

Envoy Says U.S. Plans Hanoi Ties

Washington

John Scali, the new ambassador to the United Nations, said yesterday the U.S. has "every intention of developing normal and friendly relations with North Vietnam" after peace comes to all of Indochina.

Scali, who was interviewed on ABC's "Issues and Answers," said it would be premature to discuss diplomatic recognition of the Hanoi government "right now." But he noted that presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger is conferring with North Vietnamese leaders on a wide range of problems.

Asked if North Vietnam is likely to be admitted to the United Nations, the American envoy said, "recognition of Hanoi is not to be ruled out," but he said one must "look far down the road" in examining such questions.

Scali said he was not disturbed by reports that the Pathet Lao accused the U.S. of sabotaging chances for peace in Laos by continuing the heavy bombing there.

Although difficulties remain, "I am fully persuaded

there will be an end to the violence in Laos and hopefully, there will then be a cease-fire in Cambodia," Scali said.

In response to a question about the Middle East crisis, Scali said he is sure the U.S. will offer a new peace initiative "at some appropriate moment" after it finishes reviewing the situation.

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