

Peace Talks Recessed

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# Kissinger And Nixon To Huddle

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PARIS — (AP) — The United States and North Vietnam announced today that the secret peace talks between Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho are being interrupted until Dec. 4

A communique of the North Vietnamese delegation, issued a few hours after Kissinger and the Hanoi envoy met for the sixth time in succession, said Tho and his fellow negotiator Xuan Thuy "will meet Dr. Kissinger again on Dec. 4, 1972."

In New York, meanwhile, White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler said Kissinger is returning to the United States tonight to consult with President Nixon. Nixon and his family are spending the weekend in New York.

### Thieu Emissary

Ziegler also said the President had agreed to meet early next week with South Vietnam President Thieu's special assistant, Nguyen Van Phu Duc, who is coming to Washington to discuss the negotiations.

In Paris, U.S. delegation spokesman David Lambertson said he had no comment on the announcement, which came amid reports of a crisis in the negotiations.

A Communist leak today has disclosed details of serious differences said to have arisen between the two sides.

Kissinger smiled and waved at photographers as he emerged from the building in suburban Choisy le Roi.

Tho, by contrast, departed with a grim expression and ignored the newsmen and photographers gathered

in the street.

### Top Aide

Kissinger was accompanied only by his top aide, Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr. Tho was accompanied by the head of the regular North Vietnamese delegation, Xuan Thuy.

Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann of France reiterated that he was "decidedly less pessimistic" than recent press reports.

"Don't ask me to go into details," Schumann added in a Radio Luxembourg TV interview. He said he had remained in close touch with all the parties to the conflict and had discussed Vietnam with Kissinger on four occasions in the past two months. One of these meetings, he said, was in the White House in President Nixon's presence.

The two delegations met in the same house, four blocks from the headquarters of the North Vietnamese, where they were reported to have had a stormy one-hour session yesterday.

### No Comment

There was no official comment from either delegation on a detailed report in the Washington Post claiming that the United States had backed away from the draft agreement concluded last

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month between Kissinger and Tho.

Lambertson declined all comment on the report. Other American sources said it obviously was leaked by the North Vietnamese delegation and was a "self-serving" version of the facts.

There were widespread reports yesterday that Kissinger and Tho had run into serious difficulties after talking for a total of more than 20 hours in what Kissinger once said would be the final secret session to clarify minor points in the agreement.

Kissinger conferred with Schumann for 45 minutes, apparently to assure him that the United States remains hopeful of an early settlement.

Schumann later took the unusual step of issuing a foreign ministry statement asserting that "the pessimistic rumors on Vietnam were highly exaggerated."

The Washington Post story said Kissinger had informed Tho Monday that the United States, in deference to objections from South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu, no longer was willing to go along with some major concessions it made in the October draft.

These included toleration of North Vietnamese troops in certain areas of South Vietnam and the creation of a Council of National Conciliation — composed of the Saigon government, the Viet Cong and neutralists — to organize elections under international control.

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