

Saigon Pledges Truce Commission \$2.8-Million

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Sept. 23—The Saigon Government said today that it would contribute \$2.8-million to the bankrupt International Commission of Control and Supervision, the international group charged with supervising the Paris peace agreements.

"Everyone knows that the economic situation of South Vietnam is very low," said Brig. Gen. Phan Hoa Hiep, Saigon's representative at the Two-Party Joint-Military Commission responsible for observing that military aspects of the agreements are carried out.

"But even to we want to contribute to the I.C.C.S. to help keep the peace in Vietnam."

.. Refusal of Communists ..

The general was contrasting his Government's decision to make a contribution with the stand of North Vietnam and the Vietcong's Provisional Revolutionary Government. Both have refused to contribute to the international commission on the ground that the United States continued to "interfere in the internal affairs of South Vietnam" and refused to make postwar "reparations" to Hanoi.

Provided the South Vietnamese contribution is actual-

Grant to International Control Team Would Cover Debt to Inspection-Site Contractor

ly paid on time, it will cover an outstanding \$1.5-million debt to a contracting firm working on truce observation sites that said it would withdraw its services this week if it was not paid.

Vincent LeBlanc, a spokesman for the company, Pacific Architects and Engineers, Inc., said he had quotes "heard" that Saigon planned to pay half its share but that until the money was "in the bank" the firm would continue to operate on the assumption that it was pulling out.

The withdrawal of the firm's services would oblige some 400 truce observers from the commission's four countries—Iran, Indonesia, Poland and Hungary to abandon 40 sites scattered around the country.

Such a withdrawal would be a victory for the Vietnamese Communists, who have always favored a small peace-keeping contingent located in Saigon.

The Paris peace agreements stipulate that the United States, North Vietnam, South Vietnam and the Vietcong will each

pay 23 per cent of the commission's costs, with the four nations sending observers picking up the rest.

The United States has already paid \$4-million of its allotted \$5.6-million share to this year's \$24.5-million budget. American officials say that no more money has been appropriated by Congress for the commission.

A commission member observed that Saigon's decision had temporarily solved the organization's financial problems. "Next month we will have the same situation," he said. "We are living from hand to mouth."

The commission's debts currently run to about \$5-million.