

Kissinger to Visit Peking For 4 Days

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WASHINGTON — Presidential adviser negotiator Henry Kissinger will confer with Chinese leaders in Peking Feb. 15-19 on the way home from talks in North Vietnam, the White House announced yesterday.

Kissinger is to be in Hanoi Feb. 10-13.

Although White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler called the Peking talks a "follow-up" of the Shanghai summit communique of last year, Kissinger will be following North Vietnam's peace negotiator, Le Duc Tho, into the Chinese capital. Tho was in Peking last week and met with Chairman Mao Tse-tung and Premier Chou En-lai.

While Ziegler said the Kissinger journey to Peking is unrelated to his Hanoi meetings, which are to deal with American postwar relationships with North Vietnam, he added that no agenda has been set and either side is free to raise what it wants to during the four days of talks.

"In the course of discussions, I am sure Southeast Asia and Vietnam will be brought up by one side or

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the other," Ziegler acknowledged under questioning.

China will attend the 12-nation peace guarantee conference, which includes major powers interested in Indochina as well as the parties directly concerned. It is to begin at the foreign minister level on Feb. 26, probably in Paris.

Its purpose, according to the Vietnam peace agreement signed last Saturday, is "to contribute to and to guarantee peace in Indochina."

Kissinger has long pictured big power restraint and responsibility as a key to bringing about enduring peace in troubled areas of the world. He said in a television interview Thursday:

"A lot depends on the actions of the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, and on the sort of relationship we'll be able to establish with North Vietnam..."

"We would like the Chinese and the Russians to behave responsibly in preserving the peace in Indochina."

Kissinger said there are no agreements at this point with Peking or Moscow about curbing arms shipments to North Vietnam. But he spoke as if that is an item he might bring up with Chinese leaders.

"It would seem reasonable that everybody will assess now this military relationship to the contestants," in Vietnam, he said.

Postwar economic aid to Indochina from other countries is also an item of major interest to Washington.

U.S. officials suggested too that Kissinger might bring up at Peking the question of U.S. prisoners still missing and unaccounted for. The United States is dissatisfied with an incomplete listing received so far.

The establishment of formal diplomatic relations with an exchange of ambassadors, is still rated as some years off, mainly because of the disagreement over Taiwan.