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Hanoi Tells of U.S. Air Raids

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North Vietnam charged "waves of U.S. jets" swept across the border for the seventh consecutive day Tuesday and attacked many areas in the North.

The U.S. command confirmed the raids had taken place but declined to say how many planes were involved.

The command reported, however, one so-called "protective reaction" raid Tuesday by at least one F-4 Phantom jet-fighter against an antiaircraft site 20 miles north of the demilitarized zone.

In South Vietnam, U.S. B-52s and tactical war planes pounded Communist infiltration routes in the Khe Sanh and A Shau valleys yesterday.

Guerrillas shelled two bases along the eastern end of the DMZ for the third consecutive day yesterday, but government spokesmen reported very little damage.

The North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry in a broadcast over Hanoi Radio repeated daily charges since the beginning of the month that the United States has intensified the air war over the North.

"On Tuesday, March 7, waves of U.S. jets attacked many areas in the demilitarized zone and north of the 17th Parallel on North Vietnam territory," the communique said.

"The Foreign Ministry of North Vietnam condemns severely these new U.S. acts of war against North Vietnam and calls on the U.S. to suspend at once and indefinitely any further acts of war in violation of North Vietnam's security and sovereignty," it said.

In Laos, North Vietnamese troops overran Lao Ngam, a key defense base at the western edge of the Bolovens Plateau, 12 miles from the major southern town of Pakse. *United Press*