

# Congress Vs. Viet Aid

WASHINGTON — (AP) — An unusual coalition of doves and hawks in Congress is building an attack against administration plans to provide direct U.S. reconstruction aid for North Vietnam.

Among those on the same side of the issue are Sens. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.), who supports administration foreign and defense policies, and William Proxmire (D-Wis.), a frequent opponent.

The developing crossfire appears to insure a long, hard fight rivaling in intensity the bitter battle over congressional moves to end the war in Vietnam.

It is likely to be aggravated by the fight over President Nixon's sharp domestic budget cuts and statements by presidential aides that any aid for North Vietnam would probably require further cutbacks at home.

## *Doves, Hawks Oppose Plan*

Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott, however, predicted last week that, while aid to North Vietnam "does go against the grain," Congress will in the end support President Nixon.

Scott predicted primary opposition from what he re-

ferred to as the "the neo-isolationists, the New Left." But he conceded there is some conservative opposition, too.

Already there are signs the administration may be backing away from its initial plans, which reportedly called for a \$7.5 billion five-year U.S. program for all of Indochina, with \$2.5 billion for North Vietnam. The White House has not used these figures recently.