

# Nixon Support Of Saigon Hit

Paris

Nguyen Thi Binh, foreign minister of the Viet Cong's Provisional Revolutionary Government, said yesterday that President Nixon violated the "spirit" of the cease-fire agreement when he maintained that the Saigon regime is the only legal South Vietnamese government.

In a news conference, Mrs. Binh insisted that the clauses of the agreement recognize the legitimacy of the PRG as well.

She emphasized repeatedly that the agreement recognizes two rival administrations, two armies and two zones of control.

## SPIRIT

"The spirit of Mr. Nixon's statement concerning the Saigon administration is not in conformity with the peace agreement," she said.

Speaking soon after North Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh arrived from Hanoi for tomorrow's signing ceremony, Mrs. Binh echoed his words that the Communists will scrupulously abide by the agreement and expect the "other side" to do likewise.

Among the unsolved problems she listed as facing the two rival governments are

the guarantee of democratic liberties which Saigon has recently curtailed and the organization of "free and democratic general elections in all South Vietnam to allow the population to determine for itself its (future) political regime."

She said that her government favors elections for a Constituent Assembly, a process that would effectively delay definitive institutions for the country for many months, if not years.

Saigon is known to favor presidential elections on the basis of the present constitution, amended to allow Communists and neutralists to run for office.

Despite the built-in veto with which each side is provided by the vague terms of the political clauses of the agreement, Mrs. Binh was "optimistic," although she somewhat vaguely said winding up these questions within the 90-day deadline "depends on the goodwill of the two sides."

## SITE

Mrs. Binh said for the first time that the PRG is willing to hold the bilateral talks in South Vietnam — rather than Paris as North Vietnam has been insisting.

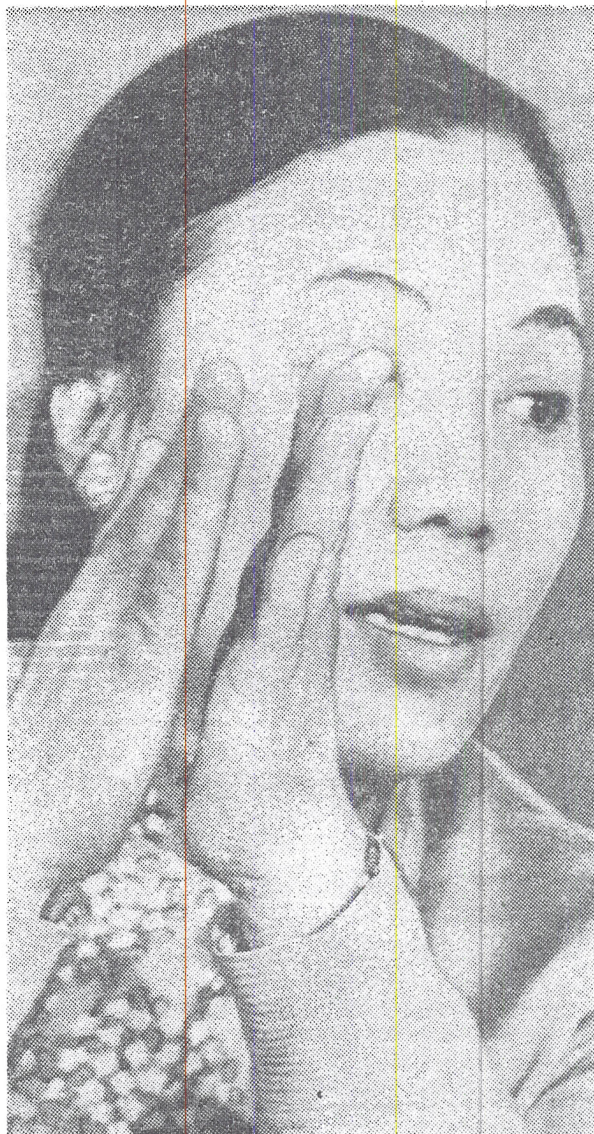
"We are ready to meet the Saigon representatives either

in Saigon or Paris," she said.

And although she charged that recent statements from Saigon "justified concern" about the ability of the bilateral negotiations to solve all

problems, for the first time in observers' memories, she refrained from denouncing Saigon President Nguyen Van Thieu as a "puppet," "dictator" or "traitor."

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FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN THI BINH  
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