

KISSINGER WILL MEET THO IN PARIS TO DISCUSS WAYS TO MAKE TRUCE EFFECTIVE

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Aides Begin Sessions Tomorrow to Set Up Mid-May Parley

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WASHINGTON, April 25 — The White House announced today that Henry A. Kissinger would return to Paris in mid-May for talks with Hanoi's chief negotiator, Le Duc Tho, on ways to achieve "strict implementation" of the much-violated Vietnam cease-fire agreement.

The talks will be preceded by preliminary discussions starting Friday between the two negotiators' chief aides—William H. Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian Affairs, and Nguyen Co Thach, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Administration officials said they hoped—but were not certain — that the revived Paris talks would lead to new efforts to bring about compliance with the agreement that Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho negotiated over three and a half years, culminating in their initialing of the documents in Paris on Jan. 23 and the formal signing by the foreign ministers on Jan. 27.

Timing Called Significant

The timing of the Kissinger-Tho talks was called "significant" by one official.

He noted that Washington had been deeply concerned about the possibility of a major offensive by North Vietnam against South Vietnam before the start of the rainy season in late May and early June.

By the time the two officials meet, it should be evident, the official said, whether Hanoi intends to launch such an attack or to concentrate on political struggle for the next several months.

If an attack seems imminent, the Kissinger-Tho talks would probably prove fruitless, the official said. But if it does not, some kind of new understanding might emerge.

In the last 10 days, Hanoi and Washington have exchanged sharp accusations about cease-fire violations. Mr. Kissinger said on Monday that

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North Vietnam had "totally violated" the agreement in a "systematic and cynical" way. His remarks, in turn, were denounced by the Hanoi radio today as "extremely insolent slanders."

The decision to hold the new talks was the result of an American initiative taken in the past week, according to Charles W. Bray 3d, the State Department spokesman. He commented a few hours after the planned talks were announced by Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, and in Hanoi and Paris.

Mr. Ziegler said in a statement timed to coincide with one from Hanoi that Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Thach would meet in Paris Friday morning "to prepare a review of the implementation of the Paris agreement and of appropriate measures to bring about the strict implementation of the agreement."

'Doing Everything Possible'

"This announcement today indicates that we are doing everything possible to bring about full implementation of the agreement and an end to the fighting," Mr. Ziegler said.

He added that the review by Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Thach would serve as a prelude to talks between Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho.

Mr. Ziegler also said that "we are not going to participate in this process for the purpose of recrimination."

The Hanoi announcement, as reported by Agence France-Presse from Hanoi, referred only to the Sullivan-Thach meeting. But Administration officials said there was no question but that Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho would also meet.

The last time Mr. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security, and Mr. Tho, a Politburo member, were together in Paris was Jan. 23, the day they initialed the accord and drank toasts to each other.

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Thach have met many times in Paris in recent months, first during the Vietnam negotiations, then as members of delegations to the International Conference on Vietnam, between Feb. 26 and March 2, and finally, to set up the joint economic commission that met to discuss possible American aid to North Vietnam.

Administration officials said that Mr. Sullivan would try to work out with Mr. Thach an agreement on the issues to be discussed by Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho. Mr. Sullivan will be accompanied to Paris by George H. Aldrich, the deputy legal adviser of the State Department, who was the "lawyer" for the Kissinger negotiating team.

Efforts Toward Solutions

Officials said that Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Thach would probably exchange complaints about violations and see if they could agree by themselves on any solutions, or whether the problems had to be left to their chiefs.

The United States has pressed Hanoi to use its influence to end the fighting in Cambodia and to stop its infiltration of men and supplies into South Vietnam. North Vietnam has accused the United States of giving support to Saigon violations of the accord and of giving military aid in violation of the accord to Saigon—charges denied by Washington.

Officials said they did not know whether any new documents would emerge from the new talks in Paris, or whether the best that could be hoped for would be private assurances that violations would stop.

In recent weeks, the United States has threatened to make "vigorous responses" if Hanoi continued to violate the agreement. The basis for possible retaliatory steps was laid last week when Washington suspended mine-sweeping operations in North Vietnamese waters, resumed military reconnaissance flights, over North Vietnam and halted aid talks with Hanoi, all in violation of the letter or spirit of the agreement.

U. S. Defends Position

The United States has defended its breaches of the accord on the ground that Hanoi's breaches have been more serious.

Mr. Kissinger, speaking in New York on Monday, indicated that Mr. Nixon was weighing with some uncertainty future courses of action in Indochina.

"The profound problem we face as a nation today is whether we should sign an agreement and when it is totally violated act as if the signature which was then endorsed by an international conference, should simply be treated as irrelevant," Mr. Kissinger said.

"Concerned people should ask themselves: what should the United States do?" he added.

Secretary of State William P. Rogers, in assailing North Vietnam's performance in carrying out the accord, pledged last week that the United States would use every "diplomatic device" at its disposal to get compliance with the agreement.

Spingarn Medal Awarded

Wilson C. Riles, superintendent of Public Instruction in California, was named Tuesday the 58th recipient of the Spingarn Medal by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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