

Kissinger Is Calm on Continued Fighting

Henry A. Kissinger said yesterday that the fighting in Vietnam nearly a month after the formal cease-fire "has gone on a little longer than I thought," but did not seem to be cause for worry.

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In a wide-ranging interview with Barbara Walters on a 30-minute National Broadcasting Company television presentation, "A Conversation with Henry Kissinger," the President's chief adviser on national security said that fighting "for a few weeks" after the cease-fire had been expected.

He added that he was not worried about the reported violations of the cease-fire agreement "because after all, how are the two sides going to establish their areas of control

except by testing each other?"

Mr. Kissinger, who returned a week ago from a journey that took him to Hanoi and Peking, said that if the war were still under way in a formal sense "these actions would all be reported

ported as very minor."

Mr. Kissinger said that North Vietnamese and Vietcong forces had seized about 300 South Vietnamese hamlets "right after the cease-fire," but had "now lost all of them" back to South Vietnamese forces.

He asserted: "At this point the South Vietnamese seem very capable of taking care of themselves and what has happened up to now is a demonstration that Vietnamization has substantially succeeded."

With the Vietnamese situation subsiding, Mr. Kissinger

said, President is "taking a greater interest in Middle Eastern affairs now and he will be spending more of his time on the problem."

The President, he noted, had met recently with King Hussein of Jordan

of Jordan and Hafez Ismail, the national security adviser of Egypt's President, Anwar el-Sadat, and was scheduled to meet Israel's Premier, Golda Meir, in Washington Thursday.

At one point Miss Walters noted that Mr. Ismail's job had been likened to Mr. Kissinger's, and said: "I hear he has been called the Egyptian Henry Kissinger."

"It told him I was called the American Ismail," he replied.

"Was he flattered?"

"I don't know," Mr. Kissinger said.

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