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saigon, february 13 — south vietnam's foreign minister has called for a radical reappraisal of allied war strategy — particularly the bombing of north vietnam — in the wake of the surprise communist tet offensive.

"it is clear," the foreign minister, dr tran van do, told this correspondent in an interview, "that allied policy must be reviewed. our strategy (insofar as the bombing of north vietnam is concerned) has been a complete failure. it has not repeat not achieved what we said it would."

"the communists now have the initiative. we cannot go on like this." referring to the communist offensive against the cities, he said: "it is being said the situation is under control. but it is not repeat not under control. the communists can give us many more problems. they can cause much more destruction, strike many more victims."

dr do declined to spell out the new course he would like to see the allies adopt. but it was clear by implication that he was calling for a much harder allied line towards the communists."

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"I don't want to see the war expanded," said the foreign minister, "but on the other hand we take the risk that such a policy ~~(of not repeat not expanding the war)~~ (of not repeat not expanding the war) might mean that south vietnam may lose the war."

dr do said the amount of equipment the viet cong and north vietnamese had thrown into their tet offensive proved the ineffectiveness of bombing to halt infiltration and supply from north vietnam. "we have got to take more effective measures to reduce the rate of infiltration," he declared.

the foreign minister made it clear he was criticising ^{that he was} american bombing of north vietnam as a strategy for halting infiltration and demanding not repeat not a halt to the bombing but more drastic action against infiltration.

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the interview took place on the eve of the foreign minister's departure from south vietnam to attend the unctad conference which is taking place in delhi.

dr do said the tet offensive by the communists had justified his government's firm position in the past ~~in~~ in favor of bombing north vietnam, and in opposing any coalition with the communists in southxx vietnam.

"in the past," he said, "the world has charged us with being too exacting. but we have consistently said the bombing of north vietnam should not repeat not be ~~xxxx~~ stopped until hanoi gives some indication it would, reduce the infiltration rate.

"now we see the arms and the men they have brought in. we see what centres they have hit. we see what heavy armament they have introduced. if this has happened with the bombing, what could they have done if there had been no bombing at all ?"

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though the foreign minister emphasized that bombing had not been effective in halting infiltration, he nevertheless said his government was emphatic that the present level of bombing should not repeat not be stopped without a north vietnamese promise not repeat not to take advantage of such a bombing halt.

he was similarly emphatic in rejecting the prospect of any ~~coalition~~ coalition in south vietnam with the national liberation front, the political arm of the viet cong. the tet offensive, he said, had vindicated the saigon government in its belief it could not rely on the "good word, the good, faith" of the front.

"with such a force that they (the front) have behind them," he said, "it would be very dangerous to have a coalition. we would have here the same situation as in laos. to integrate them into south vietnam is impossible."

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"I know the world says we are not being realistic -- that they (the front) exist. but we cannot accept them. it is too difficult, too dangerous.

"we see the danger better than before as a result of the last (tet) offensive. our people now more easily understand why we couldn't accept the national liberation front in south vietnam."

the task, he said, was to isolate the liberation front,"to prevent north vietnam helping the front, to get north vietnam out of the war."

at present, he said, the communists were holding the initiative. "we are waiting for them at khe sanh and elsewhere. always we are on the self-defense. they, using neutral territory such as cambodia, have the initiative."

he said that when the communists expand the war, the world says nothing, but when the allies expand it there is an international outcry.

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dr do said he saw little hope that the electronic barrier currently being built below the demilitarized zone would be successful in stopping north vietnamese infiltration. and he reiterated the reluctance of the government of laos to permit extension of this barrier across its territory.

the foreign minister said there had been speculation that the next summit meeting of vietnam war allies might be held in april. he said he had had no word whether such a review of allied strategy as he was advocating would take place at that meeting. endit hughes.

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