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DA NANG — (AP) — A fighter - pilot said today the anti-aircraft fire being encountered by planes on the northern front of South Vietnam "is comparable to what you would run into over North Vietnam.

This is because the North Vietnamese, in driving into Quang Tri Province, have brought their anti-aircraft weapons with them.

Lt. Col. Thomas O'Gorman, St. Louis, Mo., said U.S. pilots are flying more than twice as many strikes as usual in an effort to stop North Vietnam's latest offensive.

The United States has lost at least six aircraft to enemy fire, including one to a surface to air missile, since the offensive began last Thursday. The United States has not reported the loss of any supersonic Phantom jets.

In addition, pilots have reported being fired on by dozens of huge surface to air missiles, and some pilots believe the missiles had been brought down into South Vietnam.

"They've been using Highway 1 just as though it were the road between Hanoi and Haiphong," O'Gorman said. He described seeing long lines of tanks and trucks towing artillery pieces.

Three or four days ago, he said, "they were moving troops down the beach in the open."

"They've got the equipment and they're using it," he added. "There seems to be no fear of running out."