

Hanoi Rejoices in Streets and President's Palace

HANOI, North Vietnam, Jan. 24 (Agence France-Presse) — The news of the cease-fire accord was heard on the streets of Hanoi this morning, broadcast by the street-corner loudspeakers that only a few weeks ago warned that American bombers were coming.

For more than an hour, the announcement was repeated at five-minute intervals, with patriotic tunes played between.

"That's enough; we've heard it," said a young soldier standing with a few dozen passers-by and cyclists under one of the loudspeakers.

"But I want to hear it again," said a young woman holding a bunch of flowers. "I am happy."

"I'm thinking of my son at the front," another woman said. "He can come back now. It's funny; I'm surprised. We lost the habit of thinking that peace might come one day."

Children chanted: "Hoa binh! Hoa binh!" But a young woman commented that the "Peace! Peace!" they were chanting about was not complete.

"We must go on until the country is reunified," she said.

A similar point had been made a few hours earlier by Premier Pham Van Dong at a special 20-minute meeting of North Vietnam's leadership.

'Struggle' Continues

"Now we must lean on the agreement and on the texts to pursue our struggle to complete the revolutionary work carried out by the Vietnamese people," he declared.

He acclaimed the cease-fire accord as "a great victory of the long, hard and invincible struggle of the Vietnamese people for independence, liberty and peace."

"We are full of enthusiasm and very happy," he added.

The Premier, who spoke without a written text and with frequent displays of emotion, was interrupted by loud applause from members of the Politburo and Government.

They met at the presidential palace, together with members of the diplomatic corps, to bid farewell to Foreign Minister

Nguyen Duy Trinh, who left for Paris by a special Soviet plane shortly after 8 A.M. to sign the agreement.

Leaders Meet at Dawn

North Vietnam's leaders hugged each other, smiled and shook hands vigorously during the ceremony, which began as day was breaking. Among them were the 83-year-old President, Ton Duc Thang, and the Vice President, Nguyen Long Bang. He was a close companion of the late Ho Chi Minh, whose slogan, "Nothing Is More Precious Than Independence and Liberty," can be seen on display everywhere in Hanoi.

North Vietnam's Defense Minister, the top military strategist, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, was also there, as was Le Duan, the First Secretary of the Workers (Communist) party, elegant in a navy blue suit with a closed collar.

The Premier, who was wearing a khaki suit with closed collar, appeared to overcome by emotion to speak as the

departing Foreign Minister asked if he had any final advice. With an arm around Mr. Trinh's shoulders, the Premier walked with him down the steps of the palace to the waiting car.

Official Kisses Premier

At one point, Mrs. Nguyen Linh, an official in the Information Department of the Foreign Ministry, stepped forward and kissed the Premier.

To a diplomat who congratulated him, the Premier said, "At last."

Tonight, Hanoi's loudspeakers began broadcasting the full text of the agreement that is to be signed in Paris on Saturday.

At the same time it was also being carried by the Hanoi radio, which planned to repeat it day and night for 48 hours. It was said that announcers were under instructions to read more slowly than usual so that people all over the country could feel the full impact of the text.

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