

Hoped-For Peace Speech

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Miami Beach - President Nixon has been hoping to utilize his acceptance speech tomorrow to boost his presidential campaign by announcing dramatic new progress toward a negotiated pull-out in Vietnam.

The President put unusually heavy pressure on Hanoi the past month to reach a settlement before the end of this convention, both through the punishment of heavy bombing in North Vietnam and the diplomatic efforts of White House Adviser Henry Kissinger.

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Nixon's plan is a revival of a similar idea to transform his 1968 presidential acceptance speech into a sensational foreign policy announcement. That idea did not work out four years ago.

The surprise Nixon had planned to spring during his 1968 speech was a journey to the Soviet Union. The idea

was to dramatize his familiarity with foreign affairs before the campaign officially opened and to contrast his own welcome there with President Johnson's inability to arrange such a visit.

The Soviet Union grew jittery however about seeming to intervene in the American election and all Nixon's appointments with top Soviet brass were abruptly cancelled.

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