

# Kissinger Stays On in Paris For 4th Day of Talks Today

**White House Tells of Extension of Private Sessions With the North Vietnamese but Gives No Indication of Progress**

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 10—Henry A. Kissinger met in Paris with North Vietnamese representatives today for the third day, and then instead of returning to Washington as expected remained for a fourth successive meeting tomorrow.

A brief announcement that the private Vietnam peace talks were being extended was made without explanation this evening by Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary.

Shortly after 6 P.M., Mr. Ziegler said that word had been received from Mr. Kissinger "in the last half hour" that he would hold another session tomorrow with Le Duc Tho, a member of the North Vietnamese Politburo, and Xuan Thuy, the chief North Vietnamese negotiator at the larger semi-public peace talks.

Mr. Kissinger, the President's national security adviser, will fly home tomorrow evening, the White House added.

White House spokesmen declined to say what had prompted what appeared to be a last-minute change in plans by Mr. Kissinger.

Reports from Paris said the luggage of Mr. Kissinger and his aides had been loaded aboard an Air Force jet in preparation for departure when orders were received to take it off.

Although the White House would not provide a chronology of Mr. Kissinger's activities in Paris during the day, the impression created here was that his decision to stay in Paris came after he met with the French Foreign Minister, Maurice Schumann, following the third negotiating session with the North Vietnamese.

Mr. Schumann, who for weeks has been expressing optimism over the outcome of

the current phase of the talks publicly and privately, called on President Pompidou immediate-

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ly after seeing Mr. Kissinger.

President Nixon it was reported, was advised some hours after these meetings that Mr. Kissinger would hold another conference tomorrow with the Hanoi delegates.

Mr. Ziegler said that "I can't draw any conclusions at all or discuss the talks when he was asked to comment.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Ziegler said in response to a question that there was no connection "whatever" between the extended Paris talks and tonight's speech on Vietnam by Senator George McGovern, the Democratic Presidential candidate.

This is the longest series of talks held by Mr. Kissinger with the North Vietnamese. Two weeks ago, he held two successive days of meetings with them.

While Mr. Kissinger conferred in Paris, Ellsworth Bunker, the United States Ambassador in Saigon, met for 45 minutes with the South Vietnamese President, Nguyen Van Thieu, whose removal from office is demanded by North Vietnam and the Vietcong as a condition for settlement of the war.

### First Meeting in a Week

This was reported to be the first meeting between Mr. Thieu and Mr. Bunker since a week ago, when the Ambassador accompanied Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr. to a meeting with Mr. Thieu.

General Haig flew to Paris last Saturday with Mr. Kissinger and four White House staff

experts on Asia and Vietnam for the meetings with the North Vietnamese.

In the past, Mr. Kissinger has met alone with Mr. Tho and Mr. Thuy, but General Haig attended the meetings on Sunday, yesterday and today. The four experts, according to White House officials, were taken along to do "staff work" for Mr. Kissinger and General Haig.

Reports from Saigon said that the newspaper Tin Song, which usually reflects President Thieu's views, denied today that Mr. Kissinger's Paris negotiations concentrated on Mr. Thieu's political fate.

It also said that no changes had occurred in the basic negotiating positions in Paris. A similar assessment was made by the Hanoi radio earlier this week.