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Truce Key to U.S. Relations--Brezhnev

MOSCOW (AP) — Leonid I. Brezhnev said today that future Soviet-American relations will depend to a large extent on settlement of the war in Vietnam.

The general secretary of the Soviet Communist party condemned the new bombing attack on North Vietnam and called for a speedy end to "the dirtiest war in the history of the world." He said the Soviet government will spare no efforts in its support of North Vietnam's "courageous struggle."

Brezhnev was the chief

speaker at the opening of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Soviet Union. He spoke to some 6,000 Soviet and foreign Communists in the Kremlin Palace of Congresses.

"The negotiations with President Nixon in Moscow this spring were a big step forward in the development of Soviet-American relations," Brezhnev said.

"Much will depend on the course of events in the immediate future and, in particular, on the turn in the ques-

tion of ending the war in Vietnam."

Among the visitors in the audience was Truong Chinh, a top member of North Vietnam's ruling Politburo.

Brezhnev peered over his metal-rimmed spectacles and told the delegates:

"Now the world has become witness to new American imperialist crimes in Vietnam... Grave responsibility devolves on the U.S. government for these barbarian acts and for the bloodshed that it continues to inflict on the Vietnamese people.

"Like all the peace-loving states, like all the peoples of the world, the Soviet Union firmly and indignantly condemns these acts of aggression.

"It is clear to everyone by now that the U.S. military adventure has failed," Brezhnev continued.

"And no new outrages can break the will of the heroic people of Vietnam or shake the determination of their friends to give them every possible support and aid in their just struggle of liberation."