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'Bomb Them All,' Hebert Urges Nixon

U.S. Rep. F. Edward Hebert of New Orleans has called for a "bomb them all" policy in answer to Sen. George McGovern's criticism of renewed bombing of North Vietnam.

Hebert's response came yesterday after McGovern said President Nixon's increase of the air war will lengthen the war and stiffen the enemy's resolve.

Hebert, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said bombing is a key to the end of the war.

"Mine Haiphong harbor, bomb Hanoi, bomb them all," Hebert said. "We would never have got them (Hanoi) to the peace table in the first place if we hadn't bombed them."

McGovern said the Nixon administration "has chosen a course that can only keep our young men bogged down in an Asian jungle and our prisoners locked away in Asian cells for still another Christmas."

The South Dakota Democrat said, "It defies all reason to suggest that the North Vietnamese will abandon their cause now—after a generation of struggle—simply because we are bombing the North."

McGovern renewed the pleas of his unsuccessful pres-

idential campaign for a firm withdrawal date, an end to the bombing and an end to military aid for South Vietnam.

The senator said the Nixon administration "is chained to a government in South Vietnam that is determined to sabotage any chance for peace."

The administration came in for criticism from the National League of Families of Prisoners of War Monday.

"We trust that our country's spokesmen will refrain in the future from raising the hopes of the nation until a peace treaty has been firmly agreed upon," said the league in a statement.

The statement referred to presidential adviser Henry Kissinger's Oct. 26 statement that "peace is at hand" and his announcement Saturday that talks had stalled because an agreement acceptable to the President had not been reached.

"Now we know that we must face another Christmas with no immediate peace in sight," the statement read. "It is a bitter prospect and the disappointments and frustrations are severe."