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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- IN THE 1973 PARIS PEACE ACCORDS, THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO REPLACE WORN-OUT SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY EQUIPMENT ON A PIECE BY PIECE BASIS, WHILE "HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR" IN NORTH VIETNAM AND INDOCHINA WITH RECONSTRUCTION AID.

THE SENATE WEDNESDAY -- REFLECTING GROWING DISENCHANTMENT WITH CONTINUING HOSTILITIES IN INDOCHINA -- VOTED TO STRIP \$59 MILLION FROM THE \$499 MILLION PROPOSED IN THIS YEAR'S FOREIGN AID APPROPRIATIONS BILL FOR INDOCHINA RECONSTRUCTION.

MOST OF IT WOULD HAVE GONE TO SOUTH VIETNAM. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER SAID IN DECEMBER THAT AID TO NORTH VIETNAM WAS DEAD FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES.

AND TODAY, SEN. CHARLES MCC MATHIAS, R-MD., AND SEN. ADLAI STEVENSON, D-ILL., SAY THEY PLAN TO CALL FOR THE END OF ALL MILITARY AID TO SAIGON BEGINNING JULY 1.

THEIR MOVE APPEARED TO HAVE OVERTAKEN A LESS DRASTIC EFFORT BY SEN. FRANK CHURCH, D-IDAHO, AND JAMES B. PEARSON, R-KAN., TO ARRANGE A THREE-YEAR PHASE-OUT OF U.S. MILITARY AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

AIDES TO CHURCH SAID NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SENATORS AND THE ADMINISTRATION WERE DEAD, WHILE THE WHITE HOUSE CALLED THEM STILL ACTIVE. UPI 03-20 04:45 AED