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Kissinger Again Talks Viet Peace

PARIS — (UPI) — Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger conferred today with top North Vietnamese negotiators in secrecy for the 17th time in efforts to push the U.S. administration's drive for a mutually acceptable Vietnam peace compromise.

The meeting, confirmed by the White House and the North Vietnamese mission, was held a day after a public confrontation at the regular Paris Vietnam talks ended in a fruitless, angry exchange over how to frame a peace agreement.

Kissinger flew in from London where he met British leaders yesterday after talks in Moscow.

After his meeting with French President Georges Pompidou at the Elysee Palace, U.S. Embassy officials said he will fly to Washington to report to President Nixon on his mission which also covered U.S. efforts to

strengthen trade relations with Moscow.

At a Washington briefing today, White House spokesman Ronald Ziegler declined to characterize the talks or even to say whether there had been any progress in the peace negotiations.

"We are making every effort we can make to achieve a negotiated settlement," he said. "I don't think there's anything else to say."

News Conference

The White House said Kissinger would confer in Washington tomorrow morning with President Nixon and Secretary of State William Rogers before holding a news conference.

Kissinger went into the private session after talks with Soviet leaders, including Communist Party Leader Leonid Brezhnev, with whom he had conferred for three days earlier this week. Moscow is Hanoi's main purveyor of military and economic aid.

Kissinger met in Paris with Xuan Thuy, head of the North Vietnamese peace negotiating mission, and his special adviser Le Duc Tho, a ranking Hanoi political bureau member, according to

the White House announcement. Details were withheld by common accord with Hanoi.

Diplomatic observers believed the session dealt with the current main stumbling bloc — the Viet Cong's demands to be given one third of the seats on a "national concord" cabinet in Saigon which the Communists say must be formed after the dismissal of President Nguyen Van Thieu as the only way to peace.

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