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B-52s Continue Heavy Raids

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SAIGON — U.S. B -52 bombers continued their heaviest raids of the war over North Vietnam yester-

The North Vietnamese For-

eign Ministry issued another its bombing below the 20th statement condemning the bombing attacks.

American military sources indicated the raids were a signal to Hanoi that the United States will not stop

Parallel until a peace agreement is reached.

U.S. officials that a second B-52 was damaged in a surface to air missile attack last week that

claimed the first B-52 combat loss of the Vietnam war.

None of the six crewmen on the damaged plane was injured but two of the six crewmen on the downed aircraft were hurt.

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ing two Americans, a Thai and a Lao. Air America is backed by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

The Air America plane was the 10th American aircraft lost in Indochina in five days, one of the heaviest tolls in several months. Six Americans were killed, 11 rescued and three are missing in the crashes.

As reports circulate in Paris of serious differences between U.S. and Hanoi negotiators, the North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry said the B-52 attacks "laid bare the deceitfulness of the Nixon Administration's pro-

☆☆☆ Section A Page 23 fessed desire to end its mili-

tary involvement and restore peace in Vietnam." During the 24-hour period ending at noon yesterday, the U.S. Command reported 14 more B-52 missions against North Vietnamese targets below the 20th Parallel.

U.S. officials in Vientiane, Laos, also disclosed that an Air America C7 Caribou cargo plane, flying in support of Laotian irregular forces, was shot down by enemy antiaircraft fire Thursday, kill-