

Peking Calls Peace Pact a Communist Victory

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China today welcomed the signing of the Vietnam peace agreement in Paris and said it would have a "positive influence on the reduction of tension in Asia and the world."

An editorial published in Jenmin Jih Pao, the Communist party newspaper, characterized the outcome of the war in Vietnam as a "brilliant victory" for the Communists. It said that despite its military power, the United States "could not force the Vietnamese people into submission."

The editorial concerned itself more with what the Communists had achieved than what they had failed to achieve, stressing that the United States had agreed to withdraw its armed forces and had promised not to intervene in the internal affairs of South Vietnam.

This was in line with the moderation that has marked Peking's attitude on Vietnam.

Party Paper Also Declares the Accord Will Reduce World Tensions

coolness it displayed initially towards the Paris peace talks when it was arguing that protracted armed struggle would achieve the "complete liberation" of South Vietnam.

The editorial said that now it was possible for the Vietnam question to be settled "without outside armed intervention."

"So long as the oppressed nations and countries subjected to aggression dare to take up arms, unite as one and persevere in fighting, they can certainly defeat foreign aggression and be the masters of their own destinies," the editorial said.

Other Forces Acknowledged

It asserted that the Pro-

ment was the "genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people," but it also acknowledged "the reality" of the existence of two armies and two zones of control and three political forces in South Vietnam.

The paper said that the political prospects for South Vietnam "must be solved by the three political forces in South Vietnam according to the real state of affairs, free from outside armed intervention and through peaceful consultation."

Jenmin Jih Pao said that reunification of Vietnam should be carried out "step by step through peaceful means on the basis of discussions and agreements between North and South Vietnam and without outside interference."

The editorial said that the Chinese and Vietnamese were "of the same family" and that the Chinese would, as always, continue to give firm support to the just case of the Viet-

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