

Paris Talks Threatened, Reds Warn

Paris

North Vietnam warned last night of "increasingly serious threats" to the future of the Paris peace talks in a commentary on the weekend United States bombing and commando raids on its territory.

In its first comment on the attempt to free U.S. prisoners of war in the north, the Hanoi delegation said the Nixon Administration "must bear the entire responsibility for the consequences stemming from its adventurous acts."

Air strikes already had caused the North Vietnamese to call off the 93rd session of the talks, scheduled to be held yesterday. Both sides have agreed that a session be held next Thursday, but a further boycott is possible.

The statement stressed that the early Pentagon statements on the bombing raids denied that there had been attacks in the Hanoi-Haiphong region.

The statement cited at length the American statement concerning the activities over North Vietnam and said: "All these cynical declarations by responsible persons in the Nixon Administration show clearly that they employ their ingenuity to find the most illogical pretexts for new adventurous acts against North Vietnam, thus creating a grave threat to peace and security in Asia and to the Paris conference on Vietnam."

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Medals for 4

Nixon Honors Heroes of Raid

Washington

President Nixon, decorated four key figures in the futile weekend raid on a North Vietnamese prison camp yesterday and promised the United States will do all it can "at the diplomatic table and in other ways" to rescue American prisoners of war.

This was Mr. Nixon's first direct comment on the episode. He did not elaborate on what he meant by helping prisoners "in other ways."

Before pinning medals on the chests of two officers and two enlisted men at a special ceremony in the state dining room of the White House, Mr. Nixon said he had asked his military advisers how they could find volunteers to undertake such escapades.

THOUSANDS

The chief executive quoted Admiral Thomas Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as telling him "we could have had thousands of volunteers" for an operation aimed at plucking American prisoners from cells in North Vietnam.

Mr. Nixon said that on this Thanksgiving Eve, Americans could all be thankful that the nation has such men as those he honored. He spoke of it as "a day that makes us very proud of the United States."

The medal presentation was the latest in a series of Administration moves to overcome any criticism of the Son Tay mission by picturing it as a heroic deed in which Americans risked their lives to save their fellows.

AWARDS

The chief executive presented these awards:

- The distinguished Service Medal to Air Force Brig-

adier General Leroy J. Maurer, 49, of Morrisonville, N.Y.; planner of the rescue and veteran of 345 combat missions in World War II and Vietnam.

- The Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for heroism, to Army Colonel Arthur D. Simons, 52, of New York City, who led the assault.

- The Distinguished Service Cross to Army Sergeant First Class Tyrone J. Adderly, 27, of Philadelphia, for disregard of his own life in approaching heavy automatic weapons fire and "neutralizing" the enemy with return grenade fire.

- The Air Force Cross to Technical Sergeant Leroy M. Wright, 38, of Little Falls, Minn., a helicopter crewman who helped lay down covering fire during evacuation of Son Tay after suffering painful injuries to his left foot and ankle during his craft's landing in the prison compound. Wright was on crutches at the ceremony.

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