

Report on Peace Talks  
Nixon Sending Aide to Brief Thieu

SAIGON (AP)—President Nixon is sending one of his special envoys to Saigon to give President Nguyen Van Thieu a full report on the secret peace negotiations in Paris.

It was learned that Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Haig, the No. 2 man on the National Security Council and deputy to presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger, is due in Saigon on Sunday. *1 OCT.*

The development came as Thieu told newsmen he has not seen any change in the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong public position for a negotiated settlement of the Indochina war.

Thieu was asked if he had seen any shift in the North Vietnamese position at the weekly public sessions of the peace talks and he replied:

"I have not seen any change from the position of

the Communists. On the contrary, their newest position is more vicious, more stubborn than ever." He referred to declarations issued by the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong on Sept. 11 and 15.

Thieu said, however, that he had not received any communication from Kissinger about the content and results of his two days of secret meetings Tuesday and Wednesday with North Vietnamese representatives in Paris.

It was understood, however, from other sources that the U.S. ambassador to Saigon, Ellsworth Bunker, had given Thieu a brief report on the secret negotiations and also advised him that Haig was being sent here to give him a full and detailed account.

Thieu also is reportedly bound by a general agreement on all sides not to make any comments on the secret negotiations.

The feeling in Saigon is that there has been some kind of a development in the secret negotiations but there is no indication whether it is a move forward, whether new proposals have been made, or whether one side or another

has hardened or in some way shifted its stand.

It is believed that only a handful of U.S. and South Vi-

etnamese officials, including Thieu and Bunker, have any indication and they are not talking.