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U.S. Raid Said to Damage Power Plant Near Hanoi

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Saturday, June 3—The United States command reported yesterday that American warplanes, using "smart" bombs guided by laser light beams or television cameras, had damaged a power plant near Hanoi described as "a major source of electrical power to war-related industries in the area."

In what has become almost a daily communiqué on the bombing of North Vietnam, the command said that crews of the F-4 Phantom jets that bombed the Bacgiang thermal power plant "reported damage to the plant and its support buildings with heavy smoke in the target area."

The communiqué said the plant, 25 miles northeast of the North Vietnamese capital, was "a component of Hanoi's electrical transmission network."

Bombing of North Goes On

The command reported that American fighter-bombers had flown more than 220 sorties inside North Vietnam. The hours ended at 5 P.M. Preliminary damage reports said, indicated

provincial capital of Kontum nine days ago were still entrenched in several pockets of ground. Sporadic fighting continued in and around Kontum, particularly near the airstrip in the northern part of the town. Enemy shelling of the town continued.

On the southern front, at Anloc, the division-sized relief column trying to break the North Vietnamese siege and reach the Government garrison inside the town remained stalled today on Route 13.

Meanwhile, a South Vietnamese force was operating just inside Cambodia in an attempt to block further infiltration of North Vietnamese troops into the Chaudoc area of South Vietnam in the Mekong Delta.

Foe's Losses Put at 133

A Government communiqué said that South Vietnamese ranger and armored cavalry troops, supported by artillery and air strikes, had killed 133 of the enemy in a sweep around

Tukmeas in the southeast corner of Cambodia.

Six South Vietnamese soldiers were killed and 17 wounded, the communiqué said.

In a related operation, a South Vietnamese ranger unit that was lifted by helicopter into the Parrot's Beak area of Cambodia near Kampong Tra-bek was reported to have killed 12 of the enemy while suffering only four wounded itself.

There were also the following developments:

¶An explosion yesterday—caused, according to one report, by an enemy satchel charge—killed one South Vietnamese soldier and wounded three American soldiers at a base six miles west of Quinhon in Binh-dinh province, on the central coast.

¶To the north, fresh enemy activity has been reported in the previously quiet Queson valley in Quangnam Province. Military sources in Saigon said that South Vietnamese troops have been reporting an increasing

number of contacts with enemy forces over the last week.

¶The American command reported that a United States army helicopter was hit by enemy ground fire and crashed yesterday 14 miles north-northwest of Pleiku in the Central Highlands. One American was killed and four wounded.

¶The South Vietnamese Government said that over 3,500 North Vietnamese prisoners had been taken since the Communists opened their offensive across the demilitarized zone 64 days ago.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said 870 of the prisoners were women and three were children. The children, the spokesman said, were captured in South Vietnam's central region.