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to Cancellation of Paris
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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Wednesday, Dec. 29—United States planes continued their bombing raids on North Vietnam without a let-up yesterday, waging the longest sustained series of attacks since the daily bombing ended in 1968.

While Air Force and Navy jets pounded North Vietnamese supply systems and air installations, the American command kept its strict silence on all details of the raids pending their conclusion.

[The step-up in the air war over North Vietnam led to a further breakdown in the peace negotiations at Paris as both sides canceled the meeting scheduled for Thursday. Page 3]

The Hanoi radio condemned today's bombing and said that a Phantom jet was shot down on Monday, bringing to six the number of United States F-4 Phantoms the enemy says have been shot down since the raids began Sunday.

The fate of the pilots was not mentioned.

About 200 hundred United States Air Force, Navy and Marine Jets are believed to be participating in the bombing. The American command has said that the bombing is "in reaction to enemy activities which imperil the diminishing United States forces in South Vietnam."

Previous "limited - duration protective-reaction strikes," as the United States command describes them, have not exceeded two days in length.

The Hanoi broadcast, in Vietnamese, said that today's raids struck populated areas in Quangbinh and Nghean provinces, causing civilian casualties.

Enemy airfields and

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