

# Thieu Denounces Hanoi For Continued Fighting

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## Saigon

President Nguyen Van Thieu angrily denounced North Vietnam yesterday for the continued fighting in South Vietnam and warned he may break off negotiations with the communists in Saigon and Paris.

"We have participated in peace bargaining in both Saigon and Paris for nearly a year now, but to no avail, Thieu said, speaking to 2000 students and teachers in Vung Tau, 40 miles southeast of Saigon. "The matter now is whether or not we

should continue to be at the bargaining tables."

"The NLF (National Liberation Front) itself is no problem, Thieu said. "It cannot decide anything itself anyway. It is Hanoi which decides everything.

"It is Hanoi — entirely Hanoi — not the so-called NLF, which has been pressing armed aggression in

South Vietnam, Thieu said. "Hanoi has been infiltrating men and war materiel into South Vietnam for this purpose.

Meanwhile, a more conciliatory development was announced in the peace negotiations in Saigon where sources close to the two-party Joint Military Commission said that South Vietnam and the Viet Cong will exchange more civilian prisoners next month before the Tet lunar year on January 23.

In the 11 months following the signing of the cease-fire agreement on January 28, South Vietnam has released 1539 out of a list of 5081 communists it has detained. The Viet Cong returned 411

prisoners to South Vietnam out of a list of 637.

In Phnom Penh, Cambodia's new prime minister, Long Boret, called for an immediate end to the fighting in his embattled country.

In a speech before the Cambodian parliament, Boret also issued a new appeal for negotiations in Cambodia and invited the International Control Commission to return to his country to police the fighting.

The ICC, established by the Geneva agreement of 1954, was expelled from Cambodia in 1959 by ousted Cambodian chief of state Norodom Sihanouk.

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