

Tho: Peace or War Up to U.S.

PARIS — (AP) — Le Duc Tho arrived yesterday for a new round of Indochina peace talks and said "the decisive moment has come" to reach an agreement or continue the war.

"The U.S. Administration has to make a definite choice; the responsibility rests entirely upon the U.S. side," the North Vietnamese envoy declared.

Dr. Henry Kissinger, who conferred with President Nixon at Camp David yesterday, is due tonight to start the secret sessions with Tho tomorrow.

In a lengthy and tough airport statement after his arrival from Moscow, Tho said: "If the U.S. keeps demanding unreasonable changes bearing upon the principles and content" of the October draft, "the Vietnamese people . . . are resolved not to yield to any pressure or threat."

He said they will step up "their struggle against U.S. aggression for national salvation until the achievement of real peace and independence."

Tho then added: "Now the decisive moment has come: either to rapidly settle peacefully the Vietnam problem and sign the agreed

accord or to continue the war."

Tho, a member of Hanoi's Politburo, said the peace talks are being resumed because the United States halted its stepped-up aerial war against the heartland of North Vietnam.

He described the U.S. air attacks as "the most barbarous and inhuman ones" in the history of war.

"With these demented war acts, the U.S. Administration thought that it might make the Vietnamese people kneel and accept the conditions posed by the United States in negotiations. But apart from killing thousands of innocent persons, the U.S. Administration has recorded nothing," he said.

"Our people have never been frightened by American bombs and shells," he continued.

He said that in his secret meetings with Kissinger in November and December the United States proposed "many changes bearing upon the principles and substance" of the October draft agreement. He claimed North Vietnam "maintained the principles" and said that when the talks were broken off Dec. 13 "only a few unsettled questions" were left.