

New Peace Session Held Without Sign of an Accord

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PARIS, Dec. 8—The secret Vietnam cease-fire talks continued today. There was still no sign of an early breakthrough.

Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security, called on President Pompidou this morning before holding another afternoon session with the North Vietnamese negotiating team headed by Le Duc Tho.

French sources indicated that Mr. Kissinger went to the Elysée palace primarily to see an old friend, Pierre Juillet, who is President Pompidou's chief adviser on domestic politics. Then he spent 35 minutes with the President.

Elysée sources were quick to report that Mr. Kissinger's call should not be taken as a sign that a cease-fire agreement was about to be reached, or that there had been some startling development in the talks.

Another Session Set

They said that the talks had been dragging on longer than expected and that there was no way of telling when the moment of decision would come.

Today's session, the fifth this week, took place in the two-story white villa at Neuilly lent to the Americans by Arnaud Clerc, an American-born Paris jeweler. The session lasted four and a half hours.

The negotiators take turns choosing the site. Yesterday was North Vietnam's turn and they met at suburban Gif-sur-Yvette in a house belonging to the French Communist party. The North Vietnamese announced later tonight that the two sides would return there again tomorrow for another round of talks starting at 3 P.M.

William Porter, head of the United States delegation to the formal four-sided Vietnam conference here, flew to Brussels today for a quick meeting with Secretary of State William P. Rogers, who was attending the NATO meeting.

Mr. Porter is not taking part in the secret talks, but United States sources have said that he is kept fully informed.

He has been named Under Secretary of State and presumably will be returning to Washington next month to work with Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Rogers, it was learned, had been prepared to fly to Paris from Brussels if hopes for an accord had been realized. The United States and North Vietnam have agreed that when negotiations are completed their Foreign Ministers will sign the formal document.

But the talks are still dragging on, so Mr. Rogers will fly home without stopping in Paris, it was reported from

Brussels. American sources there were cautioning newsmen against excessive optimism, according to reports, a striking switch from the repeated warnings in Paris last week against excessive pessimism.

Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mitchell W. Sharp, who was also at the NATO meeting, planned to fly here tonight to see the Canadian Ambassador about Canada's proposed role on an international control commission for Vietnam.

Mr. Sharp said of the Paris negotiators at a news conference in Brussels, "My understanding is that they have not agreed on a protocol for the supervisory commission."

The Canadian Government has taken the position that it will not promise to join the commission until it has full and agreed details on how it is to operate and an assurance that it will not be required to stay in Vietnam indefinitely.

Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Le Duc Tho shook hands amiably at the door of the well-guarded Neuilly villa this afternoon, a practice they have adopted since efforts to duck photographers and meet unseen were abandoned as futile.

Hanoi Press Notes Meetings

HANOI, North Vietnam, Dec. 8 (Agence France-Presse)—For the first time the Hanoi press referred indirectly today to the secret peace negotiations in Paris.

Previously the press had reported only the formal peace talks between representatives of North Vietnam, the Vietcong, the Saigon Government and the United States.

The two main newspapers here indicated today that there had been "a meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 6, between the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and the United States." They also referred to the meeting between the two sides last Monday.