

U.S. Attacks Radar in the North For the 19th Time This Month

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Jan. 26 (AP)—The United States command announced today another air strike against a radar missile site in North Vietnam as the heightened air war in Indochina continued.

The strike, flown by an Air Force F-4 Phantom near Donghoi, 45 miles north of the demilitarized zone, was the ninth reported since Saturday and the 19th since Jan. 1. Such attacks on North Vietnamese anti-aircraft sites are said to beat the highest for a January since the bombing halt in November, 1968.

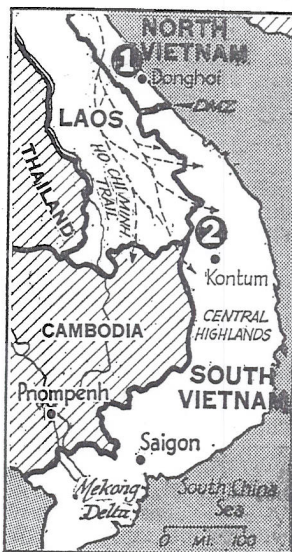
The Phantom attacked the enemy radar missile site today after having received indications that it and a reconnaissance plane it was escorting were about to come under fire.

In the ground war in South Vietnam, meanwhile, spokesmen for the Saigon command reported that South Vietnamese planes had destroyed four North Vietnamese tanks in the last two days in the Central Highlands and killed an undetermined number of enemy troops accompanying them.

First Reported Since '69

This was reported to be the first time since 1969, and the third time in more than a decade of war, that North Vietnamese tanks had been involved in combat inside South Vietnam.

The Saigon spokesmen said two tanks of an unidentified type were destroyed yesterday about seven miles southwest of South Vietnam's Firebase 5. Two more tanks were reported destroyed today nine miles west of Benhet, a border camp that



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Air strike was in Donghoi area (1). Enemy tanks in Central Highlands (2) of South Vietnam were attacked by Saigon pilots.

was the target of the last enemy tank attack in South Vietnam in April, 1969.

The sighting of six tanks near Benhet was reported yesterday. This and today's development were said to lend support to what some officials say are growing indications that enemy forces are planning a major offensive in the Central Highlands next month.

In other war action at least 31 enemy soldiers were reported killed in a series of clashes in the Mekong Delta, the country's southernmost region, which had been generally quiet recently.

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