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## A Fast Recovery In North Vietnam

### Saigon

North Vietnam reported yesterday it is making a speedy postwar recovery from the devastation of American bombing and is rebuilding bridges, shipyards and factories.

The biggest accomplishment to date, a Radio Hanoi broadcast reported, has been reactivation of the mile-long Paul Doumer bridge, the most important in North Vietnam. Supplies from China destined for Hanoi move across the bridge. U.S. Air Force bomb-

ers knocked it out in raids last May 10-11 and again last September 10. Radio Hanoi said the bridge was rebuilt "after 41 days and nights of intensive repair work."

Also reported reopened was the Long Bien bridge, North Vietnam's longest.

North Vietnam said many plants are producing while rebuilding. It reported that nearly half of its state-owned brick and tile factories and stone quarries damaged by U.S. bombs last year have resumed operations.

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## Hanoi-U.S. Aid Talks

### Paris

U.S. and North Vietnamese officials will start talks here this week on plans for handling American economic aid to Hanoi.

U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State William H. Sullivan and North Vietnamese Deputy Foreign

Minister Nguyen Co Thach will discuss the setting up of a joint economic commission, informed sources said.

The U.S. and North Vietnam decided to establish the commission during Henry A. Kissinger's visit to Hanoi last month.

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