## In Washington, Questions on What's Next

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WASHINGTON, Jan. The apparent failure of President Nixon's new peace proposals to break the deadlock in Paris raises the question, alternative means that Ameri-What comes next in the Vietnam conflict.

Vietnamese politically but "a a prelude to a subsequent ne-fair crack" at it. gotiation."

If that does not happens, the President pledged Tuesday night, the alternative is a conpattern in 1954 and was their night, the alternative is a conpattern in 1968," he explained tinuation of the Vietnamization program. The American troop withdrawels will go on but so the field the new peace program. withdrawals will go on, but so, tlefield, the

periodic bombing of North Viet- his trip to China. nam and air strikes in Laos and Cambodia.

If the negotiations cannot succeed, what alternatives are available to the President and to North Vietnam? What are the implications for News implications for Although the President's in-

What are the What are the implications for Analysis American military activity in Indochina? These and other morning after questions were being asked here today in the wake of the President's anouncement and his dramatic disclosure of nearly 30 months of secret diplomatic efforts to end the war.

At a news conference today Henry A. Kissinger, the President's adviser on national security, was reluctant to speculate on the future. All he would do was to express the hope — as the officials of two Administrations have done before him—that Hanoi would gradually weary of its strategy and accept a compromise.

Once the North Vietnamese are persuaded that the United States will not overthrow the Saigon Government, he said, "They may settle for a political process which gives them less than a 100 per cent guarantee" that they will defeat the South Vietnamese politically but "a fair crack" at it.

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for some time that Mr. Nixon traying their Indochinese allies.

Mr. Nixon made clear, will the posals have set the stage for diplomats feel, and the Chinese can meet with him without Many diplomats have felt fear of being accused of be-

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Thus the "Vietnamization" ception in Peking unless he had made a public offer to withcan air and naval units will have to remain in Indochina indefinitely. It also means that the fighting in Laos and Cambodia can be expected to continue until some negotiating alternative is agreed up on.

Although the President's in the final Mr. Nixon traying their indochinese ames. At the same time, however, that much need a public offer to withdraw all American troops from made a public offer to withdraw all American troops from the president's proposals has underscored the fact that he cannot hope to find the solution to his Vietnam problem in Peking. Mr. Kissinger stressed the point to newsmen today, saying as he has before: "We expect to settle this war with Hanoi, not with Moscow and Chinese.

That much he has accom-Hanoi, not with Moscow and plished with his initiative, the not with Peking."



PLANS POLITICAL DRIVE TO AID PRISONERS: Mrs. Evelyn Grubb, the national coordinator of the League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, at a news conference in Washington where she announced the creation of a political action committee to keep prisoner issue before public during the elections.

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