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SAIGON, OCTOBER 26—Even before the current peace flurry came into public view, leaders in Hanoi were known to be in disagreement about whether or not to sit at the conference table with the Saigon government—
which the Communists have vowed ~~to destroy~~ *sited*

One diplomatic visitor to Hanoi in early October explained:

"Some of the Communist leaders agreed to sit with the Saigon government and some did not. I don't know what they will decide to do."

The latest word reaching Saigon is that Hanoi is still—thus far—refusing to sit with an official representation from the South Vietnamese government, but instead wants another delegation to represent the South at the Paris peace talks. Some sources say the Communists have specified ~~a delegation including~~ that General Duong Van Minh—"Big Minh"—the ~~four~~ formerly exiled Southern ~~Vietnamese~~ general who lead the first coup d'etat ~~in 1963~~ against the *late* President Ngo Dinh Diem and his regime. *in 1963.*

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In Saigon, also, the South Vietnamese government is ~~reported~~
to be reported in disagreement with American officials over the future ~~role~~
of the government of President Nguyen Van Thieu in the peace talks *SEND TO*
Pressure in conjunction with the Viet Cong, the Southern Communist ~~component~~
political and military component.

It will cause a major shift in policy for Hanoi, the Viet Cong and
~~Saig~~ the Saigon government to begin talks at the same table--since the
Communists have vowed to destroy the legally elected Saigon government and
the Saigon government refuses to consider the Viet Cong as anything but
outlaws.

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"Almost everything has been agreed to by Washington and Hanoi-- except the role of the Southern members at the next stage of the peace talks," one informed source reported.

Neutralist
The diplomat who visited Hanoi said that since American warplanes stopped flying over the northern nine-tenths of the country in seven months ago, the North Vietnamese government has done little to repair or reconstruct bombed out houses or ~~public~~ public buildings. Goods rolling into Hai Phong by Communist ships is stacked in the open; warehouses have not ~~in~~ not repeat not been rebuilt.

But, he said, all visible roads and bridges have been rebuilt in some fashion--some bridges have two or three alternative, but semi-permanent routes available now. This Communist emphasis on improving transportation from Hai Phong down to the 19th ~~parallel~~ parallel has worried American troop commanders, who see ~~more~~ Hanoi more capable pouring down supplies into South Vietnam, especially when the monsoon weather clears up for them. *The LAOTIAN side of the mountains.*

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The U.S. Joe to Hanoi

He said it ~~was~~ the ~~main~~ railroad's railroad system from Hanoi to Hai Phong and then ~~running~~ running into China Communist China had been repaired and some of the Chinese Communist laborers once assigned to ~~repa~~ rebuilding work keeping that ~~railline~~ open have been withdrawn. It is ~~vast~~ faster to travel from Peking to Hanoi by train--two days--than ~~by plane~~, which for some unknown reasons ~~stops~~ each trip for four days at a small airfield outside of Hanoi--much to the inconvenience of the travelers.

Most of the North Vietnamese ~~travel by~~ bicycle or foot; private cars and public busses are ~~rea~~ rarely seen; but trucks moving supplies are visible in great numbers and in many areas of the country.

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Since late June, train schedules from Communist China have been regular he said, before that, ~~however~~ the trains had been disrupted in China—officially explained by Premier Chinese Pm Premier Chou En-Lai because of Red Guard activities.

He assumed that reconstruction work on ~~industry~~ a industrial, public and individual buildings had not been initiated because of lack of materials.

There is ~~barely~~ enough food just enough food to feed the North Vietnamese population—which is now reduced ~~enough~~ to two meals a day per person.

"At diplomatic ~~reccit~~ receptions, we must always order alot of food," he explained. "And it is compulsory that there is no ~~talking~~—only eating—~~however~~ for an half hour before we start talking and toasting with the North Vietnamese."

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The air war over the North has ~~proedue~~ produced the opposite reaction in North Vietnam from the ~~2~~ heavy fighting in the South. In the South, the intensity of fighting produced a population flight to the urban areas--but in North Vietnam, the air war produced a ~~disintegration~~ ~~population~~ decentralization of population and government into the countryside. He said the schoolchildren in Hanoi still study in school schools located outside the capital, but and visit with their parents only on week-ends. He said the North Vietnamese governmental ~~2~~ ~~ad~~ administrations--from the provincial echelon downwards--have been moved ~~ino~~ into the countryside to escape air bombardment. *And still remain*

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Also, he said, North Vietnam's light industry has still been de-centralized. He visited Nam Dinh, northwest of Hanoi, which was once a major textile producing city. He said the major mills had been heavily bombar bombed, but that the machines had been built underground into cement shelters, where the workers continued to wrck work, even though they had ~~once~~ received 25 to 30 air alerts a day before American air raids over the North ~~were the area on March 31.~~ He said most of the residents of Nam Dinh had left the city for the countryside, except for the textile workers, who had dispersed their ~~communist~~ machines in their cement bunkers throughout the city.

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He said one village between Hanoi and Nam Dinh, which was ^{almost completely} situated near a major bridge, had been ~~completely~~ destroyed by American air-raids.

In Hanoi, he said young men are frequently seen on the streets--more than he recalled from his previous visit two months before. He did not know if they were soldiers were on leave. He said rarely ~~are uniformed~~ ^{are rarely} ~~persons seen even police~~ government officers ~~uniformed~~ including even ~~police~~ although occasionally a uniformed woman soldier is seen.

He said the North Vietnamese had set up a special exhibition of American-dropped ^{ORDNANCE} bombing fragments and remains of destroyed ~~airplanes~~ ^{airplanes}. Along with this, the government efficiently proscribed ~~various~~ ^{protect} ways in which the population should attempt to protect itself from the varying kinds of ordnance. The government rapidly issues these instructions to the population when a new American military development ^{was} ~~is undertaken~~ for example, when the USS New Jersey began spouting lethal naval gunfire ~~into~~ onto the shorelines in late ~~September~~ September, the government immediately ~~prosec~~ ^{proscribed} that said that persons were killed ~~when these shells were~~ ^{with only three-meter deep, foxholes} they were. The population and troops in the area were ordered to dig down eight meters. ^{dig fox holes}

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