

U.S. Jets Attack Air Defenses In North Vietnam for 6th Day

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Thursday, June 22 (AP) — American jet aircraft attacked North Vietnam's air defense network just north of the demilitarized zone Tuesday for the sixth day, the United States command announced yesterday. Pilots reported destroying or damaging 46 missiles and 20 canisters. Nearly 400 pieces of missile equipment have been reported knocked out in the six days of raids.

Overcast skies reduced the number of United States air strikes against North Vietnam to about 230 Tuesday, the command said, and most of them were in the southern part of the country. But Navy fighter-bombers also bombed two storage depots 27 and 30 miles northwest of Haiphong, and pilots reported two large secondary explosions.

The raids on Tuesday, the command said, resulted in damage to or destruction of 11 bridges, 13 warehouses, 30 trucks and 8 supply boats.

Hanoi Reports 2 Planes Downed

The official North Vietnamese press agency said two United States jets were shot down north of Hanoi yesterday. The United States command did not comment.

In the ground war, South Vietnamese marines reportedly battled North Vietnamese troops and tanks from dawn Tuesday until dawn yesterday in the coastal region of enemy-occupied Quangtri Province just below the demilitarized zone.

South Vietnamese military spokesmen asserted that 326 North Vietnamese soldiers had been killed and 13 tanks destroyed in the fighting, east of Route 1 along coastal sand dunes 28 or more miles northwest of Hue.

Nearly 3,000 marines began a thrust into the area Sunday, and spokesmen put the total enemy toll in two days of fighting at 413 killed. They said Government troops lost 40 killed.

On the southern front, the Mekong Delta Village of Badua, 45 miles southwest of Saigon, continued under siege for the 12th day. In that time it has received supplies by helicopter only once.

Three Vietcong battalions of about 300 men each continue to bottle up two companies of Government forces in Badua. Two battalions of South Vietnamese troops driving toward

the beleaguered village reportedly engaged enemy forces yesterday southeast of Cailay and allied air strikes were called in.

Nearly 300 North Vietnamese and Vietcong soldiers have reportedly been killed during the siege, and Government losses have been listed as about 50 dead.