

## Report of Settlement Unfounded?

### Nixon 'Trying to Dupe' U.S. on Talks, Hanoi Claims

HONG KONG (AP) — North Vietnam said today that President Nixon was "trying to dupe American voters" when he said secret Vietnam peace negotiations had reached "a sensitive state."

Nixon made the remark in Washington Thursday, adding: "I cannot predict and will not predict that they will or will not succeed. I cannot and will not predict when they will succeed."

Radio Hanoi said "the true fact is that prospect for a peaceful solution of the war is still far distant."

The broadcast said the Paris peace talks had made no progress because Nixon "maintains intact his stubborn stands" of supporting South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu and bombing North Vietnam.

Radio Hanoi repeated previous statements that the Communists were not trying to take over in South Vietnam, but that they would not accept any peace settlement or coalition government that maintained Thieu in office.

In Paris, the North Vietnamese delegation to the peace talks branded "without any foundation" a London Times report that U.S. presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger and North Vietnamese officials were believed to have

reached "broad agreement" on ending the war.

"The detailed terms of the agreement are not to be completed, or at least not announced, until after the American presidential elections on Nov. 7," the paper said.

The White House said it had no comment on the story, which was unattributable. The North Vietnamese in Paris issued a communique saying that "in fact, the Paris negotiations still make no headway because the Nixon administration clings to its position of aggression and neocolonialism while intensifying its savage acts of war against the people in the two zones of Vietnam."

The story, written by an unidentified diplomatic correspondent, said the reported agreement was reached at meetings in Moscow and Paris.

"The North Vietnamese, it is understood, will be glad to accept a coalition government in South Vietnam in which many political groups are represented — including Communists and Communist sympathizers — though not dominated or directed by them," the story said.

"They are confident that this initial stage would lead to an ultimate Communist takeover."

However, the North Vietnamese delegation to the Paris peace talks said today the Times report is "without any foundation."

Kissinger's deputy, Maj. Gen. Alexander Haig, returned Wednesday from conferences with the South Viet-

namese leadership on the negotiating situation.

In saying "the negotiations are in a sensitive stage," Nixon used language similar to that employed by the White House in mid-August after an earlier Kissinger trip.

Nixon seemed to be aiming his Vietnam remarks both at Hanoi and at his Democratic challenger, George McGovern, who is slated to spell out his Indochina views in a speech Tuesday.

In a foreign-policy statement Thursday, McGovern reaffirmed his commitment to end the war and said that if elected, "My first act of American foreign policy on inauguration day must be—will be—an immediate and total end to our involvement in the Indochina war."