

# AIRMEN SAY RAIDS ON HANOI ARE OFF FOR PODGORNY TRIP

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U.S. Officers at the Danang  
Base Report 4-Day Pause  
While Russian Is There

## OTHER AREAS ATTACKED

Washington Indicates That  
Suspension Is in Effect  
—Some Fliers Unhappy

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DANANG, South Vietnam, June 15 — United States Air Force officers here said today that their planes stopped bombing the Hanoi area yesterday, beginning a four-day pause that would last as long as President Nikolai V. Podgorny of the Soviet Union was there.

The officers, serving with the three fighter-bomber squadrons at this largest remaining American air base in South Vietnam, added, however, that the halt did not extend to all of North Vietnam but only to the regions around the capital. [After an overnight stop at Calcutta, President Podgorny flew to Hanoi Thursday, The Associated Press reported.]

An American officer in Danang said no United States planes took off from the base today on either bombing or escort missions in the Hanoi area.

## Unhappy Over Pause

Air Force officers interviewed here were unhappy about the pause, which, they said, would allow the North Vietnamese to bolster their air defenses.

United States air missions close to Hanoi have come under challenge from North Vietnamese MIG aircraft and from surface-to-air missiles and artillery fire, and the pilots here say that it is all they can do to fight them off.

A spokesman for the United States command in Saigon said he did not know of any limitation on the bombing of the North.

[In Washington, the White House refused to comment on reports of the bombing pause, but Administration officials said privately that American planes would refrain from raids near Hanoi during Mr. Podgorny's visit.]

For the 24-hour period ending at 5 P.M. yesterday Saigon time, 230 tactical air missions and seven B-52 missions were reported.

A communiqué said that the raids had damaged or destroyed 14 bridges, 48 trucks, 4 fuel depots, 10 boats, 42 supply buildings, 18 radar vans and 3 missile sites, among other targets.

Some of the strikes reported yesterday were said to have been directed at targets 33 miles from Hanoi. Air Force Phantoms, for example, reportedly attacked the Hung Vuong barracks and supply depot.

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