

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 a 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 transfer his 1968 presidential acceptance speech into a sensational foreign policy announcement. [Author says plan was for a visit to the Soviet Union, which was turned down by the Russians.]