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# COMMUNIQUE ON LATEST MEETING OF VANCE, LAU

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[Text] Hanoi VNA January 13--The spokesman for the representative of the D.R.V.N. Government at the Paris conference on Vietnam yesterday issued a press communique on the latest meeting between Ambassador Ha Van Lau and Cyrus Vance. The communique said:

On the afternoon of January 12 D.R.V.N. Ambassador Ha Van Lau had a meeting with U.S. Ambassador Cyrus Vance. Once again, Ambassador Ha Van Lau stressed the obstinacy of the United States, which has always refused to accept the reasonable logical proposals made by the D.R.V.N. at the meeting on January 2, 1969.

Ambassador Ha Van Lau denounced the manoeuvres of the U.S. and the Saigon administration who continue to cling to their absurd viewpoint about a two-sided conference and who are seeking to materialize this viewpoint by a table cut in two by a drawing of lots for the speaking order.

Today the representative of the U.S. Government advanced so-called new proposals on the shape of the table always cut in two, either by one strip or a straight line, and on the speaking order. At bottom these proposals are nothing new. They aim to manifest the absurd viewpoint of the U.S. and the Saigon administration, who do not take into account either the viewpoint the logical and reasonable proposals of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation.

It is clear that the U.S. and the Saigon administration are deliberately using procedural questions to delay the opening of the Paris conference on Vietnam. They must bear full responsibility for this delay.

## VOICE OF VIETNAM GROUP RETURNS FROM CAMBODIA

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[Text] The Voice of Vietnam delegation headed by Comrade Tran Lam, its chief editor, which recently visited the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia at the invitation of the Cambodian Information Ministry, has returned to Hanoi.

During its stay in Cambodia the delegation visited many economic and cultural construction prospects. It also visited Sihanoukville harbor, Siem Reap Province, and the famous Angkor ruins. The delegation was warmly welcomed by the Cambodian Information Ministry, the broadcasting and television station of the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia, and local Khmer friends.

The delegation had the honor of receiving a letter from Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, chief of state of the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia. A valuable gift from Sihanouk to the Voice of Vietnam station accompanied the letter, which reads in part: "I am firmly convinced that the visit of your delegation will greatly contribute to strengthening Vietnamese-Khmer brotherly friendship and safeguarding the national independence of our two countries against U.S. aggression and the U.S. scheme for domination. I beg your delegation to convey our warm wishes for victory in all fields to the heroic people of the DRV.

We also want to express our warm support to the people of the DRV in their patriotic and revolutionary struggle.

## THANOM, U.S. AMBASSADOR SCORE PARADE ARTICLE

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[Text] Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachon spoke about the PARADE magazine attack on His Majesty the King, the communist terrorists, and the government United Thai People's Party campaign at his press conference yesterday.

In answer to a question, Prime Minister Thanom said that the government, on December 30, had instructed the Thai Embassy in Washington and the Thai ambassador to the United Nations in New York to lodge an official protest with PARADE magazine and the Washington POST which carried the Sunday magazine. The foreign minister had also written a letter of protest to be delivered to the two publications through the Thai Embassy.

After a meeting with Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman, American Ambassador Leonard Unger issued a statement denouncing the PARADE magazine article, said the Prime Minister. Ambassador Unger had also been received in audience by His Majesty the King in this connection, he added.

Switching the subject to the communist terrorists, the Prime Minister told newsmen that the fighting has definitely eased now. He again urged the press to be careful about reporting terrorist activities, as the terrorists can twist the news reports to gain a propaganda edge. Radio Peking, Radio Hanoi, and the People's Voice make use of news stories for their own advantage, he said.

The Prime Minister admitted that the press reported terrorist activities with the commendable intention of informing the public of progress made in suppressing communists. However, he added, press stories are liable to be used by the enemy.

Referring to a report that a government helicopter has been shot down in Phetchabun, the Prime Minister said he had no information.

Asked if he was going to make any replies to attacks on the government Saha Pracha Thai Party, the Prime Minister said that he was not going to indulge in "Hyde Park style speeches." The government party leader said that he would make a television address before February 10 to inform the people about the accomplishments of the government.

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COMMUNIST TERRORIST CAPTURE--The authorities captured two communist terrorists, including one who has been trained in North Vietnam, and 11 suspects during the past week, Prime Minister Thanom Kittikachon reported on 13 January. Three communists were killed in five firefights. In the most important battle, which occurred in Nokhon Thai, Phitsanulok, two terrorists were killed. The third was killed in Chiang Rai. Eleven communists surrendered during the week. Communist snipers fired eight times at police outposts--twice in each of Nan, Phitsanulok, and Loei provinces and one each in Phetchabun and Sakon Nakhon provinces. [Text] (Bangkok POST English 14 Jan 69 p 12 D)

COMMUNIST VICTORY CLAIM--On 7 January, the people's armed forces launched fierce attacks against various enemy positions, particularly the enemy field headquarters at Ban Houy Sai Tay village, and heavily mauled their forces. Prasert Ruchirawong, the clique's fascist police chief, has admitted the mobility of the police forces cannot match that of the people's armed forces. He also said that the Mung tribal people refuse to move from their villages into the concentration camps established by the clique. (Voice of Thai People /Clandestine/ Thai Thailand 1100 GMT 9 Jan 69 D)