

Kissinger Can't Go

Washington

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger has turned down an invitation to accept the 1973 Nobel Peace Prize in person "because of the press of business in a world beset by recurrent crisis."

In a letter to the Nobel Peace Prize committee in Oslo, Kissinger named Ambassador Thomas Byrne to accept the honor in his place during ceremonies Decem-

ber 10. Byrne is the American Ambassador to Norway.

The letter was dated November 2 and addressed to Mrs. Aase Lionaes, chairman of the committee.

Kissinger wrote that "I am deeply moved by the award of the Nobel Peace Prize, which I regard as the highest honor one could hope to achieve in the pursuit of peace on this earth."

Kissinger said that, although he could not attend

the ceremony, "I would hope and consider it a privilege, should you so wish, to visit Oslo at a future appropriate date to deliver the lecture which I understand is customarily given by laureates of the Nobel Peace Prize."

Kissinger received the honor along with Le Duc Tho of North Vietnam. However, Tho declined the award.

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