

Mansfield Sees Hanoi Aid Fight

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Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said yesterday any U.S. aid program to help rebuild North Vietnam will meet strong opposition in Congress. "The warning signs are already apparent," he told newsmen.

The Montana Democrat, a longtime critic of U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia, also said:

- "The United States should take the initiative in seeking peace in Laos and Cambodia by halting bombing and other military activities in these two Indochinese countries.

- All sides claim they have won the war. In reality, all sides has lost.

- He thinks, without being able to prove it, that the Soviet Union and Communist China "played a very important part in helping to bring about these agreements."

In discussing the end of fighting in Vietnam, Mansfield said "I think we have an obligation" to help in the rebuilding of all Indochina, including North Vietnam.

But he said some House members have indicated "they were not at all happy about an aid program for all of Indochina." Mansfield said questions about it were raised Friday when lawmakers were briefed by Henry A. Kissinger on the peace settlement.

