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The head of an American educational foundation said Tuesday he gained the impression on a visit to China that the Chinese expect the Vietnam war to end by Aug. 15.

Christopher G. Janus, president of the Greek Heritage Foundation, said that during a 15-day tour of the mainland, lower level officials and guides repeatedly told him and four other foundation members that the United States was expected to recognize China diplomatically by that date.

The Chinese said an important announcement would be made before then on the state of Chairman Mao Tse-tung's health, he added. Mao, 78, has not been seen in public since President Nixon's trip to China in February.

Janus said he did not meet any high-ranking Chinese leaders, but he and his party were impressed by the importance attached to the Aug. 15 date by those officials they did meet.

During its stay, the group discussed plans for an Oct. 15 tour of China by 45 members of the foundation and the Chicago Harvard Club. A long-term project to exchange 12 Chinese and 12 American university students also was discussed.

In the exchange program, the Chinese would go to any college or university of their choice in the United States and would work to pay 10 per cent of their expenses. Janus said the work idea particularly appealed to the Chinese. He was promised a firm answer before the end of the year.

Janus is a member of Bache and Co. brokerage firm, and founder of the Chicago-based foundation. He became interested during the visit in the fate of primitive Peking Man. The bones of this cave-dweller, who lived in the vicinity of Peking, disappeared after the outbreak of World War II.

He said he told the Chinese he would offer a \$5,000 reward for information on its whereabouts. There has been speculation the remains may be somewhere in the United States.

The foundation members ended their trip June 15 after visiting Peking, Shanghai, Hangchow and Canton.

Members of the group included Valerie Valentine, vice president of the Foundation and a grand-niece of the air pioneer Wright brothers; Everett L. Hollis, and Frank E. Voysey.

Their visit to the mainland was the result of nine months of what the Chinese themselves described as "great persistence." It began with a visit by Miss Valentine to Ottawa to meet the Chinese ambassador there, followed by talks with members of the United Nations delegation in New York.

The group's references included Dr. Henry Kissinger, Nixon's chief foreign affairs adviser, John K. Fairbank and Benjamin Schwartz, both noted China scholars, and Derek Bok, president of Harvard.

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