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**HANOI AND VIETCONG
ARE ASSAILED BY U.S.**

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, June 18 (AP)—The United States accused North Vietnam and the Vietcong today of refusing to honor the Vietnam cease-fire and trying to conquer South Vietnam by military force.

A strongly worded United States Embassy statement said that Hanoi continued to ship "massive quantities of war matériel and thousands of their young men into the South, both in obvious violation" of the Vietnam peace agreement.

It said that 66,243 North Vietnamese and 17,979 South Vietnamese soldiers had been killed since the cease-fire was signed in January, 1973.

The South Vietnamese Government "has been ready for all these months to make the cease-fire effective." The American Embassy's statement said. "Yet the North Vietnamese have continued and stepped up their military attacks and are still trying unsuccessfully to conquer the people of South Vietnam by pure military force."

The statement was issued after the Vietcong delegation again walked out of the two-party Joint Military Commission and the four-party Joint Military Team. The Communists charged that the South Vietnamese and the Americans refused to discuss the question of the Vietcong delegation's diplomatic privileges and immunities.