

U.S. Won't Keep Troops in Vietnam, Rogers Says Here

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Secretary of State William Rogers said today that even if enemy stubbornness makes a negotiated settlement of the war in Indochina impossible the United States' program of Vietnamization still will go forward.

The diplomat, just back from a conference with Pres-

ident Nixon at the Western White House at San Clemente, said Nixon has made it clear the United States is not engaged in an open end war.

He said the President tomorrow and Wednesday will report on "the results and full significance of" the Cambodia operation. Its purpose, he said, was "limited."

The Secretary of State addressed 600 editors and

broadcast executives at the San Francisco Hilton.

The meeting was the first of its kind held outside of Washington. The guests were invited by the State Department.

Rogers warned that enemy stubbornness may make a negotiated settlement impossible.

The secretary, who leaves here tomorrow for a Southeast Asia Treaty Organization conference in Manila, reassured the news executives that "we do not intend to have American troops remain in Vietnam indefinitely."

Limited Purpose

"Our purpose in Cambodia was limited," he said, "to strike the North Vietnam sanctuaries which were used by the enemy to conduct the war in Vietnam and to capture or destroy his supplies and equipment."

He said everything possible

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is being done to achieve a negotiated peace in Indochina.

"We have sought serious negotiations in several forums," Rogers said. "And we have welcomed the efforts of third parties to get them started."

Foreign Policy

Before the Secretary spoke, experts from the State Department discussed the nation's foreign policy with relation to Africa and the future of the foreign aid program.

Rogers paused in The City yesterday, before flying to the Western White House in San Clemente for talks last night and this morning with President Nixon, to confer with Romanian Foreign Minister Corneliu Manescu on the Middle East crisis. Rogers' wife Adele accompanied him.

Manescu, here for last week's United Nations anniversary celebration, represents the only East European country which has not broken diplomatic relations with Israel.

Manila

Rogers was to report on the session to Nixon before returning here to meet with the editors. He departs next on a 25,800 mile mission to Asia and Britain.

He was due to leave here this afternoon for a Seato

ministerial meeting in Manila, then a meeting in Saigon with officials from other countries with troops in Vietnam.

As he departed Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington, Rogers spoke to newsmen, and in terms stronger than previous Administration comments on the subject, he indicated the U.S. expects South Vietnam to maintain troops in Cambodia.

South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu said in a weekend speech his country would reduce troop levels to a minimum but would consider requests by the Cambodian government for military aid.

Rogers said the Adminis-

tration hopes all foreign troops are withdrawn, including the South Vietnamese, but added:

Neutrality

"Obviously South Vietnam is not going to withdraw before the North Vietnamese do, but if there is a withdrawal of all foreign troops, Cambodia will be neutral."

He blamed North Vietnam's use of Cambodia as a sanctuary from which to attack the South as the cause of the trouble in Cambodia.

Commenting on Nixon's new peace moves, Rogers said the President would have further comments later this week on his so-called "second phase" in which he would seek a means of plac-

ing more emphasis on a negotiated settlement in Indochina.

Thailand

Nixon is to release a written report on Cambodia tomorrow and will follow the report on national TV Wednesday.

One of the decisions still to be made by Nixon — a decision that hinges on the Senate's decision on funding the war — is how much aid this country will give to Thailand for sending troops to Cambodia.

Rogers said yesterday that although ground troops were removed from Cambodia by today, American air support will still be provided to South Vietnamese combat forces.