

Hanoi Bitter on Sparse Russ Aid, Distrusts China

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PARIS — (CDN) — North Vietnam is bitter about the Russians and distrustful of the Chinese, the leftist Paris weekly *Le Nouvel Observateur* reports from Hanoi.

Hanoi is painfully aware that the Soviets gave SAM-3 missiles and Mig-23 jets to the Egyptians, writer Olivier Todd says he was told by North Vietnamese.

"Do you believe that our government has watched our population massacred without dreaming of the pos-

sible military counter-measures?" they asked bitterly.

Early Models

Instead Hanoi has had only some improved Chinese-made Mig-19s, an early model, some Russian Mig-21s and less-sophisticated types of surface-to-air SAMs to oppose the virtually impregnable high-flying U.S. B-52s.

Since last summer's U.S. blockade of Haiphong harbor, Soviet aid has thinned out, and North Vietnam has had to cut down on firing its

anti-aircraft rockets.

President Nixon's warmly welcomed visits to Moscow and Peking infuriated North Vietnam. It sees "Chinese Communism as almost as impure as the Soviet kind," Todd reports.

Russ, Chinese Protests

Both Soviet Ambassador Ilya Tcherbakov, known in Hanoi as "the Red Czar," and Chinese ambassador Van Yu-ping protested after a thinly-veiled attack on their countries in Nhan Dan, the Hanoi party newspaper.

The paper published a

sharply critical poem on the Nixon trips. "Friends, wise men . . . who have explored the cosmos," it said, "all will be lost if imperialism isn't conquered."

Then Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny visited Hanoi and "preached cease-fire before the settling of a political solution, which Dr. (Henry) Kissinger was to extract in part, from Le Duc Tho almost four months later in Paris," Todd says.

Favor Settlement

"For a long time, the Russians have favored settling

the Vietnamese question, even at the price of returning to the status quo of 1954, a nightmare for the North Vietnamese."

Chinese Premier Chou En-lai took a more subtle line when he went to Hanoi after welcoming Mr. Nixon. "Whatever you do, we will be with you," Chou told North Vietnamese Premier Pahn Van Dong.

Todd says the Russians also have threatened to cut off their weapons and food aid "with a sinister regularity since 1966."

Adding to their policy and material deficiencies, in Hanoi's eyes, the Russians have made enemies by continuous drinking and "the racism of white for yellow man and of rich man for the poor."

Called "Boys"

"They readily call their North Vietnamese employes 'boys,'" Todd reports, comparing Russians to the well-known stereotype of "Ugly Americans" in poor countries.

As for Peking, the attitude in Hanoi is "courteous dis-

trust," according to Todd.

Scarce paper was used to reprint a Chinese history of the time of the Mongols telling "why it is necessary to make use of far-off barbarians to stand up against nearby barbarians," he reported. The "far-off" variety could be American, those "nearby," Chinese.

Looking forward to peacetime, the North Vietnamese don't like to hear about "Indochinese Titoism" or "an Asian Yugoslavia," but they recently restored contacts with Belgrade.