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# No Danger Seen for Proposed U.S.-Soviet Accords

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WASHINGTON, May 10—

A senior official said today that the Administration believed agreements would eventually be reached on strategic-arms limitation, an expansion in trade and other matters now under negotiation with the Soviet Union even if the President's trip to Moscow is called off by Soviet leaders.

But the official, who declined to be identified, said in a private interview that without the Moscow meeting the overall value of the various accords would be diminished. He said that before Mr. Nixon's decision to seal off North Vietnam's harbors, the Soviet Union and the United States had agreed that the trip would give new impetus to what Henry A. Kissinger has called "a new era in East-West relations."

Mr. Kissinger, the President's adviser on national security, discussed the future of Soviet-American relations with Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, at length during his secret trip to Moscow from April 20 to 24, the official said, and came away with the impression that Mr. Brezhnev shared the Nixon Administration's view about the importance of the Nixon visit.

Because of this, the Adminis-

tration was reported today to believe that the Soviet leaders would cancel the trip only with great reluctance.

It was believed that the Administration had still not received any message or clear signal from Moscow about Mr. Nixon's announcement Monday night that he was ordering the mining of North Vietnamese harbors—with the mines set to be activated tomorrow morning, Washington time.

The assumption here is that the 15-man party Politburo, which decides Soviet policy, was meeting today to arrive at a position on Vietnam and how it related to Mr. Nixon's trip due to begin on May 22.

In absence of any instructions to the contrary, Soviet and American officials have continued to meet in a variety of negotiations, all of which are nearing completion. These include the following:

¶Strategic-arms limitation — Delegations in Helsinki are working around the clock on final language for a two-part agreement setting forth a limit on the number of defensive missiles allowed each country and on the number of land-based and submarine-based offensive ones.

¶Trade—Foreign Trade Minister Nikolai Patolichev, who arrived here Sunday night, has met with Commerce Secretary

Peter G. Peterson to discuss an increase in commerce.

¶Maritime talks — discussions are almost completed at the State Department with a Soviet delegation on a treaty that would increase substantially the amount of Soviet and American ships calling at each other's ports. Some American East Coast unions, which up to now have balked at loading and unloading Soviet ships, are reported ready to drop their ban.

¶Naval incidents — Pentagon and Soviet naval officials have almost completed talks at the Pentagon on an accord to lessen the chances of collisions at sea and reduce harassments.

¶Science — American negotiators in Moscow are talking with Soviet officials on a joint environmental program, and an accord is also ready on joint space docking in 1975.

At the State Department, talks continued on settling the Soviet Union's multimillion dollar lend-lease debt from World War II.

The original plan was to announce completion of almost all these accords in Moscow during Mr. Nixon's visit, and accompany them with pledges of future cooperation in other areas.

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MOSCOW, May 10—The de-

lay in official Soviet reaction to President Nixon's decision to mine harbors in North Vietnam was interpreted by Western diplomats today as a sign of difficulty in the Kremlin over how to cope with the American move.

American officials found some encouragement in the relatively moderate Soviet press reaction so far and the fact that Foreign Ministry officials met on schedule today with members of a White House team making detailed preparations for President Nixon's scheduled visit.

"As far as preparations for the visit go, everything is running perfectly normally," an American Embassy spokesman said.

The mining of Haiphong and new air raids as well as angry reactions elsewhere in the world have been reported here. But this morning's edition of Pravda appeared without an official Soviet commentary. The sharply abbreviated calendar of activities for leaders seemed to confirm that the Politburo, or most of it, was engaged in secret meetings today. Other officials were reported meeting with Xuan Thuy, the chief North Vietnamese negotiator, who is here on his way to Hanoi from Paris.