

# Hanoi Negotiator Flies to Moscow

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PARIS — (CDN) — Hanoi Politburo Member Le Duc Tho flew to Moscow today on his way home after four days of secret talks with White House adviser Henry A. Kissinger.

Tho was believed to be taking with him new American peace proposals, possibly combined with U. S. warnings of further military escalation.

Neither Tho nor Xuan Thuy, the other Hanoi official meeting here with Kissinger, has authority to commit North Vietnam in the negotiations, it is understood here.

There was good reason to conclude that Hanoi is taking the latest American moves seriously. Secret talks were held Wednesday despite the U. S. bombing of French and other diplomatic buildings in Hanoi's center.

In earlier stages of the war, North Vietnam called off meetings of the weekly

Paris talks to protest U. S. bombing raids. But yesterday's session of the semi-public talks also was held on schedule. 12 OCT

Hanoi spokesmen declined yesterday to repeat earlier statements that the "gap" between them and the United States was as wide as ever.

They denounced the bombing of Hanoi. Thuy's deputy Nguyen Minh Vy said the raid "could only prolong the war."

The Viet Cong spokesman, Ly Van Sau, said "peace is not for tomorrow."

French analysts retreated after a few days of optimistically predicting an early end to the war.

"A mountain of obstacles" was the Socialist newspaper Combat's summary, and conservative Le Figaro said "optimism has been cooled off" by the fact that Kissinger stayed in Paris without meeting the Hanoi negotiators yesterday. 12 OCT

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