

U.S. Vow: Won't Delay War's End

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PARIS—The United States pledged today that President Nixon will not permit any avoidable delay in ending the Vietnam war.

But Hanoi again rejected Saigon's demand for a pull-out of all North Vietnamese troops and charged that the United States had broken faith by not signing the draft peace agreement.

U.S. Ambassador William

J. Porter told the 168th weekly session of the Paris peace talks:

"We had hoped, as you know, to reach an agreement earlier. We worked hard to bring this about, but the issues in this long conflict are complex, as all recognize, and can neither be dismissed nor distorted.

"We reiterate to you our president's firm intention to permit no avoidable delay in

ending this war and entering a period of peace and reconstruction."

In an apparent reference to the secret talks between Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, Porter said:

"In this present phase then, we should respect each other's problems and concerns, and we should have faith that the serious purpose demonstrated and the major progress achieved will lead at an early date to a mutually satisfactory final result."

But Nguyen Binh Vy of North Vietnam told the meeting the United States, "at variance with its statements, . . . has breached faith and refused to sign exactly on Oct. 31 the agreement which has been reached. Furthermore it has demanded modifications in the text of the agreement."

The United States, he continued, "has tolerated Saigon's rehashing unjustifiable allegations and putting forth unreasonable demands aimed at sabotaging the peace solution which the U.S. side has agreed to.

"We reject all allegations that 'North Vietnam has made an aggression against South Vietnam' and all demands of 'mutual withdrawal.' We reaffirm that the only aggressor in Vietnam is the United States. Therefore the United States must stop its aggression: U.S. troops and other foreign troops in the U.S. camp must be completely withdrawn from Vietnam.

"If the negotiations remain deadlocked and the war drags on, it will be the responsibility of the American side."

The delegates agreed to meet again next Thursday.

Leaving the meeting, Porter told newsmen:

"I notice that some of your dispatches these days seem to contain an unwarranted amount, in my view at least, of pessimism. I would caution you to take care lest you be caught with your pens down."