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McGovern Blasts New Bomb Raids

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Senator George McGovern said yesterday that renewed U.S. bombing of North Vietnam reaffirms that the Nixon administration "is chained to a government in South Vietnam that is determined to sabotage any chance for peace."

The South Dakota Democrat renewed pleas made during his unsuccessful presidential campaign for an end to further military aid to South Vietnam, for an immediate end to the bombing and for a firm date for the withdrawal of all remaining American forces.

"Over the past several days the Nixon administration has formally crushed the hopes for peace that were so artfully constructed during the months leading up to election day," McGovern said in a statement.

He said the renewed bombing will only widen the war while stiffening the determination of the North Vietnamese.

But in contrast to McGovern's view, House Armed Services Chairman F. Edward Hebert (Dem - La.) approved resumption of the bombing.

"Mine Haiphong harbor, bomb Hanoi, bomb them all," Hebert said in a telephone interview.

McGovern said administration policy has given South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu "the unrestricted power to disrupt any possible settlement and to dictate more years of war . . ."

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