

# SF Examiner Cong Scorns <sup>14 Aug 72</sup> Peace Plan, 'Phony' Moves

PARIS — (AP) — Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger held his 16th secret meeting here today with senior North Vietnamese officials in an apparently futile effort to break the four-year-old deadlock in the peace negotiations.

His mission was announced by the White House in Washington.

North Vietnamese spokesmen in Paris declined to confirm the meeting but one commented on U.S. reports of a new American peace plan by asking: "What plan?"

"Everyone knows the Nixon plan is to intensify the war in both zones of Vietnam, pursue the policy of Vietnamization, and maintain the puppet Nguyen Van Thieu in Saigon," he said.

## Plan Scorned

Meanwhile the Viet Cong scorned Washington's reported new peace plan and dismissed the final departure of U.S. combat troops from Vietnam as phony.

A spokesman for the Viet Cong delegation was commenting on articles in Time Magazine and the Washington Post that Hanoi was considering Kissinger's "broader set of Vietnam peace proposals" under which Hanoi "has a fair chance of getting rid" of

South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu.

But Ly Van Sau, spokesman for the provisional revolutionary government, said "any political solution must go through the immediate resignation of Thieu and a change of policy of the Saigon administration."

## 'Phony Withdrawal'

The Viet Cong official also scoffed at the U.S. command announcement in Saigon that the last remaining combat unit, the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, was going home from Da Nang.

"This is a phony withdrawal," Sau said. "In the place of so-called withdrawal, the U.S. administration is

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increasing the participation of aviation and naval forces.

Sau also clarified a New York Times interview with his delegation chief, Mme. Nguyen Thi Binh, concluding that the Viet Cong's focus had switched from U.S. troop withdrawal to a political settlement.

"Our position remains unchanged," he said. "The United States must cease aggression, end Vietnamization and all bombardment and hostile activities against North and South Vietnam and fix a date for total withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Vietnam."

The Viet Cong delegation member said Kissinger's "broader" peace proposals as detailed to Time by a Nixon Administration official was another of several recent attempts by the administration to spread optimism.

"Mr. Nixon is using the so-called private meetings (between Kissinger and Hanoi negotiations) to make

American opinion believe something is happening, while in fact he is increasing the escalation of the war," Sau said.

Kissinger's meeting with Le Duc Tho, Politburo member and adviser to Hanoi's delegation, and chief delegate Xuan Thuy was as usual held in conditions of total secrecy.

It was not known how and where Kissinger arrived in the Paris area, nor where the meeting was held. The French government has given the fullest assistance in keeping Kissinger's movements secret.

Unusually, the White House announced that after the secret meeting Kissinger flew to a family party in Laax, near Zurich, Switzerland, to celebrate his parent's 50th wedding anniversary.

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