

Nixon Reassures Suharto on War

Washington

President Nixon yesterday assured Indonesian President Suharto a critic of big-power involvement in Asia—that he has limited military goals in Cambodia and that South Vietnamese troops are making magnificent progress in taking over the Vietnam war.

Mr. Nixon explained his Vietnam policy and reasons for ordering American troops into Cambodia at a 90-minute meeting after he warmly welcomed President Suharto to the White House at the start of a three-day visit.

White House spokesman Ronald L. Ziegler reported after the conference that Mr. Nixon briefed Suharto on the Vietnam and Cambodian operations and the general situation in Asia.

He also listened to the Indonesian leader's views about Asia and the recent Jakarta conference at which 11 Asian foreign ministers called for an international effort to end the Indochina conflict.

Ziegler said Mr. Nixon has great respect for Suharto's policy of non-alignment. He feels that his visit here — arranged before the United States thrust began against Communist sanctuaries in Cambodia May 1 — is timely because of the Indonesian leader's initiative on behalf of peace.

Mr. Nixon, who was ac-

companied by Henry Kissinger, his White House foreign affairs adviser, reiterated to Suharto that all United States troops would be out of Cambodia by July 1 and that there is no intention of sending them back after that date.

Suharto, who wants all foreign troops to be withdrawn from Vietnam, staked out his independent neutralist policy immediately after he arrived at the White House for a formal reception marked by full military honors, including a 21-gun salute.

He said the United States and Indonesia have different perspectives on many world issues. But despite those differences the friendship between the two countries is true and sincere.

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