

# Hanoi Sends Fresh Units Into Battle

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## Saigon

With the Vietnam peace talks apparently stalled in Paris, fresh Communist forces with tanks were moving into South Vietnam's northern provinces yesterday to join in heavy fighting that has raged for the past two days, the Saigon command said.

Spokesmen said 151 Communists already had been killed in fighting around Quang Tri, which they described as the heaviest in three months. South Vietnamese casualties were given as two dead and 68 wounded.

Military sources told UPI correspondent Alan Dawson in Da Nang that one Communist division had replaced another, which had been withdrawn north of the demilitarized zone because of heavy casualties.

## REINFORCEMENTS

The sources also said that "several thousand" North Vietnamese Army replacements have crossed the DMZ into South Vietnam and Communist tanks and armored personnel carriers have arrived in Quang Tri province.

The fresh troops were said to be part of a division brought in from Laos three months ago in a Communist attempt to capture Quang Tri city. Two regiments

were said to have been committed in that battle but the third regiment remained in reserve until the current fighting.

The 151 North Vietnamese were killed by South Vietnamese paratroopers in the foothills eight miles southwest of Quang Tri, military spokesmen said. The Communist casualties were said to be the heaviest since September.

## TANKS

Military sources said a North Vietnamese battalion equipped with about 20 Soviet-built tanks was heading for Saigon from Cambodia.

The tanks were reported preparing to cross into South Vietnam from an area 75 miles northwest of the capital. Government militiamen in Tay Ninh province near the border were being armed with American anti-tank rockets to counter the threat, military sources said.

In the air war 12 flights of B-52s bombed Pleiku province concentrating on two reported North Vietnamese divisions at the former U.S. Special Forces camp at Duc Co, military spokesmen said.