

Statements on renewed bombing of North Vietnam.

"The Hanoi spokesman [Ngo Dien, head of the information and press department of the North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry] said that the stepped-up American air raids were coming at a time when the United States was intensifying warfare in South Vietnam and Cambodia and engaging in 'arrogant maneuvers aimed at wrecking the Paris conference on Vietnam.'"

Tillman Durdin, Hongkong, NYTimes 22 Dec 71
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"The more Nixon wants to force his terms on the North Vietnamese people by increasing his air attacks, the longer will be the list of U.S. pilots captured in North Vietnam,' the paper stated." [North Vietnamese Army newspaper Quan Doi Nhan Dan.]

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"[Senator Edmund S. Muskie] called on the President to cease the bombing and open 'genuine negotiations' in Paris that would obtain the release of American prisoners by setting a date for a total withdrawal of all American forces from South Vietnam.

"[Senator George S. McGovern] ... likewise condemned the renewed raids on the North as a 'desperate attempt to salvage a wrecked policy' and asked the President to negotiate the release of American prisoners by setting a total withdrawal date.

"Thirty-one House members ... sent a telegram to Mr. Nixon labeling the bombing raids 'a reversion to the discredited bombing policy of the past' and requesting 'stepped up initiatives in the Paris negotiations, not a stepped-up air war.'"

Neil Sheehan, NYTimes 29 Dec 71

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"In a statement [Clark M. Clifford] said ... [the renewed bombing] "is wrong and counter-productive,' ... arguing that it would only serve to prolong the imprisonment of American servicemen held in North Vietnam."

Terence Smith, NYTimes 30 Dec 71

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