

Kissinger Going To China Again

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Henry A. Kissinger will leave for China this week for four days of talks with that nation's leaders. It will be his fourth trip to China in a year.

Vietnam is expected to be a prime topic of discussion, although White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler declined to say so yesterday in announcing the mission by President Nixon's national security adviser.

QUESTIONS

Ziegler said all international questions will be discussed at part of "concrete consultations" further to improve Sino-American relations and to continue exchanging views on issues of common interest.

The new trip by Kissinger, also announced in Peking, was agreed to in principle "within the last month or so," and the dates of June 19-24 for the talks were fixed about ten days ago, Ziegler said.

He declined to say whether the agreement to meet came after President Nixon's May 8 announcement of the mining and renewed bombing of North Vietnam.

REACTION

On Monday, China said the United States air attacks which have hit within 25 miles of the Chinese border, are "threatening the security of China." Its foreign ministry called the bombing "frenzied acts of aggression" constituting "grave

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provocations against the Chinese people."

Use of the phrase "Chinese people" rather than "Chinese government" in such statements signifies a relatively low-order protest.

However, during similar bombing raids in 1967-68, the Chinese sent construction battalions into North Vietnam to help repair damaged roads and rail lines.

PRESSURE

Peking might also be under greater pressure from Hanoi to open Chinese ports to diverted Soviet supply ships. Until now it has dodged the matter by suggesting to the North Vietnamese that they "get their Soviet friends to sweep out the mines" from Haiphong

and other ports, U.S. officials said.

Ziegler insisted that Kissinger's trip is not related either to U.S. bombing near the border, the current trip of Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny to Hanoi, or the Soviet-American talks in Moscow.

The formal announcement of the trip paralleled closely the wording of the Sino-American communique that followed the Peking meeting. The communique provided for "sending a senior U.S. representative to Peking from time to time for concrete consultations to further the normalization of relations between the two countries and continue to exchange views on issues of common interest."

However, administration officials subsequently said that any new visit to Peking would depend on what there was to talk about. The officials also said a high State Department official, rather than Kissinger, would head any new mission.

VISIT

Ziegler said no major announcements are expected from the Kissinger trip. Kissinger is not scheduled to make any side trips, such as to Hanoi, nor is he expected to meet non-Chinese officials in Peking.

Kissinger went to China last July 9-11 to explore and agree to the Peking talks. He led the first advance team of U.S. officials to Peking October 20-26, and then accompanied Mr. Nixon in February.