

# Saigon Reported Unyielding on Eve of Renewed Talks

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Tuesday, June 12—Sources close to President Nguyen Van Thieu said yesterday that Saigon's negotiating position would remain firm when the Paris talks on the Vietnam cease-fire were resumed today.

"We are not going to yield one more inch," a high-ranking official said.

"We believe that we have made concessions on some very substantial points and we cannot be any more flexible," he continued. "We will stand firm against any kind of pressures."

American diplomats, however, remained hopeful that South Vietnam, North Vietnam, the Provisional Revolutionary Government, or Vietcong, and the United States would agree on a plan for the strict carrying out of the cease-fire agreement signed last January.

### 'No Substantive Disagreements'

"There are really no substantive disagreements now," a senior American official said. "It's really as Kissinger suggested in Paris, a question of semantics which we're confident will be straightened out in a matter of time."

Government sources, while agreeing that the lingering differences consisted of "only a few words," emphasized that they were considered by Mr. Thieu to be basic and crucial.

Similar difficulties with language complicated the drafting of the original cease-fire accord. The Americans thought those problems were minor, too, but it took months to bring the Vietnamese sides to agreement.

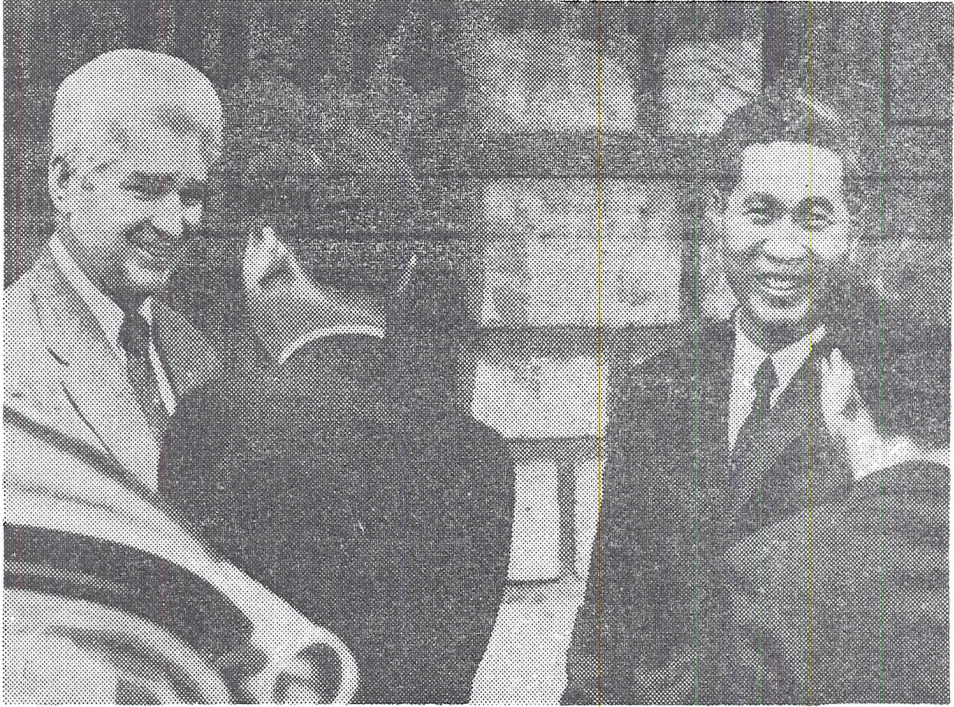
A key sticking point in the latest round of talks has been the establishment of zones of control. The Communists want it understood that they have political as well as military control in their zones. Mr. Thieu wants the zones to be for purely military activity and he wants them to be temporary, too.

### Council an Issue

In what Mr. Thieu regards as a major concession, he is said to have agreed to give the Communists their way as long as he is not required to recognize their political control formally. The Communists, according to Saigon officials, are holding out for this recognition.

Another point of contention is the National Council of National Reconciliation and Concord, which is to be formed to organize elections.

The two sides have agreed that the council should be formed within roughly 45 days after a final agreement on a new cease-fire plan. But Mr. Thieu wants the creation of the council to be linked to a firm date for elections. He says this



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William H. Sullivan, left, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, and Nguyen Co Thach, North Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister, outside suburban villa in Paris where they prepared for resumption of talks between Henry A. Kissinger and Le Duc Tho.

would be insurance against the body's evolving into a three-way coalition government without elections. The Communists do not want to talk about a date.

When the latest meeting between Henry A. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security, and Le Duc Tho, Hanoi's chief negotiator, ended inconclusively on Saturday without the communique that had been expected, the Vietnamese sides accused one another of intransigence.

All concerned have no quarrel with most of the other points under discussion, especially the one that would call for all troops to stop shooting. They understand that such an order demonstrates goodwill. They also know that it need not necessarily interfere with any other plans they might have, since similar orders have been issued at least twice before without noticeable effect.

### Saigon Council Meets

American diplomats were reported busy for a second day with lengthy cables from Paris and Washington.

Early yesterday Charles S. Whitestone, the acting United States Ambassador, met briefly with Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam.

Then the Foreign Minister hurried to a meeting of Mr. Thieu's National Security Council at the Presidential Palace, where for the fourth day in a row officials reviewed their position.

Meanwhile, fighting across the country continued to decline from the peak reached a few days ago, but remained higher than that of May.

### Aides Meet in Paris

PAIRS, June 11 (Reuters)—Senior American and North Vietnamese officials met today to clear away obstacles to a new Vietnam cease-fire agreement in time for a possible signing this week.

The results of the talks will be put to Henry A. Kissinger when he returns here tomorrow for still another round of bargaining with Le Duc Tho.

Everything was set for a signing on Saturday but a wary Saigon Government apparently blocked the communique at the last minute.

Charged with the responsibility of overcoming Saigon's

suspicious today were Deputy Assistant Secretary of State William H. Sullivan, Mr. Kissinger's chief aide on Vietnam, and the North Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister, Nguyen Co Thach. They met in an American-owned villa at Le Vesinet, just west of Paris.