

# Most of Day's Air Raids Skirt Hanoi and Haiphong

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Friday, May 12 — Hundreds of United States planes struck at highways, railroads and supply storage facilities over a wide area of North Vietnam yesterday.

But, according to American military spokesmen, most of the planes avoided Hanoi and Haiphong, which were attacked heavily on Wednesday.

At the same time, United States command spokesmen said, a naval task group including the heavy cruiser Newport News and four other ships continued to bombard North Vietnamese coastal defense sites and other unspecified targets on spits of land on a few miles from Haiphong, which is 60 miles southeast of Hanoi.

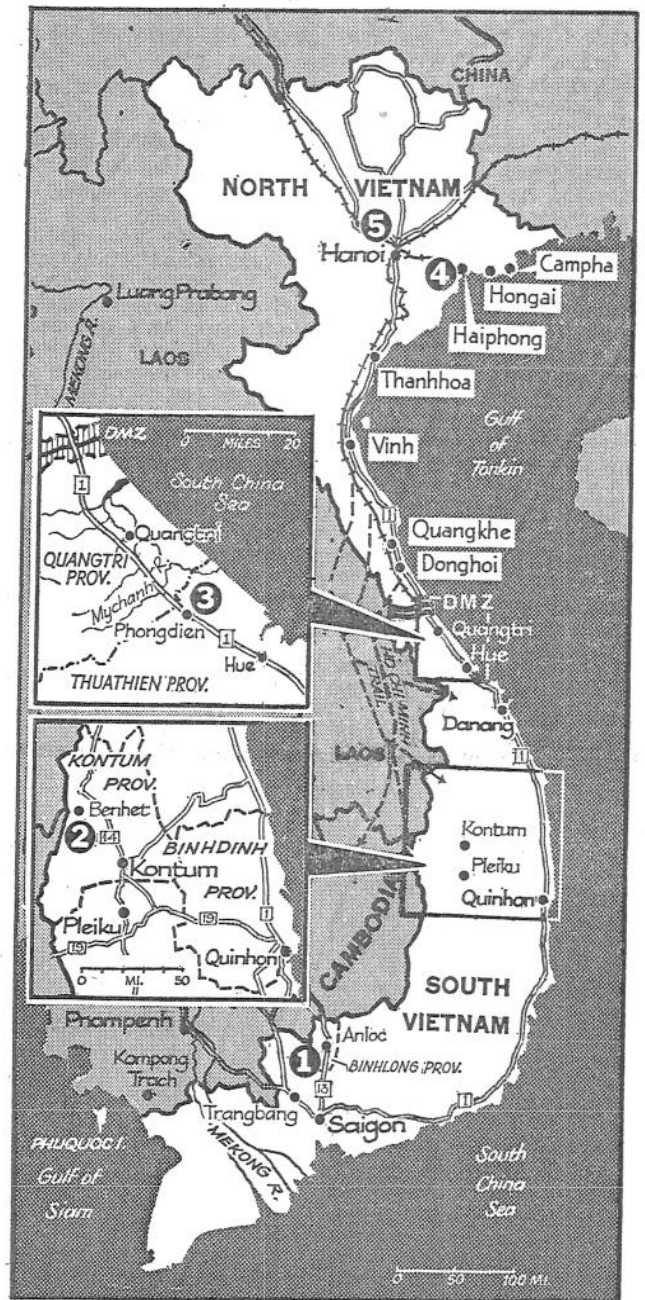
On the battlefields of South Vietnam, meanwhile, where the Communist offensive was in its seventh week, North Vietnamese troops and tanks began a new drive on Anloc, 60 miles north of Saigon. But the 8,000 defenders of the ruined provincial capital, which has been under siege for more than a month, were still reported holding their positions late last night.

North Vietnamese infantrymen, supported by 15 tanks, moved in on Anloc before dawn from three directions—south, west, and southwest—according to spokesmen for the South Vietnamese command. They said that the attacks were preceded by an enemy artillery barrage of 7,000 rounds.

One tank, a heavy Soviet-built T-54, was captured, it was reported, and 13 were destroyed, mostly by American and South Vietnamese air strikes called in by the defenders.

B-52's from Thailand dropped thousands of tons of bombs on suspected enemy positions in the rubber plantations that surround Anloc, spokesmen said, adding that after one of those raids a North Vietnamese regimental executive officer and

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As U.S.-laid mines became active at North Vietnamese ports (names in white panels), tank-led enemy assault was under way in south at Anloc (1). Attacks were also reported at Benhet (2 on lower inset) and village near Hue (3 on upper inset). Haiphong area (4) was shelled by U.S. ships. American jets struck wide areas in North, with most of them avoiding Haiphong area and Hanoi (5).

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10 other enemy soldiers surrendered.

The North Vietnamese were thought to have had 75 tanks near Anloc, 40 of which were reported destroyed before yesterday.

One American A-37 light bomber was shot down as it was dropping bombs near Anloc early yesterday and its two crewmen were listed as missing.

In a related attack 25 miles west of Saigon, near Truongbang, a battalion of several hundred men from the North Vietnamese Seventh Division was said to have clashed with Government militia forces early yesterday. Sixty-two enemy soldiers were killed and five Government soldiers wounded, according to the Saigon command.

#### Report Kontum Drive Repelled

In the Central Highlands front in Kontum Province, a large, tank-supported attack on the Benhet border-ranger camp, near the Cambodian frontier northwest of Kontum, was reported decisively beaten back by the defenders, most of them montagnard tribesmen. One hill, comprising about a third of the camp, was occupied by the enemy last Tuesday, but all were driven out yesterday, according to a South Vietnamese military spokesman in Pleiku. Military spokesmen said 10 tanks were destroyed in the battle and no other tanks appeared yesterday.

The rangers who re-occupied the base found the bodies of more than 120 North Vietnamese soldiers, the spokesmen said. Yesterday, the airfield at Kontum was struck by four Soviet-made 122-mm. rockets, and a United States Army Cobra helicopter-gunship was destroyed, according to the Saigon command.

#### A Thrust Close to Hue

On the northern front above Hue, an enemy force of undetermined size thrust behind the Government's improved defense line at Mychanh, about 20 miles northwest of the city, and attacked the town of Phongdien just after midnight last night.

The town, 16 miles from Hue, was shelled and then attacked by demolition quads, according to Government spokesmen. The Saigon command said that 20 of the enemy were killed and

one was captured and that Government forces suffered six men killed and 18 wounded.

In Wednesday's air raids on North Vietnam, American jets bombed a bridge in the center of Hanoi, putting a hole in the span but not knocking it down, a high-ranking American officer said.

The North Vietnamese have

fired about 1,000 Soviet-built surface-to-air missiles at American planes since the offensive began on March 30, according to American officers here.

The officers said that more than 100 of the missiles were fired during Wednesday's raids on rail and road lines and military supply storage areas in Hanoi and Haiphong.