

Kissinger Accuses Hanoi Of 'Cynical' Violations

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Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's foreign policy adviser, said yesterday the North Vietnamese have "systematically" and "cynically violated" the Paris peace agreement.

"The profound problem we face as a nation today," Kissinger said at the annual Associated Press membership meeting, is whether the signing of the agreement "should simply be treated as irrelevant."

On the Watergate scandal, Kissinger said he was sure the President would "insist on a full disclosure. Then we will have to ask ourselves whether we can afford an orgy of recrimination," he said. "Faith in the country must be maintained."

Kissinger, responding to questions from the audience of 1300, said, "We have been very disappointed with the compliance by the North Vietnamese" with the Paris pact.

"We have used our influence with our friends in Saigon to bring about substantial compliance with the agreement," he said. "No one can seriously believe that we are looking for pretexts to remain involved."

"We want nothing else than the observance of an agreement freely negotiated," he stated, noting that both the U.S. and the North

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Vietnamese have gone through "agony" in the war.

"Our purpose in negotiating the agreement was to end the American involvement in Southeast Asia," he said.

"We have never said that we want a particular outcome" in any of the South-

east Asian countries, he said. "We had no illusion that history was going to stop" with the signing of the agreement.

He said all the forces should participate in the negotiations in Cambodia and added, "We are not prescribing one particular government."

RESIGNATION

Of his own future, Kissinger said that now "is not the time for senior officials of the Administration to talk about their resignation until the future becomes clearer."

He said somberly that when you know individuals involved in the Watergate affair, it is "difficult to avoid a sense . . . of the tragedy of events." With judgment still to be passed, he said, we can "at least ask for compassion."

On a lighter note, he was asked: "Where were you the night of Watergate?"

'ALIBI'

"I usually have excellent alibis for my evenings," he said, bringing a ripple of laughter.

In his prepared address, Kissinger said President Nixon is seeking to work out a new Atlantic charter with America's European allies that will reflect the new economic power structure, including Japan.

He said the outline—"not an American prescription but an appeal for a joint effort"—is based on easing the economic frictions and continuing the presence of U.S. forces in Europe.

"For us, European unity remains what it has always been—not an end in itself but a means to the strengthening of the West," he said.

APPROACH

The President's approach "will be to deal with Atlantic problems comprehensively. The political, military and economic issues in At-

lantic relations are linked by reality," he said.

"The United States proposes to its Atlantic partners that, by the time the President travels to Europe toward the end of the year, we will have worked out a new Atlantic charter setting the goals for the future," Kissinger said.

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