

Red Troops Attack Three Fronts

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North Vietnamese troops attacked South Vietnamese positions on the three major Vietnam war fronts yesterday but failed to score a victory on the 18th anniversary of the fall of Dien Bien Phu, military spokesmen said.

The spokesmen said South Vietnamese soldiers held the lines five miles south of Hue, six miles north of Kontum and at the province cap-

ital of An Loc, 60 miles north of Saigon.

U.S. B-52 heavy bombers continued raids behind the Communist front lines late yesterday and early today but results of 18 raids on the major fronts were unknown, American officers said.

PLANES

U.S. Navy warplanes shot down three North Vietnamese MIGs in air battles 80 miles southwest of Hanoi but a Navy attack bomber was knocked down by a Commu-

nist anti-aircraft missile, the U.S. command said yesterday.

South Vietnamese defenders of Hue, 400 miles north of Saigon, fought an estimated 125 Communists six miles south of the former imperial capital yesterday, the Saigon high command said, and killed 43 just outside Birmingham base, the southern defense line of the city.

Major fighting erupted around the central highlands base camp of Polei Klang,

west of the embattled province capital of Kontum and around the Communist-held village of Tau O on Highway 13, about 50 miles north of Saigon, government sources said.

THIEU

President Nguyen Van Thieu flew to Hue yesterday for conferences with his commander, including Lieutenant General Ngo Quang Truong, who took command of the northern sector last week. It was Thieu's second trip there in four days.

Just six miles north of the threatened Kontum province capital in the central highlands, 260 miles north of Saigon, North Vietnamese hit Le Khanh base camp with three ground assaults backed by heavy shelling.

The defenders held the camp and killed 30 Communists, first reported. There were no Communist South Vietnamese casualties.

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