

# Plea From 17 In House to End Bombing

## Washington

Seventeen House members urged President Nixon yesterday to stop the renewed fullscale bombing and "sign a settlement with the North Vietnamese now."

"The frustrations of the American people over this continuing war and their confidence in the integrity of government are being strained to the breaking point," the congressmen said in a joint telegram.

"The American people and their representatives in Congress cannot be told that 'peace is at hand' two weeks prior to the election," the congressmen said, "and that fullscale military action is necessary two months later."

"If you cannot or will not get us out of Vietnam," they said, "then the Congress will have to exercise its obligation to do so."

## SENATE

On the Senate side, Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said he believed the renewed bombing is a mistake.

"I think it's a stone-age tactic that will not bring Hanoi to heel but will only steel their determination and make it harder to proceed to a negotiated peace."

## MUSKIE

Senator Edmund S. Muskie (Dem-Maine) said in a statement the American people and Congress are entitled to a full explanation "of this disastrous turn of events" in Vietnam.

Senator Jacob Javits (Rep-N.Y.), said the renewed bombing is tragic, but he doesn't believe it scuttles chances for a negotiated settlement of the war.

Senator John V. Tunney (Dem-Calif.), issued a statement saying he was "deeply disappointed at the massive resumption of bombing of North Vietnam."

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