

NIXON OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CEASE-FIRE

President, on Political Trip
to West Virginia, Says Goal
Is a 'Peace With Honor'

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HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Oct. 26—President Nixon declared tonight that he was confident that difficulties blocking a Vietnam cease-fire and peace settlement "can and will be worked out."

At an airport rally here of Republicans and others supporting his re-election, the President said, "I can say to you in confidence that we shall succeed in achieving our objective, which is peace with honor and not peace with surrender."

"There are still difficulties to be worked out," he added. "I am confident that they can and will be worked out."

The remarks, made on the first of two stops in a brief campaign swing into West Virginia and Kentucky, were Mr. Nixon's first public statement about what he viewed as a "significant breakthrough" in the negotiations to end the Vietnam war.

They came a few hours after his adviser for national security,

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Henry A. Kissinger, said that "peace is at hand" and that a cease-fire agreement could be reached within a few weeks.

After flying here, the President left by plane for nearby Ashland, Ky.

His choice of the two cities for campaign speeches was believed to have been influenced by their tristate location. They provide the broadest television coverage available in the area, with Huntington stations broadcasting to Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky and reaching into southern Pennsylvania as well.

Another factor, almost certainly, was the senatorial candidacy of former Gov. B. Nunn of Kentucky, who is running for the Senate by the Sher

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