Millions of young Vietnamese will discover a life they have never known before and one would wish that the international community help this unhappy country to recover rapidly both in the South and the North," the editorial said.

'Verge of Peace'

"Vietnam on the verge of peace," said the 1.3 million circulation France-Soir. The paper's Saigon correspondent said an agreement in principle on a cease-fire throughout Indochina would be announced before Nov 1.

The 500,000-circulation conservative newspaper Figaro said an agreement was reportedly reached and that France would help guarantee free Vietnamese elections.

Sau said that South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu kept blocking the Communist plan for a "national concord" cabinet in Saigon.

'Reconciliation'

The Viet Cong official ruled out a compromise with Thieu that would allow him to head the South Vietnam faction in a three-segment cabinet with the Viet Cong.

"We want national reconciliation. Thieu wants none of it, as witnessed by his recent statements," Sau said. "More than ever before, Thieu must go."