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Peking Signs Pact to Aid Hanoi in '73

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HONG KONG, Nov. 27—An agreement for Chinese economic and military aid to North Vietnam in 1973 was signed in Peking yesterday.

Hsinhua, the Chinese press agency, reported today that the agreement had been concluded but gave no details. However, in the past China has supplied North Vietnam mainly with rice and other foods, machinery, transport equipment, construction materials and consumer goods.

Premier Chou En-lai attended a meeting for Soviet aid for 1973 in Moscow and then to visit other East European countries to make aid arrangements.

The accord signed in Peking yesterday was negotiated much later in the year than usual. Last year the signing took place in September. But this year Mr. Nghi and his delegation did not arrive in Peking until Nov. 15, three weeks after Hanoi

announced that the United States and the North Vietnamese had reached an accord to end the Vietnam war.

The Hanoi radio broadcast the ceremony at which the agreement was signed by Le Thanh Nghi, Deputy Premier of North Vietnam, and Li Hsien-nien, a Deputy Premier of China. Hsinhua said the North Vietnamese delegation was given a ceremonial farewell by high Chinese officials as they left for Moscow.

The North Vietnamese are expected to negotiate an "agree-

today an editorial in North Vietnam's official daily newspaper, Nhan Dan, calling for "a new leaf in the history of Vietnam-American relations on the basis of absolute respect for our hallowed national rights."

"We want peace and friendship," the editorial said, "but first of all we want independence and freedom. Only independence and freedom can lead to lasting peace and genuine friendship, and we want to achieve this through serious negotiations."