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# Vietcong Seeks Wide Support

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HANOI, Jan. 18—The Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam has issued a communique stressing the importance of political activity and the broadening of its support in South Vietnam.

The communique, which laid down policy for the political conflict that is expected to follow a cease-fire, was issued after a meeting held from Jan. 8 to 10 "somewhere in the south." The Provisional Revolutionary Government is the political structure of the Vietcong.

"The most important thing is to broaden the national union front, rallying to it patri-

otic, democratic and pacifist forces of various tendencies," the communique said. It was published today in the North Vietnamese Communist Party newspaper Nhan Dan.

The statement said the "most essential and basic" requirement at present is to rally all patriotic forces in South Vietnam against the United States and the Saigon government.

"To reach the above goal," the statement added, the policy of 'National Concord' is the most suitable to the realities of the present situation in South Vietnam.

The PRG should try to attract supporters of all classes,

political tendencies, religious beliefs and nationalities as long as they are opposed to Washington and Saigon, the communique said.

The PRG will be lenient to those "who have strayed from the right path but now sincerely want to redeem the past," it added.

The policy of national concord, based on "persuasion, justice, humanity and leniency in treatment," would provide the possibility for all those who had "strayed" to return to "the people's ranks," the communique said.

The PRG leaders said the goal of all their efforts, including the military ones, was the signing of a peace treaty with the United States.

They called on South Vietnamese to "strengthen unity, seize the opportune moment, use the position of initiative and active victory to the hilt, and intensify the movement of offensive and uprisings on all battlefields in co-ordination with the diplomatic offensive."

The communique also attacked U.S. efforts "to perpetuate the division of Vietnam and transform the South into an American colony."