

TV Soap Opera Addicts Angry

SACRAMENTO — (AP) — Henry Kissinger's televised "peace is at hand" announcement yesterday brought a flood of protests against the interruption of television soap operas.

The calls started pouring into KXTV "as soon as they realized they weren't going to see their little shows," said Betty Ford, the station's switchboard operator.

"They were vehement, angry . . . upset and obscene. I had one man who was so abusive I had to transfer him to the news department," Mrs. Ford said.

"One woman said, "If I knew this trash was going to be on, I would have done my shopping."

A couple of times I had to push the hold button, or I would have gone bananas," she said.

She said she received 19 complaints, including two from men.

Kissinger's announcement interrupted a game show and caused irregularities for two soap operas, "Love of Live" and "Where the Heart Is."