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**KISSINGER MEETS
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NO OUTWARD CORDIALITY

Another Session Due Today
—Meetings of Technical
Experts Are Continuing

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PARIS, Jan. 8 — Henry A. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho resumed negotiations for a cease-fire here today.

No substantive reports emerged from either side about how the talks had gone. But there was no sign that either side had changed its position since talks between them broke down last month and the United States began an intensive 11-day bombing attack on the Hanoi-Haiphong area.

Mr. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser for national security, and Mr. Tho, the Hanoi Politburo member charged with responsibility for the talks, met for four and a half hours in suburban Gif-sur-Yvette in a house owned by the French Communist party, which the American and North Vietnamese negotiators often used last year.

Affability Is Absent

The two men are due to meet again at 10 A.M. tomorrow in a house chosen by the United States delegation.

The North Vietnamese, as the hosts today, took care to avoid any of the displays of affability — televised smiles and handshakes — that frequently marked the previous two rounds of talks, in November and December. Those gestures had provoked waves of hope and gloom around the world.

Mr. Tho and his staff arrived for the session first and they did not appear at the door either to greet or to bid good-bye to Mr. Kissinger and his

aides. On arrival, after waiting outside in the heavy and wet weather, Mr. Kissinger pushed the door open himself.

In statements they gave on arriving in Paris over the weekend, both Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho spoke of this third attempt at agreement in terms of an ultimate effort.

'The Decisive Moment'

Mr. Tho had said that "now the decisive moment has come either to settle the Vietnam problem rapidly and sign the agreed text or to continue the war."

Mr. Kissinger had said that President Nixon had sent him to "make one more major effort."

An official who has been following the talks closely said that as far as he knew, neither side had made any promises or new proposals that led to the renewal of negotiations today, beyond cessation of bombing above the 20th Parallel.

This new session was reportedly arranged primarily through frequent contacts between American and North Vietnamese envoys during the period when negotiations were suspended. The French Government kept in touch with both

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sides and gave each its views.

Technical experts of both sides continued their separate sessions today on secondary aspects of a cease-fire, presumably on specific arrangements for policing an accord and releasing prisoners of war.

They met four days last week, for almost 30 hours. Today William H. Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia, who led the American experts, accompanied Mr. Kissinger to the top-level talks and was replaced at the separate meeting by George H. Aldrich, the State Department's

deputy legal adviser.

William J. Porter, who heads the permanent delegation to the Vietnam conference here, was preparing to return to Washington Wednesday. He is to replace U. Alexis Johnson, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, whose nomination to a new job was confirmed today by the White House.

Mr. Johnson will replace Gerard C. Smith as the chief American negotiator at talks with the Soviet Union on limitation of strategic arms.

There was no word on who would replace Mr. Porter here, nor on whether anyone would be sent on a permanent basis.