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# Kosygin Demands Fast U.S. Action On Vietnam Pact

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Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin said yesterday that the Soviet people had demanded that the United States sign a Vietnam cease-fire at the earliest opportunity.

His statement was one of several that was issued as the United States announced a halt in the bombing of North Vietnam above the 20th Parallel and a resumption of the peace negotiations in Paris.

In a radio-television address, Kosygin said, "The Soviet people condemn with wrath and indignation imperialism's piratical acts in Vietnam . . . and reaffirm their solidarity with all peoples fighting for independence and freedom."

In Paris, Vo Van Sung, Hanoi's General Delegate to France, reiterated North Vietnam's demand for an immediate signing of the draft peace accord reached by White House adviser Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, Hanoi's chief secret negotiator.

Sung's statement was issued after he met for 30 minutes with French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann.

"It is necessary that the American government rapidly take steps" to sign the accord, Sung said. "If the American side continues to put forward unreasonable modifications it will be difficult to reach a solution."

In Hanoi itself, the newspaper Nhan Dan claimed a "glorious" strategic victory over the United States. It congratulated North Vietnam's armed forces and civilian population for shooting down 81 U.S. planes during 12 days of attacks.

President Thieu of South Vietnam seemed to take another swipe at the proposed peace plan, however. At a New Year's reception for diplomats, he said, "We only wish for a real and lasting peace, not a temporary truce which the invading Communists will exploit to cause more difficulties and to re-invade in new conditions more favorable for them."

A commentator for the Soviet news agency Tass said the development of Soviet-American relations would be determined by "what turn is taken in the question of solving the war in Vietnam."

In an editorial apparently written before Washington's announcement of the bombing halt, the Chinese press said in reference to the bombings, "The Chinese people voice their extreme indignation and strong condemnation of this act of aggression of American imperialism."

Voicing "relief and hope" over the bombing suspension, Pope Paul VI told pilgrims in St. Peter's Square that he had intervened personally to end the deadlock in the peace talks.

He said he had called for a resumption of the talks "with urgency in our contacts with interested parties."

In Australia, labor union officials announced that a ban on unloading American cargoes would be lifted since the bombing had ceased.