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ROGERS DISCUSSES SAIGON WAR ROLE

Links Cambodia Withdrawal
to Pullout by Hanoi

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28 (AP)—Secretary of State William P. Rogers said today that South Vietnamese troops "obviously" would remain in Cambodia as long as North Vietnamese troops do so. He also said that a renewed peace initiative would be made by President Nixon this week after the withdrawal of all United States ground forces from Cambodia on Tuesday.

Mr. Rogers paused here, before departing on a trip to Asia and Britain, to confer with Corneliu Manescu, Rumanian Foreign Minister, regarding the Middle East situation. Mr. Manescu, in San Francisco for ceremonies marking the 25th anniversary of the United Nations, represents the only eastern European country that has broken diplomatic relations with Israel.

After meeting with President Nixon tonight and tomorrow morning at the Western White House in San Clemente, Calif., Mr. Rogers will return to San Francisco tomorrow to speak at a foreign policy conference of editors and broadcasters.

The Secretary flies to Manila later tomorrow for a Southeast Asian Treaty Organization ministerial meeting and to Saigon for a meeting with representatives of the countries that have contributed troops to the defense of South Vietnam.

Saigon Troops to Remain

Mr. Rogers, in a talk with newsmen on his departure from the Washington area at Andrews Air Force Base, indicated a little more strongly than the Nixon Administration had previously that the United States expected South Vietnam to keep a military presence in Cambodia.

President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam said in a weekend speech that his country would reduce its troops to a minimum but would consider Cambodian requests for military assistance.

Mr. Rogers said that the United States hopes all foreign troops would be withdrawn from Cambodia, including the South Vietnamese, but added: "Obviously South Vietnam is not going to withdraw before the North Vietnamese do, but if there is a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 said the cause of the trouble in Cambodia in the first place was that "for many years North Vietnam invaded and used base areas in Cambodia against South Vietnam."

Regarding peace initiatives, Mr. Rogers was asked about

Peace Moves Discussed

the President's so-called "second phase" of settling the Vietnam conflict in which he would seek a means of placing more emphasis on a negotiated settlement. He replied that the President will have further comments on the negotiations this week.

He said that the United States had always favored a negotiated settlement and "the President will expand on this in his talk this week."

Mr. Nixon will file a written report to the American people on the Cambodian operation on Tuesday and this will be followed on Wednesday by a television appearance.

Mr. Rogers said that the United States would use air support after June 30 against enemy supply lines in Cambodia.

One of the key topics still awaiting a decision from the President is the amount of aid the United States can supply to Thailand for sending troops to Cambodia.

The Senate debate on Cambodia has held up any decision on the matter because the availability of funds is not clear.