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U.S. Quiet On Secret Viet Talks

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Just back from Paris and four days of talks with Hanoi diplomats, Henry Kissinger met again today with President Nixon to discuss the prospects for Vietnam peace.

At the same time, Le Duc Tho, the chief North Vietnamese negotiator in the extraordinary Paris discussions, departed Paris for conferences in Hanoi.

Kissinger had nothing to say about how things went in Paris but Tho said difficulties still remained.

The White House also was mum about this morning's one-hour, 15-minute session.

'Nothing to Say'

Tho headed for Hanoi via Peking, with the remark to reporters that "there are many different things" left to solve before peace could come.

Asked to elaborate on his discussions with Kissinger, he responded:

"I have nothing to say."

White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said the United States would not take issue with Tho's assertion that "many difficult things" remain to be ironed out.

Won't Talk

Despite repeated questions by reporters at his daily noontime news conference, Ziegler refused to characterize the negotiations in any way or to say whether the United States had softened its publicly stated policy that a cease-fire throughout Southeast Asia be put into effect and all Americans imprisoned or

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President Nixon looks quizzical during breakfast talk with adviser Henry Kissinger

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missing be accounted for as part of an agreement.

Kissinger went directly to the White House last night from Andrew Air Force Base.

Secretary of State William Rogers and Gen. Alexander Haig, Kissinger's chief deputy who accompanied him to Paris, attended this morning's conference in the Nixon family dining room. They sat around a table under an ornate chandelier and a portrait of John Adams. A fire crackled in the fireplace.

Newsmen were allowed in the room briefly for photographs. While they were present, the four participants chatted about Nixon's campaign visit to Atlanta yesterday.

They also talked a bit about the World Series, opening tomorrow in Cincinnati. Nixon told Rogers he wouldn't be able to make the opening game.

'Neutrality Agreed'

The Washington Post quoted "an unofficial source" as saying Kissinger and Tho agreed on "neutrality" for South Vietnam as part of an ultimate settlement and narrowed differences on other subjects but left unsettled two key questions — political control in Saigon and withdrawal of U.S. forces from the area.

Prior to Tho's departure from Paris this morning aboard a Soviet airliner, a spokesman for the North Vietnamese delegation to the regular Paris peace talks said:

"All the necessary conditions for a peace settlement are present, but it is the Nixon Administration that impedes things by its aggressive and neo-colonialist policies."