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**'U.S. might
 bomb anew in
 Indochina'**

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HONG KONG — The commander of U.S. Air Force's operations in the Pacific was quoted yesterday as saying American warplanes may resume bombing missions in Indochina in the event of a new Communist offensive.

"Now that we are not actually dropping bombs, we must maintain our capability to resume such action if we have to," Gen. John W. Vogt Jr., commander in chief of the Pacific Air Force Command, said in an interview with the Pacific Stars and Stripes newspaper.

"The whole idea of retaining those units in Thailand and the control structure and headquarters in Nakhon Phanom (a U.S. air base in Thailand) is to be ready in case the enemy miscalculates and decides he wants to resume on a massive scale," Vogt was quoted as saying.

"Training programs are being drawn up now for exercises that will keep our forces quite busy," he said. "I don't think people will be sitting around with nothing to do in Southeast Asia. Our mission is to be ready to fight if we have to."

Vogt said it was necessary for the Air Force to be on the alert in Indochina because U.S. warplanes are still taking an active part in military operations in the region.

"Unfortunately, the war isn't really over," he said. "There's still fighting going on in Vietnam and in Cambodia. The combat activity in Vietnam is rather high right now and, of course, there's still a full-scale war going on in Cambodia."

He said that while U. S. planes were no longer bombing, "we are flying reconnaissance missions, and it is conceivable that our crews could be shot up."