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OTTAWA, Jan. 23—A Canadian member of Parliament, just returned from North Vietnam, said today that officials there had told him that the projected international force that is to monitor a truce would be kept smaller than the United States had originally proposed.

Andrew Brewin, a member of the New Democratic party representing a Toronto district, said Hanoi has approved a non-military observer group of about 750 men. "They seem to feel that their point of view had been accepted," Mr. Brewin said to journalists.

The size and responsibilities of the observer force, which Canada is expected to join, have been an issue in the private negotiations in Paris between Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's representative, and Le Duc Tho of North Vietnam. At one point, Mr. Kissinger said that the United States was seeking a force of 5,000 men, 1,250 each from Canada, Indonesia, Poland and Hungary. South Vietnam wanted a force of 25,000. Hanoi's proposal was for 250 men.

Mr. Brewin spent last week in North Vietnam as one of a five-member delegation of foreigners invited by the Govern-

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ment. Other visitors were from Norway, Sweden and Italy. The Canadian said that his group met and talked with Premier Pham Van Dong and other North Vietnamese Cabinet members and officials.

Meanwhile, Mitchell W. Sharp, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, said today that the American State Department had informed his Government that Canada was "still on the list" of the four countries expected to join the Vietnam truce force.

However, aides to both Mr. Sharp and Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau said the Liberal party Government knew no more about the pending cease-fire agreement or provisions for a truce force than it did several weeks ago.

U.S. Acceptance Discussed

Mr. Sharp said that the State Department's reassurance was delivered through the Canadian Embassy in Washington. The United States, Mr. Sharp added, was the only one of the four Vietnam belligerents that had accepted Canada's conditions for serving on the force.

Mr. Sharp has stated that Canada would consider joining the observation force only if she were invited by all four parties involved in the fighting—the United States, North Vietnam, South Vietnam and the Vietcong. The conditions the Canadians have laid down include freedom of movement in South Vietnam, the right of each participating country to publish its own reports on what it observes and the right to withdraw from the force at any time.

Report to Sharp Planned

Mr. Brewin said he was reporting to Mr. Sharp on his trip today, and on his belief that North Vietnam would welcome Canada in the international observer group.

"As far as I know," he added, "the terms laid down by Canada are agreeable to the North Vietnamese."

The Canadian Government has taken steps to move a truce force into Vietnam quickly. Canada's Department of Defense already has 400 men inoculated and alerted on seven days' notice for truce duty. But the Secretary of Defense, James A. Richardson, says that armed forces personnel will not move out of Canada until specific direction comes from Prime Minister Trudeau or from Mr. Sharp.