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Hanoi Delegates See Early Peace, 'If'

PARIS — (UPI) — North Vietnam said yesterday the United States air offensive against its territory has failed and that Washington has agreed to call off the attacks thus allowing both sides to resume their stalled peace talks.

Hanoi peace delegates said if the United States shows a "serious attitude and good-will," an early cease-fire and peace accord can be signed soon.

"The resumption of the bombings against North Vietnam while the negotiations were under way have failed to subjugate the Vietnamese people," Hanoi delegation spokesman Nguyen Thanh Le said.

"On the contrary, the Americans have met heavy losses and faced the severe condemnation of broad segments of world public opinion," he said.

Le said Hanoi had several

times stated the talks could resume only if the United States reverted to the situation before Dec. 18, the day President Nixon ordered the heavy raids north of the 20th Parallel.

"The American side has replied it agreed to put an end to all the bombings against the Democratic Republic of Vietnam above the 20th Parallel as of Dec. 29, 1972.

"On this basis, the side of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam agrees to resume the negotiations between the special adviser Le Duc Tho and minister Xuan Thuy on the one side and Dr. (Henry) Kissinger on the other side, as well as the meetings between experts," Le said.

The Viet Cong delegation greeted President Nixon's decision by expressing the hope the talks will lead to an "immediate" U.S. signing of the Oct. 20th draft accord negotiated by Kissinger and Tho.