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Why Nixon Suspended Paris Talks

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President Nixon said yesterday he ordered suspension of the Vietnam peace talks in Paris to break a 3½ year "filibuster" by the North Vietnamese.

"They refuse to negotiate seriously," he told a press conference. "They use the talks for the purpose of propaganda while we have been trying to seek peace."

But Mr. Nixon emphasized his readiness to resume the talks, either publicly or in secret channels, when Hanoi decides to negotiate seriously.

HIGHLIGHTS

Other foreign affairs highlights at the press conference were:

- In Vietnam "an ominous enemy buildup continues," and Communist attacks in the dry season are still expected. General Creighton Abrams, U.S. commander there, is confident South Vietnamese troops will hold; their lines may bend but will not break. "If this proves to be the case it will be the final proof that Vietnamization has succeeded," Mr. Nixon said.

- Mr. Nixon implied that Vietnam was discussed during his trip to China. The agenda included "the whole range of problems in the world" that interested China and the United States, he said. He declined to indicate specifically what was discussed involving Vietnam. "Only time will tell what is going to happen there," he said.