

# General Giap Says Hanoi Will Win Despite Bombing

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Dec. 22—Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, North Vietnam's Defense Minister and leading military strategist, has declared that Hanoi and Haiphong may be "erased" by United States bombs, but that in the end the North Vietnamese will win the war.

The general, who directed the guerrilla strategy that eventually defeated the French in Indochina, predicted victory in the current war while speaking yesterday in Hanoi at a meeting celebrating the 28th anniversary of the North Vietnamese Army. The Hanoi radio broadcast a report of the speech today.

"The United States hopes to bend the will of the Vietnamese people by mass-bombing North Vietnam," the general said. "This will prove to be an il-

lusory hope. Hanoi, Haiphong and other cities may be bombed and erased, but the Vietnamese peoples will never bend."

At one point, General Giap said: "In the course of our resistance, we have defeated the war of subversion conducted by Eisenhower, the special war by Kennedy, the limited war by Johnson, we are defeating — we will defeat — the war of aggression conducted by the Nixon Administration.

The 20th century will record in its history the greatest victory scored by the Vietnamese people over an army of aggression composed of 1,200,000 of U.S., satellites and puppet troops, with half of the U.S. Strategic and Tactical Air Force, with the most powerful fleet in the world, with all the latest weapons, except the atomic weapons.

"This, of course," the general said, "is the greatest achievement of the heroic Vietnamese people."

## Mrs. Binh Assails U.S.

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (Reuters) —Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, the chief Vietcong delegate to the four-party peace talks at Paris, charged today that the United States was demanding revision of major points in the tentative cease-fire agreement reached with North Vietnam.

Mrs. Binh spoke in the Kremlin's Palace of Congresses where Soviet leaders and high-ranking guests were commemorating the founding 50 years ago of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. She said that the demands that Washington was making required a revision "not of minor, but the most principled, most important questions."



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Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap