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Peking's 'Indignation' Over Raids

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China yesterday expressed "utmost indignation" at the latest American bombing of North Vietnam and promised continued "firm and unshakable" support to forces opposing the United States in Indochina.

Peking's first public reaction to the new wave of bombing came in the form of a formal statement from the Chinese ministry of foreign affairs, relayed here by the Chinese Communist Press Agency Hsinhua.

The statement said the "barbarous bombings" exposed the falsity of U.S. "words of peace" and stated China is "closely watching the aggressive moves of U.S. imperialism in Indochina."

The Chinese protest came as a team of U.S. specialists under Brigadier General Alexander Haig was headed for Peking to make final preparations for the visit there in late February of President Nixon.

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