

KISSINGER ENDS 'USEFUL' SESSIONS
WITH THO AND RETURNS TO REPORT;
SAYS NIXON WILL DECIDE NEXT STEP

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HANOI SEES GAINS

North Vietnam Makes
Its First Comment
Since the Fall

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PARIS, Jan. 13—Henry A. Kissinger left Paris tonight to report to President Nixon after six days of what he described as "very extensive, very useful negotiations" with the North Vietnamese envoy, Le Duc Tho.

Mr. Kissinger's statement before he left Orly Airport was brief and ambiguous and he refused to answer any questions. Later, the North Vietnamese delegation issued a short statement saying that the private talks "have made progress." It was the first time that the North Vietnamese had characterized the results of the negotiations since they announced last fall that the United States had refused to sign a draft cease-fire agreement.

[In Key Biscayne, Fla., Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, called the negotiations "serious" as he announced that Mr. Kissinger was returning.]

"Special adviser Le Duc Tho and I have just completed very useful negotiations," Mr. Kissinger said at the airport. "I shall be returning to report to the President. The President will then decide what next steps should be taken to achieve a peace of justice and of conciliation.

"Ambassador [William H.] Sullivan is staying here to continue his negotiations with Vice Minister Nguyen Co Thach on technical matters. Special adviser Le Duc Tho is also remaining in Paris. He and I will be in closest contact through our usual channels. That's all I have to say."

Experts Meet Tomorrow

The North Vietnamese statement said the experts, those who have been working out technical details of a pact, would meet at 10:30 Monday morning in Gif-sur-Yvette, where they had held daylong

sessions virtually all this week.

Although the official statements from both sides were cautious, an informed source said that "it seems that things are much better and we may be getting some good news." The source would not say how soon a final decision and announcement might be expected.

As the events of last October showed, agreement at the Paris negotiating table remains several steps short of the proclamation of a cease-fire. Decisions still have to be made in Saigon,

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Washington and, possibly, Hanoi.

The change apparently came during yesterday's negotiating session. Yesterday morning, Mr. Kissinger was planning to stay in Paris through the weekend and to return to Washington some time in the first few days of next week. By last night, the plans had been changed and his departure had been fixed for tonight.

Their Longest Session

Mr. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser for national security, Mr. Tho, the Hanoi Politburo member, and an unusually large complement of aides met for seven and a half hours today in the longest session they had ever held. By the time the current round of talks ended, the two chief negotiators had spent more than 35 hours together in six consecutive days of intensive bargaining.

The meeting today was attended by more staff members from each side than had been at any previous meeting. There were 11 Americans and 15 North Vietnamese at the large villa at St.-Nom-la-Breteche, which a businessman has lent the Americans for use when it is their turn to be hosts at the Vietnam peace negotiations.

At midday, when an American truck arrived with catered lunches for the negotiators, newsmen waiting on the frozen sidewalk recognized a photographer, who also entered the villa.

The photographer, called in to the villa to take pictures at lunch time, is a free-lance who lives in Paris. The United States Embassy called him for the job.

The photographer's name was not available, but it was learned that he had not been allowed to develop his film. The Embassy took it from him after he had taken the pictures.

Speculation Rises

Mr. Kissinger's departure, to-

gether with these external signs, immediately aroused excited speculation in Paris that the talks had reached fruition and agreement had been achieved.

But there was no substantive confirmation, and no indication whether Mr. Kissinger intended to return to Paris. He was to fly directly to Homestead Air Force Base in Florida and report to President Nixon, who was at Key Biscayne.

Western diplomats pointed out that if the talks had been completed, it would still be necessary to get a formal reaction from President Nguyen Van Thieu in Saigon and then final approval by President Nixon before an agreement could be signed. Further, they said that Mr. Nixon would certainly want to inform other interested countries of the developments before releasing official word.

The draft cease-fire agreement drawn up by Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho in October provided for initialing in Hanoi, then a formal signature ceremony by the Secretary of State and the North Vietnamese Foreign Minister in Paris. The cease-fire was to take effect 24 hours after signature.

Mr. Kissinger said at that time that the United States wanted to be sure that international supervisory forces were in place at the very start of the cease-fire.

No Word to Canada

A Canadian diplomat here said that as far as he knew, Ottawa had still not received any detailed explanation of the terms under which supervisory personnel would operate.

The Canadian Government, a proposed member of the four-nation international control commission for Vietnam, has taken the position that it would agree to participate only if the full and precise terms convinced it that the commission could work effectively.

However, Ottawa has said that it would be willing to put its men who are now working in Saigon on the old international control commission at the disposal of a new commission for a brief transition period. About 20 people would be involved.

Indonesia, Hungary and Poland have also been proposed as commission members. Both Canada and Indonesia have said that they would require a formal invitation from all four belligerents before they will agree to participate. There was no sign that any invitations had been issued.

After today's marathon session, both Mr. Tho and Mr. Kissinger flashed broad smiles to waiting photographers before they sped back to their respective headquarters.

Kissinger Due in Florida

By JOHN HERBERS

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KEY BISCAVNE, Fla., Jan. 13 — Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, announced this morning that Mr. Kissinger was returning here tonight to consult with the President on the talks.

"Dr. Kissinger is flying to Florida to consult with the President following six days of serious negotiations," Mr. Ziegler told reporters.

The phrase "serious negotiations" has been given a special meaning by the White House. Before the current round of negotiations began, Mr. Ziegler and other spokesmen for the Administration had said repeatedly that peace could be achieved if the negotiations were "serious" on both sides. They had said that the United States would be serious in the hope that the North Vietnamese would be as well. They charged that the other side had not been serious in the December round of talks when it employed "delaying tactics."

It is understood that as long as the negotiations are considered serious, bombing of North Vietnam above the 20th Parallel will not be resumed.

"I am not prepared to provide you any information regarding Dr. Kissinger's plans beyond the fact that he is coming here following six days of serious negotiations," Mr. Ziegler said in response to questions.



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Henry A. Kissinger enters Paris villa. William H. Sullivan, State Department, is at right.



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Xuan Thuy, left, and Le Duc Tho, North Vietnamese envoys, wave to photographers