

# Thieu Fails to Win

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## New Concessions

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WASHINGTON — South Vietnam's special emissary, Nguyen Phu Duc, arranged a fourth meeting with Henry Kissinger today amid indications he had failed in his mission to seek further concessions before a peace settlement is signed.

It was known that President Nixon, in two separate discussions with Duc, who is President Nguyen Van Thieu's foreign policy adviser, bluntly resisted Thieu's demands as the price for Saigon's acceptance of a cease-fire agreement.

White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler even refused under questioning to state that the Nixon-Duc talks were "friendly," a description routinely accorded discussions between allies.

### 'Very Frank'

Ziegler did say that the talks, which began at the White House Wednesday, were "very detailed" and "very frank." He added that "I wouldn't say it (the 2½-hour Wednesday session) was unfriendly."

The South Vietnamese embassy said the White House had agreed to Duc's request for a final meeting with Kissinger today before Kissin-

ger flies to Key Biscayne, Fla., to confer with Nixon before the Paris negotiations resume Monday. The White House had no comment.

### Impatience Signs

While there were indications that the United States is growing impatient and may not wait for Saigon's approval before signing the final peace agreement with the North Vietnamese, it was doubted that Nixon went so far as to threaten even indirectly to withhold U.S. military assistance or other support from the Thieu regime.

Informed sources said Saigon is not now ready to initial the modified draft agreement worked out between Kissinger and the North Vietnamese in secret Paris talks.

U.S. officials say Duc has continued to insist in his meetings here on the major remaining demand of the South Vietnamese, which is for a written commitment from the North Vietnamese to withdraw their troops from the South.

Sources said Nixon has probably advised Duc that no such pledge could be ob-

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tained, but that enough safeguards were available to protect a cease-fire.

### Paris Talks

Looking forward to the resumption of the Paris talks on Monday, authoritative U.S. officials made these points:

- Though differences remain which may not be ironed out with Saigon, they are optimistic that a cease-fire agreement is near.

- The present draft agreement does not require the removal of President Thieu from office as Hanoi had so long demanded.

- The demilitarized zone at the 17th parallel will be re-established as a buffer between North and South. The South Vietnamese wanted this in the agreement.

- An international control commission will be installed in Cambodia and Laos as well as in South Vietnam to supervise the cease-fire. It will be activated within a few days of the cease-fire in South Vietnam.

- A large international supervisory force will oversee the cease-fire in South Vietnam.

- Though the agreement falls short of an ironclad agreement on North Vietnamese withdrawals as sought by Saigon, there is nevertheless provision for a reduction of North Vietnamese forces.