

SOVIET PRESIDENT SAYS PEACE TALKS WILL RESUME SOON

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Podgorny Asserts Moscow
Will Do All Possible to Help
Resolve Vietnam Issue

ENDS 3-DAY HANOI VISIT

Kremlin Leader Is Confident
During Calcutta Stop—U.S.
Aides Voice Interest

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By The Associated Press

CALCUTTA, India, June 18—President Nikolai V. Podgorny of the Soviet Union, stopping off here on his way back home from a three-day visit to Hanoi, predicted today that the Paris peace talks would resume soon and indicated that the Soviet Union would work to insure their success.

Asked at a news conference during a 30-minute stopover here if the Paris talks would be resumed, Mr. Podgorny said: "Yes, soon."

"The Soviet Union will do everything possible for a de-escalation of the Vietnam war," he said.

Talks Suspended by U.S.

His remarks came four days after the United States rejected a Communist request to resume the peace talks. The Paris meetings have been suspended since May 4 when the United States aide charged the Communists with failing to negotiate seriously.

[In Washington, officials expressed interest in the forecast by the Soviet President of an early resumption of the Paris talks but advised against undue optimism. Page 8.]

It is thought that President Podgorny may have succeeded in getting Hanoi to agree to United States terms for reopening the talks. Reports from Paris last week said that one possible United States condition would be a return to Paris of the chief North Vietnamese delegate, Xuan Thuy.

The Soviet leader made his stopover here as Mr. Thuy's

special adviser, Le Duc Tho, flew back to Hanoi after conferring with Premier Chou En-lai of China in Peking. Mr. Tho left Peking on the eve of the arrival there of President Nixon's national security adviser, Henry A. Kissinger, for a four-day visit.

Podgorny Is Cheerful

The announced purpose of Mr. Kissinger's trip is to have "concrete consultations with Chinese leaders to further the normalization of relations between the Peoples Republic of China and the United States and continue the exchange of views on issues of common interest." But it is considered likely that the war in Vietnam will be discussed.

Holding a rare news conference, the 69-year-old President Podgorny appeared ebullient over his trip to Hanoi, which

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had been linked by diplomats in Moscow with President Nixon's talks in the Soviet capital last month.

"Everything went as I wanted," Mr. Podgorny said. "I am very happy with the outcome."

The Soviet leader described Hanoi as "quite safe." The United States had called off bombing attacks in the area of the North Vietnamese capital during his visit.

"The people are fit and stick to their desire of building up their lives as they like," he said.

Mr. Podgorny said there had been no Chinese leaders in Hanoi during his visit, but he added in response to a question that he was prepared to go to Peking if invited.

"If I receive any invitation, I will go," he said.

U.S. Return to Talks Is Urged

PEKING, June 18 (Agence France-Presse) — The North Vietnamese Ambassador, Ngo Thuyen, said here today that if President Nixon had any new ideas on Vietnam, "he can propose them at the Paris talks."

Mr. Thuyen was speaking at a news conference shortly after Le Duc Tho, member of the North Vietnamese Politburo and special negotiator at the Paris talks, left here for Hanoi after an unexpected 24-hour visit.

Asked about possible links between Mr. Tho's visit and the outlook for the peace talks, with Mr. Kissinger due to arrive here tomorrow, the Ambassador said: "If Nixon has new ideas to propose. He can propose them at the Paris talks."

Mr. Thuyen stressed several times that Hanoi sought to negotiate. "It is the policy of our Government to persist in the Paris talks with a view to

reaching a political solution of the Vietnam problem," he said.

But he attacked the "bellicose and cruel Nixon clique which, despite its hysterical escalation, will not be able to do better than Johnson."

Asked whether Xuan Thuy, the head of the North Vietnamese delegation, might be leaving for Paris soon, Mr. Thuyen said that Mr. Thuy "is still in Hanoi."

He then said it was unfortunate that the "Nixon Administration has still not wanted to reply seriously to our basic demand to resume the discussions."

The Ambassador declined to give any details of the "friendly and cordial" talks that he said Mr. Tho had had with Premier Chou En-lai.

No Break-through Foreseen

Special to The New York Times

PEKING, June 18—An atmosphere of expectancy prevailed in diplomatic circles in Peking today on the eve of Mr. Kissinger's arrival, but diplomats generally played down the idea of any dramatic breakthrough on Vietnam and other difficult issues.

The fact that Mr. Kissinger's arrival in Peking follows President Podgorny's trip to Hanoi and the short visit in Peking by Le Duc Tho, Hanoi's top negotiator, inevitably caused speculation. However, most experienced diplomats here regarded these movements as unconnected and more the product of coincidence than of design.

However, one of Peking's most senior diplomats, while not anticipating dramatic news on Vietnam to emerge from Mr. Kissinger's meetings with Premier Chou, does feel that overall movement on the Vietnam question is bringing the situation to a stage where productive diplomatic endeavors to reach a solution should lie directly ahead.

In his view, the sequence of diplomatic events beginning with President Nixon's trip here in February, progressing through the President's trip to Moscow and the current visit of Mr. Kissinger, have set the stage for direct and meaningful negotiations between the United States and North Vietnam.

But whether developments will follow so logical a course cannot be forecast. Certainly there was nothing in Premier Chow lengthy discussion of Vietnam with a group of American guests Friday nor in the tone of the official announcements of his reception of Mr. Tho to suggest that any new or unusual initiative might be at hand.

Kissinger Leaves Honolulu

HONOLULU, June 18 (UPI)—Mr. Kissinger left here today for Peking after a three-day stopover in which he conferred with Adm. John S. McCain Jr., commander in chief of United States forces in the Pacific.

Paris Delegations Silent

Special to The New York Times

PARIS, June 18—The four delegations to the peace talks here declined comment on the statement made by President Podgorny in Calcutta today.

Last Wednesday the United States and South Vietnamese delegations, in a joint message to the North Vietnamese and Vietcong delegations, rejected the Communists' call for a resumption of the talks on Thursday. The statement added, however, that Washington and Saigon would be "guided by all relevant factors" as to when the next session should be held.

Since the talks were suspended on May 4, Washington has held firm against repeated Communist demands for a resumption.