

Saigon and Vietcong Fail Again To Agree on Agenda for Parley

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PARIS, March 26—Vietcong and Saigon delegations met today for about two hours but failed for the third time to agree on an agenda for negotiations leading to national elections in South Vietnam.

Today's session was the shortest they have held since they began their formal meetings a week ago.

[Meanwhile, Reuters reported from Saigon that parallel secret negotiations had begun somewhere near Paris between the Vietcong's Provisional Revolutionary Government and the Government of President Nguyen Van Thieu. The report, attributed to Saigon Government sources, said the talks showed some signs of progress.]

At today's formal session, held before the White House, announced that the deadlock over American troop withdrawals and the release of American prisoners had been broken, the Vietcong accused the United States of inventing "unjustifiable pretexts" to perpetuate "in one form or another, its neo-colonial domination" over the Vietnamese people.

U.S. Accused on Arms

Nguyen Van Hieu, chief of the Vietcong delegation, said the United States had "entirely invented the so-called 'infiltrations' of the South by North Vietnamese troops while 'illegally' sending more arms to Saigon's forces.

He charged that President Thieu's troops had committed more than 46,000 violations of the cease-fire agreement since it was signed here Jan. 27.

Mr. Thieu did not mention the agenda for the formal meetings, which was supposed to be the principal point of discussion between the two sides wrestling for political control of South Vietnam.

But Nguyen Luu Vien, Saigon's chief delegate, said that the Paris accords signed in January set forth only "three problems" for the negotiating parties to resolve.

The agenda, he said, called first for general elections in South Vietnam, next the formation of a National Council of Reconciliation and National Concord, and then reduction and demobilization of armed forces. Saigon's delegation has insisted that the last point deals with the withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops.

Statements Issued

The heads of the two delegations detailed their arguments in separate statements after today's meeting, held at Tag Chateau of La Celle St. Cloud, between Paris and Versailles. The texts were made public at a news conference this afternoon at the International Conference Center, the former Hotel Majestic on the Avenue Kléber.

The two sides are scheduled to meet again Friday at La Celle St. Cloud.