

Talks Off if Raids Go On, Tho Tells U.S.

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PARIS, May 14—North Vietnam today reiterated its charge that United States planes had struck Communist-held areas of South Vietnam and warned that forthcoming talks with Henry A. Kissinger would be canceled if raids continued.

The warning was issued by Le Duc Tho, Hanoi's chief negotiator, as he arrived here for the talks, scheduled to start Thursday.

The Kissinger-Tho meetings will be the first in Paris since the two negotiators initialed a cease-fire agreement on Jan. 26 after months of intermittent talks, broken by heavy United States bombing of North Vietnam last December.

Mr. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security is due to arrive here late Wednesday night. He has just returned to Washington after several days of talks in Moscow. He said that the Soviet Union appeared to have recognized its "responsibility" in the cease-fire agreement by discontinuing heavy-arms shipments to Hanoi.

Mr. Tho repeated the list of grievances issued by Hanoi and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Vietcong. Both have charged Saigon with many violations of the truce in the South, and the United States with reconnaissance flights over North Vietnam, suspension of mine-clearing operations in the North and suspension of economic talks about reconstruction aid—all, they say, in violation of the cease-fire accord.

However, he made only one condition of meeting Mr. Kissinger and continuing their talks. A North Vietnamese aide said that the talks were expected to last "a week," but Mr. Tho said he would probably stay in Paris for "a long time."

Mr. Tho's condition was a halt to what the Communist side has cited as a direct United States violation of the cease-fire. Its charge specified bombing in Loc Ninh Province, near the Cambodian border, on May 9.

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In Paris, Hanoi Official Threatens to Cancel Kissinger Parley

gon spokesman, Jerry W. Friedheim, was quoted by Reuters as saying, "We are not conducting any air combat operations over South Vietnam." The news agency said that Mr. Friedheim, asked whether any bombs from planes involved in bombing of Cambodia could have been dropped accidentally on South Vietnam, replied: "There is no indication at all of any sort of accident. We have had some experience in that part of the world for the past few years and we know where the border is."

Informally, the North Vietnamese side held the United States responsible for all cease-fire violations against opposing forces in South Vietnam, which they said totaled 12,000. These included failure to release civilian prisoners, attacks and conquest of territory, and, as far as Hanoi was concerned, reconnaissance flights, suspension of mine-clearing and suspension of talk on economic aid.

A Vietcong spokesman said later, that on Thursday, the two South Vietnamese sides would continue their meetings, which so far have produced no

progress toward a political settlement.

Hanoi, he said, "Supports us fully in demanding that the United States and Saigon have only to accept our six-point cease-fire plan and stop their violations." The South Vietnamese meetings will be overshadowed by the renewed session between Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Tho.

The Vietcong spokesman, asked about the impact of Mr. Kissinger's talks in Moscow, said firmly, "You must learn that Vietnam problems can only be settled with Vietnamese."

North-South Talks Asked

PARIS, May 14 (AP)—The South Vietnamese Government invited North Vietnam today to open immediate negotiations to normalize relations and communications between the two countries.

In a letter to the Hanoi Government, published by the South Vietnamese delegation in Paris, Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam said the two Governments should try to solve "problems of common interest to the populations of the two zones on a basis of equality, mutual respect of their interests and noninterference in their internal affairs."

The letter said that such negotiations were foreseen under the Vietnam peace agreement, pending future reunification of North and South Vietnam.