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The White House warned yesterday that the new full-scale bombing and mining raids against North Vietnam "will continue until such time as a settlement is arrived at."

Administration officials said that President Nixon, in ordering actions against military objectives in the Hanoi and Haiphong areas, has directed the Air Force and Navy to attack targets not bombed before.

White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler, who made the announcement of the attacks north of the 20th Parallel, insisted that the renewal, after a halt of nearly two months, is consistent with the policy enunciated on May 8 in announcing his decision to mine the ports and bomb more extensively.

He said then that the actions would cease when American prisoners were released and an internationally supervised cease-fire was in force.

### THREAT

Ziegler also linked the latest action to the threat of another North Vietnamese offensive. "We want a rapid settlement to this conflict." But, he added, "we are not going to allow the peace talks to be used as a cover for another offensive."

Although there have been reports of North Vietnamese troop and tank movements across the DMZ and in the "Parrot's Beak" area of Cambodia, some military analysts said they knew of no signs of a major offensive.

According to the administration officials, the principal purpose of the President's action was to insure

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that the North Vietnamese leaders would comprehend the extent of his anger over what the officials say he regards as an 11th-hour renegeing on peace terms that were believed to be settled.

Senior planners said the latest military moves were part of concerted political, diplomatic and military campaign to force North Vietnam into a more conciliatory position at the bargaining table.

### KISSINGER

The first step came Saturday when Henry Kissinger, the President's national security adviser and chief Vietnam negotiator, held a news conference to deflate his optimistic projections of an early truce and to attribute much of the blame to North Vietnam.

Representations are being made with the Soviet Union, China and other nations to get them to use their influence on Hanoi, the officials said.

The broadened air campaign, including the attacks on targets never hit before, is the latest element of this effort, it was said.

The officials said the decision on expanded air activity was made tentatively by the President shortly before Kissinger returned Wednesday from the most recent round of private talks.

The final decision was made after Kissinger's return, the sources said, upon discussions throughout the government.

### MINES

The decision on the mines, well-placed officials said, was forced in part because there had been no mine-laying north of the 20th Parallel since October 23, when air action there was halted.

The mines in such ports as Haiphong were set to deactivate late last week. If new mines had not been laid, and if no cease-fire agreement had been achieved, the officials said, North Vietnam might soon have realized that its principal port, Haiphong, was clear for freighter traffic.

Also, intelligence sources said, North Vietnamese officials directed an evacuation of women and children from Hanoi on December 4, the day the most recent round of private talks began in Paris. The sources said they presumed that the officials realized in advance that a tougher negotiating stance might result in a renewal of the bombing.

### SCOPE

Ziegler said: "The President will continue to order any action he deems necessary by air or by sea to prevent any build-up he sees in South."

"Neither side can gain

from prolonging the war, and neither side can gain from prolonging peace talks."

As for the new targets, military officials, citing for reasons of pilot safety, declined to specify what might be hit.

Since the suspension of the bombing, the administration officials said, North Vietnam has repaired its two main rail links to China, restored 40 per cent of its destroyed electric generating capacity and repaired or built bypasses for most main bridges.

Presumably such targets will be hit again, and that, an official remarked, would come as no surprise to North Vietnam.