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SAIGON SEES DRIVE BY REDS IN SPRING

SAIGON — South Vietnam said yesterday that more than 300,000 casualties have been sustained by both sides in the Vietnam War since the Jan. 28, 1973, cease-fire and that the Communists plan an all-out offensive this spring to take over the country.

Unofficial figures released by the Saigon command said two thirds of the 300,000 casualties since the cease-fire have been Viet Cong and North Vietnamese.

A high-ranking government official said the Communists are building toward a major spring offensive. The Viet Cong said only that fighting "will continue."

The Viet Cong spokesman, senior Col. Vo Dong Giang, told a news conference that current heavy Communist attacks are in retaliation for South Vietnamese troop violations of the cease-fire.

Shortly after Giang's statement, Hoang Duc Nha, adviser and information

minister of President Nguyen Van Thieu, said Communist troops are marshaling their forces for an offensive.

"The North Vietnamese have but one option," NHA told a luncheon audience. "That option is to seek a military victory in the South." He said current Communist attacks in the Saigon area and in the Mekong Delta are large-scale forays into rice-producing areas for food, while attacks in the Central Highlands are rehearsals for an offensive.