

# N. Vietnam Protests By Canceling Talks

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PARIS, Dec. 20—In protest against renewed U.S. bombing, North Vietnam today cancelled a technical meeting of experts scheduled later this week to discuss the details of a possible cease-fire agreement.

"In the current extremely serious situation provoked by the United States, the North Vietnamese side is obliged to adjourn the meeting of delegates and experts of the two sides," said Deputy Foreign Nguyen Co Thach at the meeting.

The technical experts did meet today for about 30 minutes. Another session of technical talks had been scheduled for Saturday. White House adviser Henry A. Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho said last week that the technical talks would continue despite the deadlock in their negotiations.

Barring a last-minute North Vietnamese change of heart, the regular weekly session of the formal peace talks is still scheduled for Thursday.

A North Vietnamese announcement said Thach today refused to discuss questions on the agenda at the technical session and instead delivered an attack on the renewed American bombing north of the 20th Parallel.

The protest said the United States is reneging on "pledges repeated many times by the American side to end the bombing north of the 20th Parallel during and until the end of the negotiations."

For the United States, Heyward Isham gave what an American spokesman described as an "appropriate" rebuttal to the charges, but no

details of his remarks was immediately available.

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, foreign minister of the Vietcong's Provisional Revolutionary Government, flew to Moscow on her way back to report to her superiors and seek "new instructions."

She, too, condemned the "very serious situation" created by the "intensification of the criminal bombing."

Her departure, less than a week after that of Tho, was apparently designed to underscore Communist anger at the new American air offensive and the refusal of the United States to sign the October draft cease-fire agreement.

Meanwhile, French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann told a weekly Cabinet meeting that despite the breakdown in the secret talks France will continue to work for "the only possible solution, that is a negotiated political solution."

He was quoted by a government spokesman as saying that France "cannot resign itself to a new upsurge in the war." He said that his country would not curtail its role of helping all parties in their search for peace.

The moderate tone of the implied criticism of the U.S. bombing was indicative of President Georges Pompidou's decision this summer to adopt a more evenhanded policy toward the war. In the past, Schumann had been allowed to criticize the United States openly and to express backing for Communist peace proposals.