

(Morgan Gandy)

Saigon 26220 (UPIS) South Vietnam's Foreign Minister Tran Van Do to day urged President Lyndon B. Johnson to resume the bombing of North Vietnam "in a few days."

"So far, we have no answer from Hanoi, if they want to negotiate or talk," the ~~st~~ elderly, ~~sm~~ small-framed Foreign Minister ~~E~~ explained. "Hanoi has to give up its hope to convert South Vietnam by force--and if they don't and want to continue this war, they will be exposed to heavy damage by bombing. It's up to them to choose--we have no choice but to fight. We can't afford to stop ~~the~~ the bombing too long, for North Vietnam will take profit of the situation to infiltrate more cadre and to introduce more arms into South Vietnam."

The foreign Minister explained that "the ~~decisive~~ decision (to bomb or not to bomb) will be made by President Johnson because the bombing of North Vietnam depends on the ~~the~~ Seventh ~~the~~ Fleet aircraft. It's up to President Johnson to decide."

(More Malloy--BD)

first add--morgan gandy--Saigon

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The soft-sopspoken Foreign Minister denied that President Johnson's peace offensive had deflated South Vietnamese morale, which had been often expressed here.

"We understand what the peace moves means," the Foreign Minister explained. "President Johnson has to do what he did. He was obliged to do it--to decide either to fight or to stop. He can't have some doubt...He wants to know exactly what he has to do this year. If Hanoi accepts to negotiate, then we will have talks. If Hanoi rejects his offensive, then he knows he has to fight and he'll put all the ~~sting~~ strength of the United States to fight. He has to make up his mind."

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second add--morgan gandy--Saigon

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The Foreign Minister explained that he could understand why the North Vietnamese regime refused to accept President Johnson's unconditional peace discussions for peace.

"If I were eye ~~a~~ Communist, I'd also hesitate to negotiate," he explained. "I'd be in a very embarrassing position. So far, the Communists have promised their people they would takeover South Vietnam and reunify the country// and guerrilla and liberation fight can notrptnot be defeated. They always maintain this point of view. If they stop ~~use~~ the war, they'll ~~be~~ be considered the loser by their own ~~ex~~ people and it will be difficult for them to maintain their regime after eye military defeat. The regime will be overthrown by the people."

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third add--morgan gandy--Saigon

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Doctor Do--who holds a medical ~~doctor~~ doctorship--also reiterated South Vietnamese government demands that both North Vietnamese Army ~~reg~~ regulars (PAVN) and Southern-born Viet Cong hardcore elements and political cadre withdraw to North Vietnam. He estimated that more than 100,000 repeat onehundred thousand Communist fighters and political cadre would have to be "regrouped" in North Vietnam. He urged that the South Vietnamese government--rather than international commissions and organizations--be responsible for the "screening" of those Communists who would be returned to North Vietnam because "only the Vietnamese and not foreigners can tell who's peaceloving people and who's ~~Highly dangerous~~ Communist."

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He said that American officials had told him they had agreed with the South Vietnamese government demands that the Communists must return north of the seventeenth parallel which dividing Communist North ~~Viet~~ Vietnam and the anti-Communist republic. He declined to name the American officials who had given him and his government this ~~gu~~ guarantee, but ~~well~~ well informed sources said the American officials were former ~~Ambasdd~~ Ambassador Maxwell DDD Ta_ylor, former ~~d~~ deputy ambassador ~~A~~ Alexis Johnson--currently undersecretary for political affairs in the State Department in Washington--and present American Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge."

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"The Americans agree with us on the withdrawal of cadre because an ~~AM~~ American official told me it's unthinkable that during World War Two the allies should start negotiations when the Germans still occupied France," the fragile foreign Minister explained. "So we can't negotiate while the Communists are all over the country."

The Foreign Minister said he "definitely" ruled out a coalition government which would include the Communist, pro-Communist and pro-neutralist elements.

"We want to ~~exist~~ have peaceful co-existence with North Vietnam--if they'll withdraw and just leave us alone," Doctor Do said. "But we do not want peaceful ~~co-habitation~~ co-habitation with them in South Vietnam. I don't think the United States wants us to do that either. We think at the present time we should live separately like after the Geneva Agreements (in 1954), and then we can have co-existence but not ~~co-habitation~~ co-habitation."

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