

China Expert in S.F.

'Hanoi Acted on Own'

The U.S. State Department's top expert on China said here today he does not believe that either China or the Soviet Union has had anything to do with the escalation of fighting in Vietnam.

Alfred S. Jenkins, chief of the China desk in the State Department, was in The City to participate in a panel discussion on China tonight at San Francisco State College.

He appeared before The Examiner's Editorial Board this morning for a backgrounding session on the Far East.

Jenkins accompanied President Nixon on his trip to Peking. He also went to Peking with Henry Kissinger before the Nixon trip to arrange the historic diplomatic reapproachment.

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Jenkins, a veteran diplomat, said that his belief that China and the Soviet Union played no role in the stepped-up Vietnam fighting is based on his conclusion that North Vietnam acts independently.

"Neither the Chinese nor the Russians have that much control over what Hanoi does," Jenkins said.

He said that President Nixon's upcoming journey to Moscow may seem anticlimatic after the Peking trip.

"But," said Jenkins, "from the standpoint of substance it should outweigh the China trip."

'Trip Useful'

He said that he does not expect "anything very startling" in the future relationship between the U.S. and China.

However, he said, the trip to Peking was useful because it "got rid of many misconceptions."

Jenkins and several mem-

bers of the San Francisco State College faculty will take part in a panel discussion on China beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Knuth Hall.