

# Haig Heads Home

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moving toward final accord on ending the war.

Kissinger said Oct. 26 that remaining issues could be straightened out in one more negotiating session lasting three or four days. Administration officials have left open the possibility that Kissinger may need more than one parley with Tho.

Hanoi envoy Xuan Thuy anticipated a further Kissinger-Tho meeting in a Paris interview over the weekend, though he held to North Vietnam's position that the session should be devoted to procedures for signing the proposed nine-point pact—not to altering it.

**HAIG'S** Saigon visit was a further Nixon move to overcome Thieu's objections to the peace plan and line up a common position for the allies.

U.S. officials in Saigon indicated the

talks narrowed U.S.-South Vietnamese differences, apparently clearing the way for resumption of the private negotiations in Paris.

But the Saigon newspaper Tin Song, which is controlled by Thieu's closest adviser, said Haig and the president had made "no further progress" in their talks.

The report said three major points still were to be resolved: the withdrawal of North Vietnamese forces, the administrative organization to maintain the cease-fire and supervise elections and under what conditions and when will the international body to police the cease-fire begin work.

Thieu has been calling for a pullout of North Vietnamese forces from South Vietnam, a condition not specified in the nine-point plan, and has fought any imposition of a coalition government on Saigon.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special envoy Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr. was en route back today to report to President Nixon his latest round of talks in Saigon with South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu.

The White House said Haig would arrive at Andrews Air Force Base at about 1:30 p.m. CST and immediately board a helicopter to fly to Nixon's Camp David, Md., retreat. He will be accompanied by presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger, press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said.

Ziegler again refused to say if or when Kissinger would meet again with North Vietnamese negotiator Le Duc Tho. "We'll let you know when Dr. Kissinger goes to Paris," Ziegler said.

Responding to questions, Ziegler said after Kissinger meets with Le Duc Tho "there will be further consultations required" with the South Vietnamese and perhaps the North Vietnamese.

This statement seemed to signal a delay in concluding the Vietnam peace talks since Kissinger said on Oct. 26 that the agreement could be wrapped up in one meeting lasting three or four days.

But Ziegler said his statement about further consultations was not meant to suggest any shift in the view presented by Kissinger.

Nixon conferred with Kissinger for one hour, 20 minutes today before flying to Camp David, Ziegler said. He confirmed reports from Saigon that Haig took to Thieu a letter from Nixon and that he is carrying back a letter from Thieu.

He wouldn't divulge contents of the letters but said Haig "will be reporting to the President in extensive detail" on his five hours of talks with the South Vietnamese leader.

**KISSINGER** weekendend in New York, seeing a Broadway play and a professional football game after which he mingled in the locker room with quarterback Joe Namath and others of the New York Jets.

Just when Kissinger will head for Paris to meet again with North Vietnam's Le Duc Tho remains a secret. Administration officials maintained their air of confidence, however, about

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