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## PEKING SUPPORTS HANOI ON SIGNING

Says U.S. Must Meet the  
Deadline—Assails Thieu

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HONG KONG, Oct. 30—China today supported North Vietnam's demand that the United States sign the cease-fire agreement worked out in Paris and strongly condemned President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam.

Peace in Vietnam, said an article in Jenmin Jih Pao, the Communist party newspaper, is "being impeded and sabotaged when it is about to be realized."

The article said the statement issued by North Vietnam Thursday giving details of the agreement had "put the U.S. Government to a crucial test before the people of the world." It asked whether the United States sincerely wanted an end to the war or was only pretending to seek peace.

The Chinese comment followed an expression of support for Hanoi's stand by Premier Chou En-lai. In a meeting with Nguyen Tien, the North Vietnamese chargé d'affaires in Peking, immediately after Hanoi made its position public, Mr. Chou said the Chinese, as always, would "firmly support the just struggle of the people of Vietnam and the rest of Indochina."

The statements in support of North Vietnam were seen here as reaffirmations of China's special interest in the situation. Despite periodic signs of disagreement between Peking and Hanoi over ideological or tactical

questions, China has always aligned herself with North Vietnam on major issues concerning the war.

### Link to Cambodia

China has also established a link to Cambodia by providing a sanctuary for Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the ousted head of state, whom the Chinese continue to treat as the country's leader.

Prince Sihanouk, who flew to Hanoi last week to consult with the leaders there, was warmly praised by Premier Chou at a banquet in Peking last night to mark the Prince's 50th birthday.

The Jenmin Jih Pao article, attacking President Thieu, for calling for a cease-fire in all of Indochina, said this was "sheer effrontery" because only Vietnamese and Americans took part in the Paris talks. "How can Laos and Cambodia come into question?" it asked.

The newspaper said the United States' argument that it had had no time to consult the Thieu Government was "utterly ridiculous and untenable." It added that the United States must keep its word and "must be held responsible for the acts of the Nguyen Van Thieu Government in an attempt to obstruct and wreck the agreement."

### China Open to Parley Role

PEKING, Oct. 30 (AP)—China advised Britain today that she was ready to consider taking part in an international peace conference on Vietnam but could decide only when full details were known.

Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei also joined the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, who is on a visit here, in stressing that both nations wanted to see the establishment of a lasting peace.