

# Kissinger Comes Home --'Progress'

Paris

Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security, flew back to Washington last night after an intensive week of talks on Vietnam that he said had brought "significant progress."

The purpose of the talks was to make the marginally effective cease fire work, but Kissinger said another series of talks will start in Paris on June 6 to achieve agreement.

The North Vietnamese, as Kissinger predicted in his airport departure statement, endorsed the text of what he had read but also declined comment or illumination of what "significant progress" meant.

Kissinger said that his week of meetings with Hanoi's politburo member Le Duc Tho, which lasted some 30 hours, was "to bring about a strict implementation of the Paris agreement" on ending the war and arranging a political settlement in South Vietnam.

"The meetings were conducted in a constructive and positive manner," the statement said. "Significant progress was made. Ambassador (William) Sullivan is now in Saigon to discuss the results with the government of South Vietnam.

"I am returning to Washington to report to the President. Mr. Le Duc Tho and I will meet again on June 6. We have every intention of concluding our discussions during the next series of meetings."

The last sentence could mean either that the U.S. had pledged not to let any expected objections from South Vietnam President Nguyen Van Thieu prevent a new agreement at the next series of Paris talks, or that effective agreement was so hard to reach that nothing more than "every intention" could be offered in hope that fighting can be brought to an end in South Vietnam.

South Vietnamese sources in Paris were equally mute on whether the flavor of the talks had been optimistic or disappointing in terms of stopping the continued fighting.

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