

Vietcong Say They Are Quitting Paris Talks With Saigon Team

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PARIS, May 13 — The Vietcong's Provisional Revolutionary Government announced today that it was suspending its negotiations here with Saigon's delegation.

That ended all formal discussions between the two sides, since their Joint Military Commission in Saigon has also broken down.

Actually, there have been no talks at the conference center at La Celle-St.-Cloud near Paris since April 1, when the South Vietnamese Government said it would not attend any more meetings because the Vietcong had captured a base. The teams meeting here were supposed to discuss a political settlement for South Vietnam.

Since mid-April the Vietcong have each week proposed a meeting, and Saigon's delegation has regularly refused to attend.

Now, according to the announcement the Chief of the Vietcong's delegation, Nguyen Van Hieu, plans to leave Paris "shortly," emphasizing the break. But the phrase "sine die" used in the statement, meaning that a date was not being set for the parties to meet again, seemed to indicate that

he would return if agreement could be reached on terms for resuming the negotiations.

However, the conditions set by the two sides are flatly contradictory and there is little prospect that they will alter their positions.

Under the cease-fire accords signed in Paris in January, 1973, the two sides were supposed to work out a political agreement within 90 days that would produce a joint council for all South Vietnam and lead to national elections.

But they have never agreed on a single step. All of their meetings have been devoted to charges and countercharges over the continued fighting in Vietnam.

The joint Military Commission in Saigon worked a little more successfully for a time. Prisoners were exchanged and on occasion members of the international commission of control and supervision were flown out to inspect places where hostilities had occurred.

The four-power control commission has never functioned effectively, however, because its rules require unanimous decisions and its members always split down the middle, Communists against non-Communists.