

Extra Day Talk by
Kissinger, No. Viets

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Thieu's Future

WASHINGTON — (AP — The White House indicated today Henry Kissinger's secret Paris talks with the North Vietnamese will go into an unprecedented third day.

"I would anticipate there would be a third day of meetings," said presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler as he drew even tighter the curtain of secrecy surrounding the Vietnam peace talks.

In turning aside questions at a White House briefing, Ziegler referred to an agreement with the North Vietnamese not to discuss content of the negotiations.

Secret Standards

He said he was applying that standard "to all questions on the subject of the situation in South Vietnam," regardless of whether they related to the Paris negotiations.

It appeared that the future of South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu was the chief issue under discussion. But Ziegler said:

"I have no new statement of policy to give you today."

Kissinger, Nixon's national security adviser, and his top assistant, Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., flew to Paris on Saturday and met yesterday with Le Duc Tho of the North Vietnamese Politburo, and Xuan Thuy, chief of the North Vietnamese delegation to the Paris peace talks.

Kissinger's 19th

This was Kissinger's 19th secret meeting with the North Vietnamese and marks the second time the sessions have lasted two days. The secret talks have never gone into a third day.

Responding to questions, Ziegler said he anticipated talks will extend to a third day "but I think it is unlikely it will go beyond that."

Thieu yesterday again rejected the Communist demand that he quit and make way for a coalition govern-

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ment including the Communists.

The White House also has termed news stories that Thieu would resign sheer speculation.

But the belief that Thieu's future was being discussed in Paris was heightened by the presence of Gen. Haig. It was his first appearance at the secret talks, and he returned Wednesday from talks in Saigon with Thieu and other high-ranking officials.

Kissinger's last meeting with Le Duc Tho and Xuan Thuy was Sept. 26-27.

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird said yesterday that the Paris talks were in "a very serious, significant and sensitive stage" but there was nothing to indicate any early cease-fire in Vietnam.

He asserted, however, that Nixon's broad peace plans were a "near reality" and "there's no question that we are on the road to peace."

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