

# Brezhnev Hails The Viet Peace

Washington,

Leonid I. Brezhnev, leader of the Soviet Communist Party, has told President Nixon by letter that the Vietnam Peace agreement creates "new possibilities" for improving Soviet-American relations and the world situation.

Echoing remarks he made in a speech in Moscow on January 30, three days after the agreement was signed, Brezhnev expressed "profound satisfaction" on behalf of himself and his colleagues.

He did not specify the ways in which Soviet-American relations might improve, but diplomatic observers here suggested the possibilities included trade, the strategic arms talks, scientific and cultural exchanges and possibly a joint Middle East peace effort.

Such matters might be discussed personally by Mr.

Nixon and Brezhnev if the Soviet leader decides to visit the U.S. later this year. Mr. Nixon invited him to do so during the President's visit in Moscow last May.

The Brezhnev letter, the date of which was unavailable, was leaked by White House aides. Later, Gerald L. Warren, the deputy presidential press secretary, confirmed that it had been received and said the leaked partial text was accurate.

Brezhev wrote, in part:

"On behalf of my colleagues and myself I wish to express our profound satisfaction in connection with the signing that took place in Paris of the agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam.

"We are confident that the end of bloodshed in Vietnam has a tremendous significance and will be warmly welcomed not only by the Vietnamese and the American people but also by all people of good will.

"There is no doubt that consistent realization of the agreement on the peaceful solution of the Vietnam problem, while eliminating one of the most dangerous hotbeds of international tension, will in many ways facilitate the improving of the world situation.

"We think there is no need to dwell much on the theme that such development of events will have a positive effect on the relations between our two countries, as well, thus opening new possibilities for their further developing and deepening, and we stand for such a course of policy."

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