

# Hanoi Crowds Turn Out At Dawn to Hear News

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HANOI, North Vietnam, Jan. 28 (Agence France-Presse)—Hundreds of thousands of people thronged the streets of Hanoi shortly after dawn today to hear the Vietnam radio announce over its public address system that hostilities had officially come to an end.

Many of them were bleary-eyed, probably from a night spent listening to the radio's almost nonstop broadcast of the terms of the cease-fire agreement.

Small North Vietnamese flags, red with a gold star, hung from every house, where they had been placed as day was breaking.

## Banners on Main Streets

Immense red and gold banners hung across the main streets, replacing traditional condemnations of the American "war of aggression," and at every crossroad a sign read: "May the great and revered President Ho Chi Minh live forever in our hearts."

There were also declarations saying: "We sincerely thank the people of the whole world, including the progressive American people, who supported us in our struggle."

On the instructions of Premier Pham Van Dong, Hanoi is to remain bedecked this way for a week to celebrate the end of the war.

As the people milled around, making the streets look more like a rush hour than dawn on a Sunday morning, the loudspeakers announced that the North Vietnamese Army

"to strictly observe the agreement that has been signed in Paris."

## Front Page All Headlines

The fact that the radio had broadcast the cease-fire terms during the night did not prevent the people from rushing for a special edition of the party newspaper, Nhan Dan. Its front page was composed of 11 lines of headlines in large characters, making it look more like an electoral leaflet than a newspaper.

Under a low, gray winter sky the crowds were so thick that cars had to crawl by in first gear.

Laughing children greeted foreigners with a wave of the hand, contrasting with adults, whose looks still bore the memory of the December bombings. Many of the women wore white mourning headbands.

But even on what is considered here as a day of victory, the work of rebuilding the city went on. Women poured tar on the bomb-pocked roads and workers rebuilt the walls of homes and replaced fallen tiles.

## Appeal by Government

As the cease-fire was coming into effect, special newspaper editions and radio broadcasts were reporting an appeal by the Government and the Workers (Communist) party stressing that "Vietnam is one."

The appeal said that the Paris agreement was a step along the road toward "democratic and national revolution throughout the whole