

# Lo Duc Tho Spurns Nobel--for Now

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Lo Duc Tho, co-winner of the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize with U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, said yesterday it is impossible for him to accept the prize because of the situation in Vietnam which is being maintained by the United States. He said he would like to see the United States withdraw its troops from Vietnam and that the situation would be more favorable for him to accept the prize.

ly been reestablished in South Vietnam, then I shall reconsider accepting the prize," he said in a letter to Mrs. Aase, chairwoman of the Norwegian Nobel prize committee.

It had been asked for granted in these quarters that he would accept the prize, and that he would have done so if he had not been in Vietnam. He said that the situation in Vietnam is not favorable for him to accept the prize.