

U.S. Group Is Briefed In Paris by Hanoi Aides

PARIS, March 5 (AP)—An American citizens' group trying to learn more about the issues of the Vietnam war met with North Vietnamese officials today. A conflict was shaping up over a meeting with United States officials.

The group of 170 persons from 41 states arrived last night and plans to stay until next Wednesday after conferring with principals from both sides at the Vietnam peace talks.

This morning the group met with Yuan Thuy, head of the North Vietnamese delegation, and other Hanoi officials.

The group is scheduled to meet with David K. E. Bruce, the chief United States negotiator, on Monday. A spokesman for the group said it was unhappy because Mr. Bruce had agreed to meet only a small number of the delegates. Mr. Bruce's spokesman said policy calls for the negotiator to avoid making speeches on the record and if 170 persons see him "whatever the ambassador says becomes a speech on the record."

The trip to Paris is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, Clergy and Laymen Concerned about the War and The Fellowship of Reconciliation.

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