

# Hanoi Says U.S. Blocked Peace Pact

Paris

The head of North Vietnam's negotiating team charged yesterday that the U.S. blocked agreement on any peace accord drafted in October by demanding 126 changes.

The negotiator, Xuan Thuy, accused Henry Kissinger of "deliberately distorting the truth" by blaming North Vietnam for the breakdown in negotiations.

Kissinger said Hanoi once withdrew every negotiated textual change and at another point presented 17 changes.

Thuy said the secret talks were continuing and hence refused to discuss details. He said Kissinger had breached the agreed secrecy of his talks with Le Duc Tho of the North Vietnamese Politburo at a news conference in Washington on Saturday.

Thuy told a news conference the 126 amendments of the October draft proposed by Kissinger were "attempts to impose changes of substance which would have violated the fundamental rights of the people of Vietnam."

In Washington, deputy White House press secretary Gerald Warren denied that Kissinger had proposed 126 changes. Warren did not say how many might have been suggested.

Without going into details, Thuy said the American changes would deny that "two parallel administrations and armies and three political forces exist side by side in South Vietnam."

Thuy charged the changes tried to "perpetuate the division of Vietnam and by introducing thousands of truce observers would create "a foreign military army of occupation."

"By deliberately distorting the truth in the negotia-

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nam, to camouflage the American intention to intensify the bombing, and to impose an American solution in South Vietnam by military power."

Thuy repeatedly denied that there was any preparation for a new offensive against South Vietnam.

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