

# Tho Says Accord Can Lead to Peace

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PARIS, June 14—Le Duc Tho today hailed the new Vietnam agreement he and Henry A. Kissinger had negotiated as a "victory of reason" and said that, if strictly observed, it would insure a lasting peace.

But he refused to talk about fixing a date for the "genuinely free and democratic" elections that were supposed to be arranged promptly in South Vietnam under both the cease-fire accord of Jan. 27 and the agreement on strengthening it that was signed here yesterday.

Discussing the accord at a news conference in the International Conference Center, Mr. Tho said no democratic liberties existed in the areas under Saigon's control. Therefore, he added, to speak of elections before the guns fall silent and liberties are achieved is "putting the plow before the buffalo."

## Tacit Deal is Denied

Mr. Tho, Hanoi's representative in the talks that led to the Paris agreement and a member of the North Vietnamese Politburo, said in response to questions that he and Mr. Kissinger, President Nixon's adviser on national security, had reached no tacit understanding on ending the war in Cambodia.

He said North Vietnam would scrupulously implement the section of the original Paris ac-

cord that calls for respect for the neutrality of Cambodia and Laos, for the end of all foreign military operations there and for allowing the two peoples to settle their own internal affairs. He said the other parties to the Paris agreements should do the same.

He condemned the United States for what he described as an atrocious war of aggression in Cambodia, where American air strikes are continuing in support of the beleaguered Government of President Lon Nol.

There was no mention of a Vietnamese Communist role in the Cambodian fighting.

## Question of Assurances

Nguyen Van Hieu, chief of the Vietcong delegation here, also denied in a separate news conference that there had been any "tacit agreement" between Mr. Tho and Mr. Kissinger.

In Mr. Tho's news conference, he was asked what assurances he had from Mr. Kissinger that the June accord would not be violated as the one in January was. The North Vietnamese negotiator responded:

"After signing the joint communique Dr. Kissinger promised me he would implement and respect the points he had signed, and in case the United States and the Saigon administration again violated the Paris agreement, then the Vietnamese people will oppose those vio-

lations. Finally, we are confident that our just cause will win."

He said that no further meetings with Mr. Kissinger had been fixed, nor "are there any such projects."

"If we meet again," he added "the hope is to examine other subjects and to review the accords."

Mr. Tho began with a statement in which he called attention to three points of the joint communique that specifically mention the United States: the United States' pledge to halt reconnaissance flights over North Vietnam, to resume minesweeping in North Vietnamese waters and to re-enter negotiations on reconstruction aid for Hanoi.

## Violations Laid to U.S.

Accusing the United States and Saigon of "seriously and systematically violating" the January cease-fire accord, he asserted that North Vietnam and the Vietcong had "correctly" carried it out.

He said, that was why the order contained in yesterday's communique for the high commands of both sides in South Vietnam to observe the cease-fire strictly, beginning at 4 A.M. tomorrow, Greenwich mean time had "an important significance."

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