

Reds in Paris Insist U.S. Must OK Peace Draft

PARIS — (AP) — The North Vietnamese declared today there will be no further negotiations with Henry Kissinger until the United States commits itself to signing the draft peace agreement.

North Vietnamese and Viet Cong speakers denounced the Nixon administration for what they called "a breach of promise" in failing to sign the accord by Oct. 31, the deadline set by Hanoi.

The Saigon government warned at the 165th weekly session of the peace conference that it would refuse to recognize any cease-fire agreement concluded against its will.

Little Evidence

In four hours of vituperation between the opposing Vietnamese delegations, there was little to show that "peace is at hand," as Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser, said last week.

Nguyen Xuan Phong of the South Vietnamese delegation did not directly refer to the peace agreement in his speech but raised a series of major objections to what he said were "utterly contradictory and unacceptable" proposals.

The Viet Cong argued that in failing to sign the agreement, the United States shortened the chances for U.S. prisoners of war getting home by Christmas.

Avoids Polemics

U.S. delegate William J. Porter avoided the polemics of the other three delegations. In a brief statement, he reiterated that the issues still to be clarified in the draft agreement "can be settled quickly by effort and will."

He warned that the United States would not allow itself to be rushed into a settle-

ment of "the few remaining problems of substance."

He denied the repeated Communist charge that

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these problems were mere pretexts for delay, and declared:

"Misunderstandings, if they exist, must be faced frankly and dealt with. Excessive haste in settling the final elements would jeopardize the work that has been done and might place the future viability of the agreement in doubt."

Up to Hanoi

Kissinger told a news conference last week it was up to Hanoi to set the date for a final secret negotiating session. He said the United States has given "a commitment that a text that will be agreed to at the next session will be the final text and that no new changes will be proposed."

The North Vietnamese spokesman, Nguyen Thanh Le, told newsmen after the session that the United States had given such a commitment on the text negotiated last month.

Ever since the agreement was reached in secret talks between Kissinger and Ha-

noi's Politburo member, Le Duc Tho, the North Vietnamese spokesman declared, the Nixon administration "has engaged in an escalation of obstacles" to the draft.

Denunciation

Le denounced the delay as "a dishonest maneuver by the Nixon administration to prolong the war and the suffering of the Vietnamese people."

He sidestepped any direct answer to repeated questions on whether Hanoi was prepared to renegotiate the agreement or whether any date has been set for a new Kissinger-Tho meeting. Asked whether North Vietnam would refuse to renew the negotiations unless the United States first gave a guarantee that it would accept the agreement in its present form, he replied:

"That idea is correct. It is a question of elementary honor for the United States to respect its undertakings."

Asked about rumors that a new session of secret talks was scheduled, Le replied: "Those are only rumors."

The Hanoi and Viet Cong delegations insisted that they expect the United States to accept both the form and the substance of the agreement, but they did not completely rule out further discussions with Kissinger.