

Reagan's for It

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Governor Ronald Reagan yesterday defended the U.S. bombing of North Vietnam while 15 Democratic Assemblymen issued a statement deploring it.

Reagan said the North Vietnamese offensive was an attempt "to force the American people to abandon the South Vietnamese to the heartless terrorism of the north, to turn away from the plight of our prisoners of war and to endanger the lives of nearly 100,000 American military personnel.

". . . The bombing of military targets in the north is the only recourse available

to the President and the only way in which he can protect those Americans still remaining in South Vietnam," Reagan declared.

But the Assemblymen, in a statement released by John Burton, of San Francisco, said:

"The renewed and heavy bombing of the population centers of North Vietnam by United States planes can only mean that the chances for the release of U.S. prisoners of war become more remote with every bomb that falls on Hanoi and Hai-phong.

"Bombing North Vietnam means prolonging a war that cannot be won, propping up

a corrupt government that doesn't have the support of its people and making the divisions in this country wider and deeper."

Signing the statement with Burton were Yvonne Braithwaite, of Los Angeles; Willie Brown, San Francisco; John Dunlap, Napa; Alex Garcia, Los Angeles; Walter Karabian, Monterey Park; John Knox, Richmond; Ken Meade, Oakland; John Miller, Berkeley; Leon Ralph, Los Angeles; Leo Ryan, Burlingame; Alan Sieroty, Beverly Hills; John Vasconcellos, San Jose, and Charles Wattern and Henry Waxman of Los Angeles.

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