

Nixon and Tanaka Confer in Hawaii on Troubled Ties

President Also Gets a Report From Bunker on
Military Situation in Vietnam

Envoy to Stay Till '73

Heads of 2 Nations Discuss a Wide Range of Economic
and Diplomatic Issues

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Honolulu, Aug. 31 - President Nixon and Premier Kakuei Tanaka of Japan began a two-day meeting here today in an effort to revitalize the United States' troubled alliance with Japan.

Before his meeting with Mr. Tanaka, Mr. Nixon received a report on the military situation in Vietnam from Ellsworth Bunker, the American Ambassador in Saigon. The Paris negotiations were also discussed, with Secretary of State William P. Rogers and the President's national security assistant, Henry A. Kissinger, at the meeting.

The White House press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, told reporters later that Mr. Bunker's future was also discussed. Mr. Bunker, who is 78 years old and has been in Saigon for six years, told the President that he would stay through the President's current term, which ends in January.

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The vigorous and tough-minded Mr. Tanaka ... is reported to be interested in the prospects for peace in Vietnam. The President's assistant for national security affairs, Henry A. Kissinger, told Mr. Tanaka in Japan on Aug. 19 that he was optimistic about the possibility of a peace settlement before the American Presidential election in November.

Mr. Kissinger, according to Tokyo officials, did not go into details, however, and Mr. Tanaka is hoping to obtain a better explanation from Mr. Nixon. Mr. Tanaka is said to be prepared to discuss Japan's plans for extending economic aid to both North and South Vietnam once peace has come.

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