

U.S. Planes Attack SAM Sites in North For 3d Straight Day

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Monday, Jan. 18 (AP)—United States fighter-bombers attacked two surface-to-air missile sites in North Vietnam yesterday in the third straight day of "protective reaction" strikes inside the enemy's borders, the United States command announced today.

Two Air Force F-105 fighter-bombers escorting B-52 strategic bombers on raids along the Laotian-North Vietnamese border fired three Shrike missiles at two enemy radar-controlled SAM sites with unknown results, spokesmen said.

The United States command said one of the sites was 14 miles from the Laotian border and 16 miles north of the demilitarized zone. The second site was 17 miles from the Laotian border and 46 miles north of the demilitarized zone.

The United States pilots reported they had fired when radar units at the missile sites locked onto the aircraft, posing an imminent threat, spokesmen said.

Allies Close on Key Pass

PNOMPENH, Cambodia, Jan. 17 (AP)—Two allied forces seeking to reopen Route 4, Cambodia's important route to the sea, were reported today to be only about 18 miles apart, with South Vietnamese troops pushing north along the highway after capturing the strategic Stung Chhay pass yesterday.

The report, from the Cambodian command, indicated that the South Vietnamese had advanced about half the distance from Stung Chhay to the Pich Nil Pass, 35 miles to the north, the other strong enemy position held by the North Vietnamese forces, which have blocked traffic on the highway for the last two months.

A Cambodian force is pushing south toward Pich Nil. No significant new contact with the enemy was reported in today's advance.

Twelve Cambodian soldiers and two Western television cameramen traveling with the force were wounded when a truck struck a mine buried near a bomb crater, a mile north of Pich Nil Pass. James Sturdevant, a cameraman for the National Broadcasting Company, and Michael Marriott, an Australian employed by the Columbia Broadcasting System, apparently escaped serious injury.