

Kissinger in Paris For Peace Talks; Fighting Steps Up

'Major Effort' Is Pledged

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PARIS, Jan. 7—Henry A. Kissinger arrived from Washington tonight to resume the quest for a Vietnam cease-fire in secret talks with Hanoi's Le Duc Tho.

Kissinger, looking suntanned and relaxed, declined to answer questions but did provide an example of the dry wit for which he is well known.

He said: "I won't keep you as long as my colleague did Saturday," an allusion to the tough 4½-page arrival statement Tho delivered Saturday when he flew in from Hanoi via Moscow.

Tho said on arrival in Paris Saturday: "Now the decisive moment has come: either to rapidly settle peacefully the Vietnam problem and sign the agreed accord or to continue the war."

As he boarded a special Air Force jetliner in Washington Kissinger was quoted as saying in the same non-committed vein: "I'll do my best."

Observers doubted that there would be any rapid breakthrough in the talks, which are scheduled to resume Monday morning at suburban Gif-sur-Yvette in the villa of the late French painter Fernand Leger, now the property of the French Communist Party.

Even if both sides had worked out key problems—a most unlikely prospect despite their contacts through diplomatic channels—it was deemed unlikely that they would reach fast agreement if only for reasons of face. This is especially true of North Vietnam which would not want to appear to have given in to the recent now-interrupted bombing north of the 20th Parallel.

In Washington, President Nixon's director of communications, Herbert Klein, said on a television interview program that he would not rule out a resumption of heavy bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong if the Paris talks failed to result in an agreement.

Kissinger was met by William J. Porter, the outgoing American ambassador to the formal peace talks, his Saigon counterpart, Pham Dang Lam, and William H. Sulli-

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van, deputy assistant secretary of state for South Asian and Pacific affairs.

Hanoi Sees 'No Signs' U.S. Will Sign Pact

From News Dispatches

HONG KONG, Jan. 7—North Vietnam's Communist Party newspaper Nhan Dan said today that there were "no signs" that the United States intended to sign an agreement and end the Vietnam war, the North Vietnam News Agency monitored here reported.

In a comment on the eve of the resumed Kissinger-Le Duc Tho talks in Paris, it said: "There are no signs to indicate the American government's intention of renouncing its demands now, or its will to sign an agreement on the end of the war and the restoring of peace in Vietnam."

It continued: "It cannot be said, either, that the American government wants to reduce its backing of the Nguyen Van Thieu regime in Saigon."

The paper said: "Faced with this U.S. position, the Vietnamese people mean to strengthen its vigilance and vigorously continue the struggle. If the United States decides not to draw the appropriate conclusions from its attempts to impose its will by force and not end its war escalation, the aggressor will receive even stiffer punishment than in the past."

Nhan Dan called President Nixon "more dangerous and cruel" than Hitler, saying: "Nixon, like Hitler, will not turn away from any cruel, terrorist massacre of those people who oppose the United States. Nixon and Hitler wanted to use bombs to change reality, use torture to force the people to obey their rules."

At the same time, the New China News Agency reported from Hanoi that North Vietnam is stepping up combat readiness for any new U.S. "war adventure."

"Being well aware of the U.S. imperialist aggressive ambition and heightening their vigilance, the people and workers in the cities and industrial districts in North Vietnam are energetically building air raid shelters and evacuating to the countryside," NCNA said.

In a news dispatch from Hanoi, NCNA said that since the beginning of 1973, the North Vietnamese armed forces have been undergoing training to improve their combat skill.

It said the pilots "are working out operation plans under various conditions and are resolved to deal head-on blows at any U.S. airmen who dare to intrude into North Vietnam."

The news agency that said in Hanoi and Haiphong the people's armed forces "are busy preparing themselves for combat and are determined to smash any new U.S. imperialist war adventure so as to defend the capital and the port city still more effectively."

Thieu Says Communists Cling to Use of Force

From News Dispatches

SAIGON, Jan. 7—South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu warned yesterday that despite recent displays of flexibility on the world scene, the Communist countries had not renounced the use of force.

The president made this remark at a ceremony to mark the presentation of credentials by the new Taiwan ambassador to Saigon, Hsu Sho Chang, the official Vietnam news agency reported today.

Faced with the continuing threat of Communist violence, the president said he still believed in the "victory of our just cause."