

# Saigon Envoys Gather for Conference

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Oct. 15—The chief of South Vietnam's delegation to the Paris peace talks returned home this evening for consultations with President Nguyen Van Thieu on the latest efforts to end the war.

President Thieu summoned the envoy, Pham Dang Lam, who is also the Ambassador to France, at the conclusion of four days of secret talks last week between Henry A. Kissinger and North Vietnamese officials. He also called home his ambassadors to the United States and Britain.

Le Duc Tho, the special adviser to the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris and one of the principals in the talks with Mr. Kissinger, has left Paris for Hanoi with stopovers in Moscow and Peking.

### Other Envoy Arrives

The South Vietnamese Ambassador to Washington, Tran Kim Phuong, arrived here last night and Vuong Van Bac, the head of the South Vietnamese mission in London, is expected shortly.

When the ambassador from France landed here at about 8 P.M. aboard an Air Vietnam jet from Bangkok, he was met by a handful of friends and relatives and one unidentified Government official. Smiling and cheerful, Mr. Lam politely turned aside questions from newsmen.

"I can just say I'm here for consultations," he said as he stepped into a black sedan.

Earlier, official reports on the Saigon radio said that the dip-

lomats were coming home for consultations "concerning the peace negotiations on Vietnam." There were no comments from government spokesmen.

### 'Big Event' Awaited

Tin Song, a newspaper which often reflects the Government's thinking, said that the President would give the envoys "clear directives on matters relating to the negotiations aimed at restoring a just and lasting peace for Vietnam."

The newspaper added, "Everyone is waiting and hoping for a big event on this aspect that may occur either at the end of this year right after the American presidential elections or early next year on Inauguration Day."

Senior officials at the United States Embassy here refused to discuss the return of the diplomats. The embassy has disclosed meetings between President Thieu and Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker and other American officials but little else in connection with the latest secret peace talks.

In their first meeting since Mr. Kissinger's departure from Paris, Mr. Thieu and Mr. Bunker talked yesterday for about 35 minutes. Later President Thieu met with his five-man National Security Council in the Presidential Palace.

President Thieu and Ambassador Bunker met only once during the four days of secret talks in Paris and then for only about 45 minutes. This suggested to some diplomats that there had been no surprising developments for the allies.

### Talk of a Cease-fire

There is widespread talk here of a cease-fire and American advisers say it is affecting the South Vietnamese troops.

One adviser said he has noted an increase in the use of American air support and naval gunfire in an apparent effort to keep down casualties.

"All the cease-fire rumors are shooting hell out of aggressiveness," another American officer said. "No one wants to be the last man to die."