

**A PEKING-HANOI PLAN
REPORTEDLY ABORTED**

An American columnist who accompanied President Nixon to China and is still there reports that Chinese and North Vietnamese leaders recently reached a short-lived agreement that Prime Minister Pham Van Dong of North Vietnam "would go to Paris to push the peace negotiations with the United States."

But, the columnist, Joseph Kraft, writing in this week's issue of The New Yorker, said that the agreement was "aborted by the President's speech of Jan. 25 broaching a new American plan for Vietnam and detailing the history of Henry Kissinger's secret negotiations with Hanoi."

Basing his report on conversations with a European ambassador in Peking, who was not identified, Mr. Kraft also wrote that "there has been intense traffic between Hanoi and Peking in the past few months: Premier Pham Van Dong of North Vietnam, has been in Peking; Vice-Premier Li of China, has been in Hanoi—and so, though there has been no announcement of the fact, has Premier Chou En-lai."