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Chou Urges U.S. to Halt Action in All Indochina

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PEKING, Feb. 1 — Premier Chou En-lai last night hailed the Vietnam cease-fire agreement as a great victory for China's Vietnamese allies, and called upon Washington and Saigon to refrain from any acts of "procrastination, expansion and sabotage" that could undermine it.

In his first public comment on the agreement, the Chinese Premier also called on the United States to widen the peace by halting "all its acts of aggression" against Cambodia and Laos, which he said were continuing despite the agreement.

The speech came at a banquet for Le qDuc Tho, the North Vietnamese official who negotiated the agreement. The banquet also honored North Vietnam's Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh, who signed the agreement in Paris last Saturday.

On Way to Hanoi

The two men are on their way back to Hanoi.

The Chinese marked the occasion with the highest-ranking turnout at any banquet in months, with every active member of the ruling politburo present except Chairman Mao Tse-tung. Mr. Mao's wife, Chiang Ching, who had not been seen at a banquet since the National Day celebrations four months ago, was present.

The mood at the banquet was relaxed and happy, with the two North Vietnamese principals strolling from table to table toasting Chinese dignitaries and diplomats in mao tai, a fiery Chinese drink.

Among the diplomats with whom a beaming Mr. Tho shook hands was the Canadian Ambassador, John C. Small, attending a North Vietnamese function in Peking for the first time.

Normally, Canadian diplomats stay away from banquets honoring countries with which Canada has no diplomatic relations, but an exception was made on this occasion because of Canada's role on the four-nation supervisory commission

established to monitor the cease-fire.

Australian Aide Present

Another surprise appearance was that of the Australian chargé d'affaires, Ross Cottrell — possibly the first time that a diplomat from Australia, which once had troops fighting alongside the Americans, has attended a function honoring the North Vietnamese.

In his speech, Premier Chou paid tribute to the "valiant, tenacious, inspiring and heartstirring struggle under extremely difficult conditions" that the Communists waged in Vietnam.

The agreement that resulted was not only a great victory for the Vietnamese people and the people of Indochina as a whole, but also "a common victory for the people of the whole world, the American people included," he said.

He added that the lesson to be learned from the conflict was that "any country, however mighty a big power it may

be, will definitely run up against a wall if it attempts by force of arms to impose its will on the people of another country."

At another point, the Premier stressed the importance attached by China to the strict observance of all provisions of the agreement by the parties concerned, and especially by Saigon.

North Vietnam and the Vietcong have already pledged strict observance of the pact, he said, and it is Peking's "hope and demand that the United States Government and particularly the Saigon authorities will refrain from procrastination, expansion and sabotage."

Only thus can "what is written on paper be turned into a reality," with the Vietnamese people obtaining a genuine peace and easing the tension in the Far East, he said.

Looking to the future, the Premier said that the Vietnamese people now faced "most arduous tasks," but in the end they would certainly succeed in fulfilling the late Ho Chi Minh's "great behest" of reunifying the country.

He said China would stand together with the Vietnamese people in this new period of peacetime struggle and give all-out support and assistance "until complete victory is won."

U.S. Raids in Laos Go On

HONOLULU, Feb. 1 (UPI)—The United States Pacific Command said today that American aircraft, including B-52's, continued bombing in Laos for the fourth consecutive day after the start of the Vietnam cease-fire.

As in the last three days, the office of Adm. Noel A. M. Gayler, commander of United States forces in the Pacific, said the missions were being flown at the request of the Laotian Government.

No further comment was made.