

# Reds Say They're Observing Truce

## Paris

The foreign ministers of North Vietnam and the Provisional Revolutionary Government (Viet Cong) said last night their forces have observed the Vietnam cease-fire agreement strictly and will continue to do so.

Hanoi's Nguyen Dui Trinh and the Viet Cong's Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, who signed the agreement Saturday for the two Communist parties, gave a reception to celebrate the cease-fire accord.

Trinh told newsmen that Hanoi objected to the continued American aerial bombardment of Laos, but he declined to answer questions implying that the bombing violated the Vietnam agreement.

Both Trinh and Mrs. Binh

claimed they had no detailed information on the fighting in South Vietnam since the cease-fire, but both said that their forces will carry out the agreement to the letter.

"We hope that the other parties to the agreement will also strictly respect it and thus create conditions for national reconciliation and the consolidation of peace," Trinh said.

Asked about the dispute over the diplomatic privileges of Hanoi and Viet Cong members of the Joint Military Commission in Saigon, Trinh and Mrs. Binh said the matter had to be decided by the four parties to the agreement.

But Mrs. Binh said the agreement granted commission members full diplomatic immunity. She said this included the right to use the Viet Cong flag on PRG buildings and vehicles and the right to refuse to submit to customs formalities.

Representatives of the United States, North and South Vietnam and the PRG held a private meeting Monday in Paris. Officials said the purpose was to discuss "technical matters arising from the agreement," but they would not elaborate.

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