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Paris Peace Talks--No Progress

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The 161st session of the peace talks yesterday brought no progress, according to participants, and shed no light on what went on Tuesday and Wednesday between presidential adviser Henry Kissinger and Hanoi negotiator Le Duc Tho.

Another official meeting was scheduled for next week.

Emerging from more than five hours of conversations at the conference center in the former Hotel Majestic, Ambassador Pham Dang Lam of South Vietnam said, "Nothing new, see you next Thursday."

Xuan Thuy, the chief delegate of Hanoi, said in similar terms that there had been no progress. Beyond this, however, he went on to warn that this week's new flurry of rumors about impending peace was "without foundation."

Nguyen Thi Binh, foreign minister of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam (Viet Cong), similarly shrugged off the rumors. She said yesterday's meeting had proved that the "chasm between the positions" of the negotiating parties were still "deep — very deep." And she remarked acridly that one should remember the promises made by President Nixon four years ago.

United States Ambassador

William Porter said he had warned the other side against exploitation of the release of prisoners and failed to get an answer on whether Hanoi is ready to pull out its forces from the South. *N.Y. Times Service*