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HANOI OPPOSITION TO CAMBODIA PEACE 'VERY CLEAR' (TEXT) (DDD) (450)

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 7 -- AN AMERICAN LEGISLATOR SAYS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES' OPPOSITION TO A CAMBODIAN SETTLEMENT "WAS MADE VERY CLEAR WHEN THEY FOUGHT PITCHED BATTLES WITH CAMBODIAN COMMUNIST TROOPS THEY THEMSELVES TRAINED."

"WORLD OPINION KNOWS THAT THE TRUCE AGREEMENT OF LAST JANUARY APPLIED TO CAMBODIA; AND NORTH VIETNAM HAS IGNORED IT," REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT N.C. NIX (DEMOCRAT, PENNSYLVANIA) TOLD THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON SEPTEMBER 5.

"THE WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY," HE ADDED.

"THE CONGRESS CANNOT IGNORE WHAT THE WHOLE WORLD CAN SEE. ON BEHALF OF MY CONSTITUENTS I CONDEMN THE CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF THE TRUCE AGREEMENT IN CAMBODIA BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REGIME," REP. NIX SAID.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF HIS REMARKS:

(BEGIN TEXT)

MR. SPEAKER, I SUPPORTED THE LEGISLATION WHICH ENDED AMERICAN BOMBING IN CAMBODIA ON AUGUST 15 OF THIS YEAR.

I DID SO BECAUSE I BELIEVED THAT CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE WAR POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT WERE DECISIVE. THAT PARTICULAR ISSUE WILL BE ANSWERED WHEN THE CONGRESS ENACTS WAR POWERS LEGISLATION.

I HAD HOPED, AS MANY OTHERS DID, THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WOULD TAKE THE ENDING OF OUR BOMBING AS THE CLEAREST KIND OF SIGNAL THAT THEY COULD TAKE RECIPROCAL ACTION. THEY COULD WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS, THE MAIN CAUSE OF THE WAR EVER SINCE SIHANOUK REQUESTED SECRET BOMBING OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE BY THE U.S. IF THEY DID SO THE CAMBODIANS COULD SETTLE MATTERS THEMSELVES.

BUT THAT IS THE PROBLEM. THEY DO NOT WISH EVEN THE MOST DEDICATED CAMBODIAN COMMUNIST TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA. IN FACT THEIR POSITION WAS MADE VERY CLEAR WHEN THEY FOUGHT PITCHED BATTLES WITH CAMBODIAN COMMUNIST TROOPS THEY HAD THEMSELVES TRAINED. THESE WERE DISCIPLINARY BATTLES AND AS A RESULT NORTH VIETNAMESE DISCIPLINE HAS BEEN REIMPOSED.

THE WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY.
WORLD OPINION HAS SEEN THE END OF AMERICAN BOMBING.
WORLD OPINION KNOWS THAT THE TRUCE AGREEMENT OF LAST
JANUARY APPLIED TO CAMBODIA AND NORTH VIETNAM HAS IGNORED IT.

ARTICLE 20 (B) OF THE AGREEMENT ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING
PEACE IN VIETNAM STATES:

(B) FOREIGN COUNTRIES SHALL PUT AN END TO ALL MILITARY
ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS, TOTALLY WITHDRAW FROM AND
REFRAIN FROM REINTRODUCING INTO THESE TWO COUNTRIES TROOPS,
MILITARY ADVISERS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL, AMMUNITIONS, MUNITIONS
AND WAR MATERIALS.

ARTICLE 20 (C) STATES:

(C) THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CAMBODIA AND LAOS SHALL BE
SETTLED BY THE PEOPLE OF THESE COUNTRIES WITHOUT FOREIGN
INTERFERENCE.

THE CONGRESS CANNOT IGNORE WHAT THE WHOLE WORLD CAN SEE.
ON BEHALF OF MY CONSTITUENTS I CONDEMN THE CONTINUING VIOLATIONS
OF THE TRUCE AGREEMENT IN CAMBODIA BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REGIME
AND I WILL NEVER SUPPORT THE SPENDING OF ONE DIME ON
RECONSTRUCTION AID FOR NORTH VIETNAM AS LONG AS THESE
VIOLATIONS CONTINUE. (END TEXT) ITEM

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