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## A NEW TARGET LIST

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### Full-Scale Attacks and Mining Revived After

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 —

The Nixon Administration announced a resumption of full-scale bombing and mining of North Vietnam today, and the White House warned that such raids "will continue until such time as a settlement is arrived at."

Administration officials said that President Nixon, in ordering actions against military objectives in the Hanoi and Haiphong areas, had directed the Air Force and Navy to strike targets not bombed before.

[The outskirts of Hanoi were bombed on eight occasions Monday night, it was announced in Hanoi, Agence France-Presse reported.]

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, voiced the threat of continuing attacks north of the 20th Parallel, after a halt of nearly two months, while insisting that

### Stock Prices Plummet

The stock market suffered its biggest decline in more than 16 months yesterday as investors reacted to the breakdown in Vietnam peace talks disclosed on Saturday by Henry A. Kissinger. The Dow-Jones industries fell 13.99 points to 1,013.25. Details, Page 61.

their renewal was consistent with the policy enunciated by Mr. Nixon on May 8 in announcing his decision to mine the ports and bomb more extensively.

He said then that the actions would cease when American prisoners were released and an internationally supervised cease-fire was in force.

### Threat of New Offensive

Mr. Ziegler also linked the latest action to the threat of another North Vietnamese offensive. "The road to peace is

wide open," he said. "We want a rapid settlement to this conflict." But, he added, "we are not going to allow the peace talks to be used as a cover for another offensive."

Some military analysts, puzzled, said they knew of no signs of a major offensive.

According to the Administration officials, the principal purpose of the President's action was to insure that the North Vietnamese leaders would comprehend the extent of his anger over what the officials say he regards as an 11th-hour renegeing on peace terms that were believed to be settled.

Senior planners said the latest military moves were part of a concerted political, diplomatic and military campaign designed to force North Vietnam into a more conciliatory position at the bargaining table.

### Bids to Soviet and China

The first step came Saturday when Henry A. Kissinger, the President's national security adviser and chief Vietnam negotiator, held a news conference to deflate his optimistic projections of an early truce and to attribute much of the blame to North Vietnam.

Representations are being made with the Soviet Union, China and other nations to get them to use their influence on Hanoi, the officials said.

The officials explained that the decision on expanded air activity was made tentatively

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by the President shortly before Mr. Kissinger returned Wednesday from the most recent round of private talks. They had been in frequent communication by cable. 13 DEC

### Mines Have Deactivated

The final decision was made after Mr. Kissinger's return, the sources said, upon discussions throughout the Government.

The decision on the mines, well-placed officials said was forced in part because there had been no mine-laying north of the 20th Parallel since Oct. 23, when air action there was halted.

The mines in such ports as Haiphong were set to deactivate late last week. If new mines had not been laid, and if no cease-fire agreement had been achieved, the officials said, North Vietnam might soon have realized that its principal port, Haiphong, was clear for

freighter traffic.

Also, intelligence sources said North Vietnamese officials directed an evacuation of women and children from Hanoi on Dec. 4, the day the most recent round of private talks began in Paris. The sources said they presumed that the officials realized in advance that a tougher negotiating stance might result in a renewal of the bombing.

The first official confirmation of the lifting of the restrictions on air activity came this morning from Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird. He had invited photographers to his office to take pictures of him and his designated replacement, Elliot L. Richardson, who had appeared at the Pentagon for one of several transition briefings.

### Hanoi Broadcasts Noted

Several reporters pressed Mr. Laird to comment on unconfirmed reports broadcast by Hanoi that bombing and mining north of the 20th Parallel had resumed.

After attempting to avoid the question, Mr. Laird said: "Air operations are being conducted throughout North Vietnam at the present time." He declined to discuss the matter further, saying it might jeopardize pilots' lives.

Later Mr. Ziegler, expanded somewhat on the subject, saying, "The President will continue to order any action he deems necessary by air or by sea to prevent any build-up he sees in the South." "Neither side can gain from prolonging the war," he added, "and neither side can gain from prolonging peace talks."

As for the new targets, military officials, citing reasons of pilot safety, declined to specify what might be hit.

Since the suspension of the bombing, the Administration officials said, North Vietnam

has repaired its two main rail links to China, restored 40 per cent of its destroyed electric generating capacity and repaired or built bypasses for most main bridges.

Presumably such targets will be hit again, and that, an official remarked, would come as no surprise to North Vietnam.

### Attack on Hanoi Reported

MOSCOW, Dec. 18 (Reuters) —United States planes attacked the suburbs of Hanoi tonight, dropping bombs two to three miles from the center of the city, according to a Tass report from the North Vietnamese capital. The Soviet press agency said that the raid lasted 40 minutes and that a big glow could be seen north of Hanoi.

### Mining Renewed Sunday

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Tuesday, Dec. 19 (AP) —Military sources reported yesterday that United States planes with fighter escorts renewed the mining of Haiphong harbor Sunday night. 17 DEC

A statement from the North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry broadcast over the Hanoi radio protested the new mining of Haiphong and the new bombing attacks.

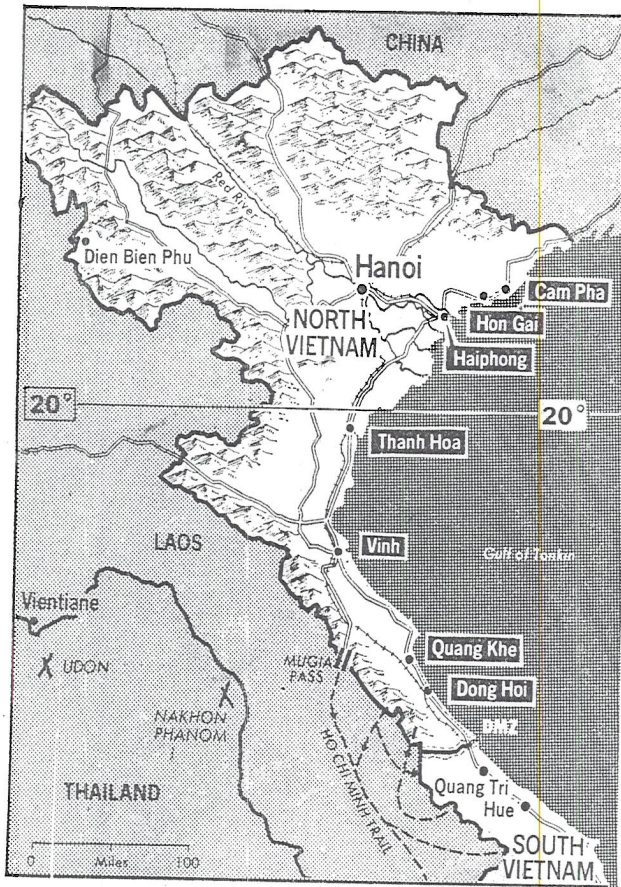
In a broadcast today, the official Vietnam News Agency said that its gunners in "Hanoi and Vinh Phu alone" shot down four United States jets during raids last night. It said "a number" of American pilots had been captured.

Earlier, a Hanoi broadcast said that despite the new acts by the United States, the Communist side, including the Vietcong, would declare unilateral cease-fires of short duration for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Saigon sources said South Vietnam planned to do the same.

However, without international supervision, such cease-fires have traditionally been marred by scores of violations.

The official North Vietnamese Communist party newspaper, Nhan Dan, declared: "Only after the U.S. signs the peace agreement reached with the Democratic Republic of Viet-

nam will there be a real cease-fire and negotiations between the Provisional Revolutionary Government and the Saigon administration. The captured U.S. military men will be released after the agreement is signed and correctly implemented."



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U.S. planes resumed bombing of the Hanoi-Haiphong area (cross) and mining of key ports north of 20th parallel. Sowing of new mines south of line had not been halted. (Mined ports are shown with names outlined in white.)