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Kissinger and Tho Meet for 5½ Hours

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PARIS, Jan. 9—Henry A. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho held the second session today of their current round of private talks on a Vietnam cease-fire.

They met for five and one-half hours, including lunch, and gave no indication afterward of what had happened.

No one in Paris outside the participants and Pham Dang Lam, leader of the South Vietnamese delegation to the formal peace talks, who was briefed afterward by Mr. Kissinger, pretended to have any up-to-date first-hand knowledge.

Mr. Kissinger, President Nixon's national security adviser, and Mr. Tho, a member of the North Vietnamese Politburo, are scheduled to meet again tomorrow afternoon at the French Communist party's villa in Gif-sur-Yvette.

In keeping with the agreement to alternate sites, today's meeting was held in a house chosen by the Americans. It is in St-Nom-la-Bretèche, on the edge of a golf course. It belongs to Milton Berzin, an American businessman, who has lived in France since 1946.

In the December series, the Americans used a house in Neuilly owned by Arnaud Clerc, an American-born Parisian jeweler. He moved to a hotel at the start of that round, expressing his delight at the possibility

that an historic accord was to be signed in his house. Apparently, he has resumed occupancy.

At St. Nom-la-Bretèche today, Mr. Kissinger continued the publicly cool attitude adopted by Mr. Tho when the new round started yesterday. Mr. Kissinger arrived first at the villa and did not appear at the door either to welcome or bid farewell to Mr. Tho.

Televised handshakes and smiles constituted the major public view of the earlier series of talks, and added to the disappointment when they broke down.

The separate technical talks on details of a cease-fire continued today, the seventh such meeting. It was announced that they will also be held tomorrow.

However, neither Communist nor Western newsmen and diplomats sought any longer to read special significance into the technical meetings. They are now generally accepted as secondary and their importance as centirely dependent on results of political bargaining between Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho.

This afternoon, President Pompidou held one of his semi-annual press conferences and took a carefully evenhanded position on the Vietnam question.

"I hope the talks will succeed," Mr. Pompidou said,

"They must succeed." French officials have made clear that the Government here feels it will suffer in elections scheduled for March if the Vietnam war continues to draw popular sympathies to the left.

Mr. Pompidou made a restrained criticism of the intensive United States bombing of North Vietnam, saying "No national leader was more affected than I by the renewal of bombing, and especially of such violent bombing."

News reports from Hanoi said that the official North Vietnamese newspaper, Nhan Dan, had charged that the United States had threatened a renewal of bombing "in the middle of talks."

None of the delegations here commented on the report. After the breakdown of the November-December negotiations and the heavy bombing in the last half of December, North Vietnamese spokesmen here said that there had been similar threats during every meeting of the previous Kissinger-Tho round of talks.

Hanoi Is Pessimistic

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Jan. 9 (AP)—North Vietnam has ordered new military and economic measures to defend against renewed bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong, saying that the resumed Paris peace talks are unlikely to produce peace.

The official North Vietnamese Communist party newspaper, Nhan Dan, reported "there has not been any sign showing that the negotiations will reach any results."

"On the contrary," it said in an editorial broadcast today, "very bad signs on the part of the United States have been repeated again and again."