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SAIGON — (UPI) — Hanoi Radio said last night American warplanes attacked North Vietnam's two southernmost provinces in extensive new bombing raids Friday and yesterday.

It claimed one U.S. Phantom jet and an unmanned reconnaissance drone aircraft were shot down.

The official North Vietnamese radio said many civilians were killed or wounded in the air raids which, it reported, hit Ha Tinh and Quang Binh Provinces.

No Comment

U.S. spokesmen refused to comment on the Hanoi charges, but the last time American planes attacked North Vietnam in force, the first word also came from Hanoi Radio.

The U.S. Command did report three more individual strikes into North Vietnam Friday by U.S. pilots who were fired on by Communist anti-aircraft guns or tracked by missile radars.

Such missions, however, are in the category of automatic response to enemy actions, while extended raids such as those flown by about 100 planes Feb. 16 and 17 must be ordered directly by President Nixon.

13 Missions

Inside South Vietnam, American B-52 bombers and jet fighter-bombers flew 13 missions yesterday in stepped up action and shifted their principal target from the central highlands to the northern sector below the Demilitarized Zone.

The B-52s flew three raids near suspected Communist positions within three miles of the former U.S. Marine Base at Khe Sanh, in the northwestern corner of the country, seven in the A Shau Valley about 40 miles to the south and three in the Que Son Valley south of Da Nang where South Vietnamese troops are on a two-week-old sweep.