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Confident That Saigon's
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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Nov. 10—Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., the White House envoy, conferred with President Nguyen Van Thieu for nearly two hours today amid indications that South Vietnam still has major objections to the peace settlement worked out by Hanoi and Washington.

Tin Song, a newspaper that often reflects the views of the Presidential Palace, said tonight that General Haig had been told that any peace agreement that did not provide for the withdrawal of all North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam "would be considered as of no validity."

General Haig, who is President Nixon's deputy adviser on national security, arrived from Washington this morning, reportedly to get President Thieu's agreement to new joint United States-South Vietnamese terms for a peace settlement. The nine-point settlement worked out by the United States, and North Vietnam does not call for North Vietnamese withdrawal and had been denounced by Mr. Thieu as "surrender."

Optimism on U.S. Side

But despite Tin Song's tough language, which was echoed by a broadcast on the official Saigon radio, American officials were reliably reported to be optimistic that General Haig would soon overcome President Thieu's objections. Some American officials were said to feel that there was more bluster than substance to the Thieu demands.

"The iceberg is marching on its way," one well-placed American official said of the peace negotiations, "and all this talk here in Saigon is not going to stop anything."

The United States Embassy was also reported to be less tense than when Henry A. Kissinger, to whom General Haig is deputy, spent five days here over two weeks ago talking with Mr. Thieu. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, who accompanied General Haig to the palace today, spent part of the evening at the United States Marine Ball before returning to his residence for a working dinner with General Haig and Gen. Frederick C. Weyand, the United States commander in Vietnam.

American and Vietnamese officials are reported to feel that General Haig's mission is more an effort to inform Mr. Thieu about the new American peace terms than an attempt at the kind of complex negotiations undertaken when Mr. Kissinger himself is here. General Haig is expected to

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leave Saigon either tomorrow night or Sunday. Informed American sources say that there are no plans for him to prolong his stay.

In reporting today's session at the palace, which was also attended by Mr. Thieu's chief aide, Hoang Duc Nha, as well as General Haig and Mr. Bunker, Tin Song stressed that South Vietnam would not abide by a cease-fire unless President Thieu signed it.

"No one can represent South Vietnam in signing any future peace agreements," the newspaper said Mr. Thieu had told

the general.

'Token' Withdrawal Rejected

The newspaper added, in what some here took to be a possible reference to the new terms that General Haig had brought with him that "any token or symbolic withdrawal, such as 14,000 North Vietnamese from the Quangtri-Thuathien area" in the northern part of South Vietnam would be unacceptable.

The Saigon radio said: "If North Vietnamese Communists agree to make only a show of troop withdrawals, such as in this case, no cease-fire agreement whatsoever will be signed or approved and respected by the people and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam."

Tin Song insisted that any peace settlement include re-establishment of the demilitarized zone east the country between North Vietnam and South Vietnam, as in the 1954 Geneva accords. This has been a repeated demand by Mr. Thieu in recent speeches.

Today's article in Tin Song contained no reference to Mr. Thieu's other objection to the Washington-Hanoi agreement — that it would impose a three-way coalition Government on South Vietnam.

After his meeting with General Haig, from 11 A.M. to 12:55 P.M., Mr. Thieu conferred with members of his National Security Council most of the afternoon and evening, according to sources in the Presidential Palace.

Earlier in the day, the President promoted 24 officers from colonel to brigadier general including the Mayor of Saigon, Col. Do Kien Nheiu, and the commander of the national police, Col. Nguyen Khac Binh. The promotions today were regarded as an effort to curry favor with the army at a crucial time.