

If a peace agreement is signed Tuesday or within the next few weeks, it will not be due to sentiment emanating from Saigon. Allen Dawson reports:

Dawson: In 1954 Tran Van Do was Saigon's foreign minister and he headed the South Vietnamese delegation of the Geneva conference that ended the French Indochina war.

In an interview today Tran Van Do blasted the Washington-Hanoi agreement on peace. "It is," he said, "much more unfavorable to Saigon than that 1954 agreement." The main reason he does not favor it, says Do, is because it does not order the North Vietnamese to withdraw their troops from the south, although the Americans and South Koreans must pull out of the war zone.

Echoing South Vietnamese officials in general, the former foreign minister also criticized the Americans. He said he wondered why President Nixon was in such a hurry to sign an agreement with Hanoi.

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