

KISSINGER'S TALKS SPUR PEACE RUMOR

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President's Aide Flies Home
—White House Denies an
Accord to End the War
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WASHINGTON, Sept. 27—Henry A. Kissinger arrived here from Paris tonight amid rumors, which were strongly denied by the White House, that there had been a breakthrough in Vietnam peace negotiations.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, traveling with President Nixon in San Francisco, said that a radio report that an accord had been reached was unfounded.

Earlier in the day, when the rumors first began circulating, Mr. Ziegler confined himself to the remark that "I cannot comment at all on the substance of the discussions" in Paris.

Leaves After 2d Meeting

Mr. Kissinger, who is President Nixon's adviser on national security, left Paris aboard a special Air Force jet transport immediately after a second private meeting in two days with the North Vietnamese representatives.

This was the first time that Mr. Kissinger had met with Le Duc Tho, a member of the Hanoi politburo, and Xuan Thuy, the chief North Vietnamese negotiator, for sessions lasting more than one day.

Today's reports of a Paris breakthrough appeared to be based on the extension of the talks and on intensive diplo-

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matic speculation here that decisive progress had been made.

The most detailed of these reports came from Clifford Evans, White House correspondent for several radio stations, who said that the deadlock in the peace talks "is expected to be resolved by the resignation of Thieu, who will be replaced by a three-party coalition Government."

This was a reference to the South Vietnamese president Nguyen Van Thieu, whose removal has been demanded by Hanoi and the Vietcong as the key condition for a political settlement of the war.

To Report to Nixon

White House officials said that Mr. Kissinger would probably inform Mr. Nixon of the results of his talks when the President returned here tomorrow from California.

Yesterday, however, Mr. Ziegler said that Mr. Nixon was keeping in close touch with Mr. Kissinger on the Paris talks.

The impression among in-

formed officials here was that Mr. Kissinger would go back to Paris again soon to continue the negotiations, but the White House refused to comment on this.

The question of Vietnam is expected to come up at a working dinner at the White House on Monday between President Nixon and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei A. Gromyko.

Administration officials, speaking privately suggested late today that Mr. Kissinger's two-day stay in Paris was motivated by his desire for what one official called "sober" examination of the latest proposals by the National Liberation Front, on Vietnam, and Hanoi.

Their proposal, made public on Sept. 11, said that a settle-

ment should be based on the recognition that two governments and two armies existed in South Vietnam.

While Mr. Kissinger said at a news conference here on Sept. 15, a day after an earlier meeting with the North Vietnamese in Paris, that the new language still "left something to be desired," Administration officials said that the White House wanted to explore the proposal further.

This, officials speculated, may have been the reason for Mr. Kissinger's return to Paris on Monday.

Tonight, one official said that it could be safely speculated that Mr. Kissinger had had an opportunity for "sober" talks with the North Vietnamese in the last two days.