

highlight of his public life

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WASHINGTON — Henry A. Kissinger says becoming the fifth U.S. secretary of state to win the Nobel Peace Prize was the highlight of his public life.

"Nothing that has happened to me in public life has moved me more than this award," Kissinger told reporters yesterday after receiving word of the honor.

Kissinger shared the award and the \$122,000 in cash that goes with it with North Vietnamese negotiator Le Duc Tho for their part in settling the Vietnam war.

State Department officials said Kissinger planned to be

in Oslo, Norway, Dec. 10 to receive the award.

Kissinger said he was grateful to President Nixon for creating the atmosphere that made an end to the Vietnam war possible and giving him the opportunity to perform the foreign policy role that led to the award.

Nixon said Kissinger's selection was "richly deserved."

In Saigon, Bui Bao Truc, a South Vietnamese government spokesman, said:

"The act of giving the Nobel prize to Le Duc Tho is similar to granting the title chastity to a prostitute or a pimp." Truc did not mention Kissinger.

Prof. George Wald of Har-

vard, who has won the Nobel Prize for science, called the award "an absolute disgrace." He said the Nixon Administration's Vietnam policy, which Kissinger drew up, was characterized by "brutal, heartless murders."

Henry S. Commager, the noted Amherst College history professor, said:

"I think the award to Mr. Kissinger was highly improper and misguided. I think ignoring Mr. Kissinger's part in the conduct of this war, conduct not only illegal but deeply immoral barbarous, gives a sort of retroactive authorization to wars of that kind . . . Mr. Kissinger does not to my mind deserve a peace prize as much as a war prize."