

Kissinger and Tho Meet Again; 3 Truce Sessions Set for Today

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PARIS, Dec. 11—Henry A. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho met for more than four hours today and scheduled three separate sessions for tomorrow in the negotiations for a cease-fire in Vietnam.

Two meetings of lower-level American and North Vietnamese officials, one of deputy negotiators, the other of technical experts, are scheduled for tomorrow morning. Then in the afternoon the chief negotiators—Mr. Kissinger, who is President Nixon's national security adviser, and Mr. Tho, a member of the North Vietnamese Politburo—are scheduled to meet with their full staffs.

American sources said that Mr. Kissinger was likely to fly back to Washington tomorrow night and then make another trip to Saigon.

The unusual three-session schedule announced for tomorrow excited speculation that an agreement might be near, but there was no reliable information to support it.

A United States spokesman said tonight that the deputy negotiators would meet tomorrow morning at a villa in suburban Neuilly.

William H. Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian Affairs, and William J. Porter will represent the American side. Mr. Porter, who heads the American delegation to the formal semipublic Vietnam peace conference here, now in its fourth year, appeared at the secret talks today for the first time.

The American spokesman offered no explanation of why Mr. Porter was not participating in the private talks. His opposite number, North Vietnam's Xuan Thuy, and Deputy Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach, who arrived in Paris at the start of the current negotiating round, are to represent Hanoi at Neuilly.

At the same time, the United

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States delegation said, "technical experts" from both sides are to meet at Choisy-le-Roi. The Americans involved include Henry Kissinger's aides on the National Security Council, John D. Negroponte, Peter Rodman, Winston Lord and David A. Engel. Mr. Negroponte and Mr. Engel are Vietnamese-language experts.

Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho are to meet with their full staffs tomorrow afternoon at Gif-sur-Yvette.

Talks Last 4½ Hours

The chief negotiators met for four and a quarter hours today in Neuilly.

The current round of secret talks began on Nov. 20, in response to an American request for "one more session lasting three or four days" to "clarify six or seven" minor points.

Except for a nine-day recess during which President Nixon and Mr. Kissinger met a special South Vietnamese envoy sent by President Nguyen Van Thieu, they have continued almost every day since.

Chou Talks of Accord

PEKING, Dec. 11 (Agence France Presse)—Premier Chou En-lai said tonight that there was a possibility that an American-Vietnamese peace agreement would be concluded in the next two or three days in Paris.

He told a few newspaper correspondents in Peking that this was only a possibility, and newsmen detected no special leaning toward optimism or pessimism in his remarks.