

**VIETCONG ACCUSE  
U.S. AIDES IN SOUTH**

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PARIS, March 30 (Reuters)—

The Vietcong said today that thousands of United States military advisers disguised as civilians remained in South Vietnam and that their presence hindered a political settlement.

The charge was made by Prof. Nguyen Van Hieu, minister of state in the Vietcong Provisional Revolutionary Government.

While hailing the departure of the last United States troops from South Vietnam, he argued that the American withdrawal was not complete.

"Hundreds of thousands of G.I.'s have been redeployed in Southeast Asia," he said. "In South Vietnam, between 10,000 and 20,000 United States military advisers disguised as civilians are pursuing their work."

WASHINGTON, March 30 (AP)—The State Department said today that about 8,500

Americans remained in South Vietnam.

Charles W. Bray 3d, the department's press officer, gave the estimate in denying North Vietnamese charges that the United States is maintaining from 10,000 to 20,000 military personnel in the south disguised as civilians.