

'U.S. Knew Futility Of Viet Bombing'

Washington

The Federation of American Scientists said yesterday that U.S. bombing has little effect on the North Vietnamese war-making ability and charged that the Pentagon has known this since 1967.

"If they send 100 trucks into South Vietnam and you get 90, they still have enough to keep fighting another day," said Marvin L. Goldberger, FAS chairman and former Pentagon consultant.

"You're trying to interdict a small amount of goods," he said. "You can't get it all."

STRIKES

The FAS declared its opposition to bombing four years ago but a spokesman said it was stating its position again because of President Nixon's "distinct threat" to resume air attacks.

The FAS is a 26-year-old organization of natural and social scientists and engineers. Its members include more than 20 Nobel Prize winners.

Goldberger, one of three

FAS members appearing at a news conference, was chairman of the Jason Study on Bombing conducted for the Pentagon by the independent Institute for Defense Analysis. The study's conclusions were in the Pentagon Papers which were widely printed last summer.

The FAS quoted the study: "The expectation that bombing would erode the determination of Hanoi and its people clearly overestimated the persuasive and disruptive effects of the bombing, and underestimated the tenacity and recuperative capabilities of the North Vietnamese."

POLICY

Townsend Hoopes, deputy assistant defense secretary in the Johnson Administration, told the news conference that the Nixon Administration "is still pursuing a basic policy of threat in Indochina to force the other side to accept its version of a settlement."

"This policy does not intimidate the other side," Hoopes said.

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