

White House Pressuring Both Sides on Cease-Fire

Nixon's 'No' On Amnesty

Washington

With the fighting slackening off in Vietnam, the White House yesterday renewed its pressure on both sides to adhere to the cease-fire agreement "and rapidly so."

White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler made the statement urging prompt support of the agreement after President Nixon met for 45 minutes with South Vietnamese Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam.

Also attending the meeting were South Vietnamese Ambassador Tran Kim Phuong and U.S. national security adviser Henry A. Kissinger.

The President and Lam discussed relations between Washington and Saigon in the postwar period, Ziegler said.

When asked what actions

the U.S. might take to halt the post-accord fighting, Ziegler said no steps are planned because "we expect the agreement to be scrupulously adhered to."

"We expect the agreement to be adhered to and rapidly so," he added. But he suggested that the administration was not surprised that the cease-fire had been violated.

"The momentum of ten years of fighting is coming to a halt," he said, adding that "we are withdrawing our forces" in line with the provisions of the agreement.

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Appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, William J. Porter also emphasized the same point when he said "we consider it absolutely necessary" for North and South

Vietnam "to demonstrate good faith in observing the provisions of the accord."

Porter, who was testifying during a hearing on his nomination as undersecretary of state for political affairs, was chief of the U.S. delegation to the semi-public peace negotiations in Paris.

On a related issue, Ziegler denied that Kissinger, the President's chief negotiator at the Paris talks, opposed the intensive bombing of North Vietnam in December.

Ziegler was questioned about an article by White House aide Charles W. Colson in the New York Times. Colson referred to published reports of differences between Kissinger and the President and declared that they were not only untrue but could have seriously

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The White House said President Nixon continues to oppose amnesty for draft evaders and deserters.

During last fall's campaign, Mr. Nixon said flatly, "We stand for no amnesty for draft-dodgers and deserters."

The question was raised by reporters at a White House briefing and press secretary Ronald Ziegler pronounced Mr. Nixon's "position unchanged."

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damaged Kissinger's position as a negotiator.

Reports of differences, which have been widely circulated, were "simply incorrect," Ziegler asserted.

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