

Bombing of Dikes Called Deliberate



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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S SEAN MacBRIDE
'There could not be any mistake' about bombing

Moscow

Two non-Communist members of an international committee just back from North Vietnam said yesterday they are convinced the United States is deliberately bombing dikes.

"I am quite satisfied they (the Americans) are bombing them," said Sean MacBride, former foreign minister of Ireland and chairman of Amnesty International. "There could not be any mistake."

Hans Goeran Franck, a Swedish lawyer who is secretary-general of the International Committee to Investigate U.S. Crimes in Indochina, agreed.

"After studying a lot of material, I have come to the conclusion that it (the bombing) is deliberate . . . there can be no doubt that it is deliberate," Franck told reporters.

MacBride and Franck were accompanied by sever-

al others, including Ramsey Clark, who was U.S. attorney general under President Johnson.

The Nixon administration has denied American warplanes are deliberately bombing the dikes.

Material gathered by the group will be considered together with other evidence at a week-long hearing being organized by his committee in Copenhagen in October, Franck said.

Franck read a North Vietnamese report alleging that on 177 occasions within a recent four-month period American planes dropped 1259 bombs on 58 dikes and 345 water conservancy works.

"I cannot guarantee this information is correct because I did not investigate all these cases," Franck said. "But I can say that going on the material we were able to inspect, the information given seems to be correct."

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