

Giap Hails Victory By People of Hanoi Over U.S. B-52's

HANOI, North Vietnam, Jan. 26 (Agence France-Presse) — The North Vietnamese Defense Minister, Gen. Vo Nguyen Giap, smiling and happy on the stage of the municipal stadium here, congratulated the population of Hanoi today on its "victory" over the American B-52 bombers.

General Giap, who was greeted by repeated applause from an audience of 600 representing various sections of the population, made a speech in which the word "victory" occurred several times. Foreign correspondents were not authorized to report his remarks in detail. In the streets of the capital,

increasingly full of life at the approach of the Lunar New Year festivities a week from tomorrow, people were snapping up newspapers that had large headlines in red letters.

The Communist party newspaper, Nhan Dan, reported that its edition yesterday, in which the text of the Paris peace agreement was published, ran to 500,000 copies for a population of some 1.3 million. The Hanoi radio continued to broadcast the agreement and protocols.

Today's newspapers announced that the Steering Committee of the National Assembly "totally approves" the outcome of the Paris negotiations.

Under the headline "A Great Success for Our Nation," the papers published several photographs, one of which showed Le Duc Tho, the special North Vietnamese negotiator at the private talks, with pen in hand.