

Reds Firm on Peace Terms

PARIS — (AP) — North Vietnam warned today that it will never be intimidated by American bombing or other acts of force and will not accept American efforts to "impose unreasonable terms" in the peace talks.

As Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho met for the fourth straight day in their secret negotiations, Nguyen Minh Vy told the weekly meeting of the semi-public, four-party peace talks:

"The negotiations have now come to a decisive stage, it is either good progress toward signing an agreement, or continuation of the war. Obviously, this depends on the American side."

'Goodwill'

With American goodwill, peace could be rapidly restored, Vy continued. But if the United States "clings to the policy of force in an attempt to impose unreasonable terms ... the Vietnam question cannot be settled

and the war will be prolonged."

Meanwhile, Kissinger and Tho were joined for the first time in their current round of negotiations by the technical experts who have been working on details of various items that might be included in a cease-fire agreement.

The joint meeting of the top negotiators and the experts indicated that the negotiations were going beyond arguments over basic principles. But both sides maintained their news blackout, and there was no evidence of progress toward removing the main obstacles to agreement.

Smiling

Kissinger and Tho were together for six hours and five minutes. All the principal negotiators smiled broadly as they left the house used as a negotiating site. The session was the longest of the four meetings

held since the American bombing of North Vietnam.

In Washington, the White House said another meeting was scheduled for tomorrow morning.

Arrogance

At the four-party peace talks, the North Vietnamese delegate again demanded that the United States sign the agreement drafted by Kissinger and Tho in October.

He accused the United States and the Saigon government of continuing to "make arrogant demands to reverse questions of principle and substance already agreed upon" in the October draft.

Dinh Ba Thi of the Viet Cong rejected the demand that Kissinger has been reported pressing for recognition of the Saigon government's sovereignty over all of South Vietnam and re-establishment of the demilitarized zone as a frontier be-

tween two independent states.

Thi said the Communist side would never accept these "ridiculous" demands.

He accused the United States and the Saigon government of planning a major military offensive in South Vietnam to recapture Communist-controlled territory and perpetuate the partition of Vietnam.

VC Elimination

Recognition of Saigon's sovereignty over all of South Vietnam would eliminate not only the Viet Cong's Provisional Revolutionary Government but all other political forces opposed to President Nguyen Van Thieu, Thi asserted.

"This would mean the capitulation of the South Vietnamese population after its decades of struggle ... something that neither half a million American troops nor tens of thousands of bombs and shells could achieve," he declared.