

Kissinger to Brief Nixon TALKS END WITHOUT TRUCE

PARIS (AP) — Henry A. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho ended their crucial peace talks session Wednesday without announcement of any agreement on ending the Vietnam war. 13 DEC

Kissinger prepared to fly to Washington to report to President Nixon following a six-hour meeting with Tho.

Communist and other sources said major points of difference still remain to be ironed out between the two top negotiators.

Presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler told newsmen in Washington the two delegates at the regular semi-public peace talks, William J. Porter of the United States and Xuan Thuy of North Vietnam, would continue meeting periodically to discuss technical aspects of a possible future agreement.

Ziegler said Kissinger will confer with Nixon Thursday, and will remain in communication with Tho. Any decision regarding further meetings of the two top negotiators would be made jointly by both sides through an exchange of messages, Ziegler added.

The press spokesman would not say flatly that further Paris talks are contemplated, but his language suggested that they are likely.

There was no immediate indication of the points of disagreement which led to renewed suspension of the talks.

Before the President's national security adviser and North Vietnam's Politburo member met in a suburban villa, a subcommittee of experts held a 90-minute session to discuss details of a settlement.

French press reports said agreement was near on the issue blocking a cease-fire accord, the withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from South Vietnam. La Nation predicted agreement in "a matter of hours."

BUT HUMANITE, the French Communist party newspaper, said Kissinger was insisting on fundamental changes in the draft he and Tho worked out in October and "is holding up the signature of an accord which could lead to a cease-fire within 24 hours."

North Vietnamese and other sources said before the day's meetings that important differences still remained to be ironed out.

At the end of the meeting, Kissinger, as host, escorted Tho to his car and the two negotiators parted with their usual cordial handshake. A junior official held an umbrella over them to protect them from the icy rain that fell

most of the day.

After Tho's departure, Kissinger drove back to the downtown U.S. Embassy residence where he has been staying since the talks began.

The air crew of Kissinger's plane arrived at Orly a few minutes later and began preparing for departure.

Kissinger was accompanied this morning by William J. Porter, the U.S. delegate to the four-party weekly peace talks, and William Sullivan, deputy assistant secretary of state for Southeast Asian affairs. Tho's delegation included Xuan Thuy, the North Vietnamese delegate to the four-party talks, and Nguyen Co Thach, Hanoi's deputy foreign minister.

Kissinger's plane arrived at Orly Airport Tuesday night from a U.S. air base in Germany. Airport authorities said the U.S. embassy ordered the crew to prepare for departure today after the meeting with Tho.

Unconfirmed reports in the French press said a compromise had nearly been reached on the withdrawal of

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North Vietnamese troops from the South, one of President Nguyen Van Thieu's chief demands.

The stories said the cease-fire agreement would not specifically mention withdrawals, since Hanoi has not admitted publicly that its troops are fighting in the South. But each side was reported to have agreed tacitly to demobilize large numbers of its men, beginning with 70,000 North Vietnamese and a like number of Saigon's troops just below the Demilitarized Zone.

President Nixon's national security adviser conferred for 4½ hours Tuesday with Hanoi's chief peace negotiator after two subcommittees met earlier in the day to discuss details of the

cease-fire draft. Another subcommittee meeting was scheduled today before Kissinger and Tho were to meet.

The two peace negotiators had met for 52 hours during the past three weeks when Tuesday's session ended with cordial handshakes at a villa in Gif sur Yvette, 15 miles southwest of Paris.

French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann, who keeps in close contact with both sides, said Tuesday that a compromise is "possible and likely" despite "some signs of intractability."

Reports from Saigon today said that President Thieu feels President Nixon is hoping to announce a peace settlement during the Christmas season or in January, during his State of the Union address or at his inauguration.