

Heavy B-52 Raids Go On As Foe Keeps Up Attacks

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SAIGON South Vietnam, Nov. 5 — Waves of B-52 bombers dropped nearly 2.5 million pounds of bombs over South Vietnam and the southern part of North Vietnam in the last 24 hours, while Communist forces were reported to be continuing to strike at Government troops with fierce intensity.

As many as 18 of the planes dropped their bomb loads of 20 to 30 tons each on suspected North Vietnamese troop concentrations in Binhduong Province, just north of Saigon, last night. Concussions from the bombs, exploding 23 to 47 miles north of Saigon, could be felt

and heard in this South Vietnamese capital.

The Saigon command said that South Vietnamese infantry units battled North Vietnamese troops in the same area, killing 23 enemy soldiers and losing 6 killed and 32 wounded. The Binhduong fighting was among 102 attacks on Saigon forces reported around the country. Included in these were 78 rocket and mortar attacks on Government positions.

The B-52's, augmented by smaller American Air Force and Navy fighter-bombers, continued to rake North Vietnam south of the 20th Parallel, the United States command said. Eleven B-52 missions, totaling as many as 33 planes, hit North Vietnam, concentrating their attacks north of Donghoi, while 120 fighter-bombers struck at warehouses, fuel tanks, trucks, boats, artillery guns and

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