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U.S. and Hanoi Deny Reports Of Progress in the Peace Talks

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 6—New reports of movement in the Vietnam peace talks originated today in London and Saigon, but they were quickly denied by both the United States and North Vietnam.

In separate comments, the White House and the North Vietnamese delegation to the peace talks in Paris denied that a "broad agreement" had been reached in the talks, as reported in The Times of London. The White House also denied that a new allied peace plan was in the offing, as reported from Saigon by United Press International.

During the hours between the publication of the two reports and the subsequent denials, prices rose sharply on the New York stock market. Later the prices went down.

Despite the denials, The Times of London reiterated that there was reason to believe that Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser for national security, had reached a "broad agreement" in his private meetings with North Vietnamese diplomats in Paris late last month. Tomorrow's issue, according to word from London, says that the original dispatch was based on various sources in both Paris and Hanoi and that it is certainly still believed by them.

Earlier Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, called the original London Times report "totally speculative." He said it did not "merit a comment."

Later in the day, Mr. Ziegler said this assessment also covered the U.P.I. report from Saigon, whose main point was that under what it said was a new peace plan President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam would offer to resign in

favor of Senator Nguyen Van Huyen, the Speaker of the Senate.

In Paris, a spokesman for the North Vietnamese delegation said: "The rumors mentioned today by an English newspaper are totally baseless."

North Vietnam has gone out of its way in recent weeks to deny, almost instantly, reports emanating from Western sources of an imminent peace settlement. Last week, it charged that the "United States propaganda machine" was deliberately creating a false impression of progress in the negotiations.

This morning, the Hanoi radio replied to President Nixon's remark at his news conference yesterday that the Paris talks were in a "sensitive stage" by accusing him of "trying to dupe American voters." The North Vietnamese spokesman in Paris also took issue with the President's remark.

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Alexander W. Haig Jr., who is Mr. Kissinger's deputy, was reported to have told the Senate Armed Forces Committee at a closed session today that the North Vietnamese were preparing a new offensive in South Vietnam.

The statement by General Haig, who returned yesterday from conferences in Saigon with President Thieu and top United States officials there, was reported after the session by Senator Peter Dominick, Republican of Colorado.

Other Senators said that General Haig did not discuss the Paris peace talks during his appearance before the committee, which authorized his promotion to full general. He is scheduled to become Army vice chief of staff.

Opponent of Thieu Is Re-Elected Head Of Saigon's Senate

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Oct. 6—Pro-Government forces in South Vietnam's Senate were unable today to block the re-election of the independent-minded chairman, who strongly opposes President Nguyen Van Thieu's decree powers.

The chairman, Senator Nguyen Van Huyen, was re-elected this morning on the second ballot, by a tally of 30 to 25. The first ballot was a tie.

Under the allied peace plan proposed in January, the chairman of the Senate would take over the Government one month before a general election, and President Thieu and Vice President Tran Van Huong would resign.

Since Senator Huyen had op-

posed President Thieu's attempts in June to obtain powers to rule by decree on defense and economic matters and since he later denounced his methods in obtaining those powers, the Government supported two candidates opposing him. Only one, Senator Tran Trung Dung, ran this morning.

Senator Huyen's support this morning came mainly from a coalition of the 15-member Lily Bloc of Roman Catholics and the 9-member Lotus bloc of Buddhists, headed by Opposition Senator Vu Van Mau.

Senator Huyen said to his Senate colleagues after his re-election:

"We have always believed that a basic principle of democracy is that the three branches of government — the executive, the legislative and the judiciary — should have their own separate rights and responsibilities, and the legislature should be independent. We will continue to uphold that principle in the coming year."