

Kissinger to See Ford on Viet Ties

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Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger promised a House committee yesterday to consult President Ford within a few days about diplomatic talks to normalize relations with Vietnam.

Since the fall of Saigon a year ago, Kissinger has been notably reluctant to consider resumption of relations with the Vietnamese. Some Ford administration officials as well as members of Congress attribute this, at least in part, to personal indignation by Kissinger over what he considers "betrayal" of the 1973 Paris

agreement that he negotiated.

At a breakfast meeting at the State Department yesterday, Kissinger was urged by the House Select committee on Americans missing in action to open negotiations toward normalization of relations and trade, if the Vietnamese account for U.S. servicemen still missing in action.

Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman (R-N.Y.) quoted Kissinger as saying he would discuss such Vietnam negotiations with Mr. Ford and report back to the House committee soon.

Some of Gilman's colleagues gained the impression that they might hear from Kissinger as early as next week.

During meetings in Paris and Hanoi last December, Vietnamese officials told the House members of their desire for relations with the United States. Premier Pham Van Dong of North Vietnam reacted positively to the idea that he might according to committee even visit the United States, sources.

Kissinger was quoted as telling the House members yesterday that a Pham Van Dong visit would be "too high, too fast." Members of Congress quoted Kissinger as saying he would wish to

consult U.S. allies in Asia and perhaps China before moving to a renewal of ties with Hanoi and Saigon.

A tight embargo on trade with Vietnam was imposed after the fall of Saigon. However, the House recently voted a partial lifting of the embargo for nonstrategic trade and oil drilling. This provision, now before a Senate-House conference committee, is opposed by the administration.

Rep. G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery (D-Miss.), chairman of the committee that met with Kissinger, said both the Secretary of State and former President Nixon have acknowledged a February, 1973 Nixon letter to Hanoi suggesting a \$3.25 billion program of U.S. reconstruction aid.

Montgomery said he discussed the letter recently with Nixon in California. He said both Nixon and Kissinger reported that the aid

offer was conditioned on approval of Congress and Vietnamese compliance with the Paris accords.

Because of the conditions, the aid offer is now a dead letter, Montgomery said. He said House members have informed the Vietnamese in Paris and Hanoi that there will be no U.S. program of reconstruction aid.

Court Squawks At Parrotnaping

Agence France-Presse

LONDON, March 12—A young London worker was given an 18-months suspended sentence yesterday for kidnaping a pet parrot and demanding a ransom from its owner.

The magistrate ruled that David Scott Gore had shown particular cruelty when he threatened to wring the parrot's neck unless the owner paid the ransom.

N. Korean Advisers

SEOUL, South Korea, March 11 (UPI)—North Korea has sent about 50 military advisers to Cambodia to train the soldiers of the new Communist government there in anti-riot operations, a South Korean news agency reported today.