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Bombing Produces Distress in Senate

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Senate leaders of both parties yesterday expressed personal distress at resumption of full-scale U.S. bombing in North Vietnam, but differed as to whether it could be effective in ending the war.

Minority Leader Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) told a news conference that he was "heartsick at the way things are going," but added that "I don't know of any policy that will work except this policy . . . I do believe that the mining of Haiphong Harbor in the first place brought Hanoi to the conference table."

Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) told another news conference that the only way to peace is through negotiation.

"It is long since past time to stop worrying about saving face and concentrate on saving lives and our own sense of decency and humanity," he said.

Meanwhile, plans were announced by the National

Peace Action Coalition, the nation's largest antiwar organization, to renew street demonstrations against the war in coming weeks, perhaps coinciding with President Nixon's inauguration Jan. 20.

Rep. Donald Riegle (R-Mich.) condemned resumption of the bombing as a "monstrous outrage" and said, "Perhaps those who feel betrayed on the war should come to the inauguration—peacefully and in great numbers—to indicate quietly that we will no longer tolerate political deceit in America."

Rep. Lester Wolff (D-N.Y.) said he will introduce a resolution at the caucus of all House Democrats Jan. 2 directing the Speaker to request President Nixon and his chief negotiator on Vietnam, Henry A. Kissinger, to address a joint session of Congress on the state of the war and the peace talks.

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Wolff said the President might avoid the divisive effect of another congressional effort to end the war if he would consult with Congress on the conduct of the war.

Allard K. Lowenstein, national chairman of Americans for Democratic Action, issued a statement saying, "The American people have been deceived again. . . . We call upon Congress to cut off funds for the war as its first order of business in 1973."

Mansfield told newsmen he will "at an appropriate time" press for legislation, as he has vainly in the past, to set a date for withdrawal of U.S. forces from Indochina.

Mansfield urged signing with North Vietnam the agreement which Kissinger, at his Oct. 26 news conference, announced had been tentatively reached.

Both Mansfield and Scott said they did not think that Kissinger's "peace is at hand" statement just before the November election was intended to mislead the American people. Mansfield said he believed Kissinger then and now, while Scott declared, "I don't think the election had a damn thing to do with it."

Jerry Gordon, coordinator for the National Peace Action Coalition, told a press conference, "The American people have been lied to once again. Instead of peace being at hand, there is intensified war. Instead of the slaughter in Vietnam ending, it had escalated."

Gordon reiterated the long-standing coalition de-

mand that the United States withdraw immediately from Indochina without negotiating a peace settlement.

He called for "massive street antiwar demonstrations in major cities across the country" on or before Inauguration Day.

He predicted that "thousands" of angry dissidents will pour into the streets when plans for the coordinated demonstrations are firmed up. Announcement of details will be made by Christmas Day, he said.

Gordon was joined by Rich Robohm, George Washington University spokesman for the Student Mobilization Committee, who spoke of President Nixon's "reckless arrogance" in intensifying the aerial war in Vietnam. He pledged committee support of the coalitions demonstration plans for January.

The peace coalition, usually in close coordination with the student committee, has launched numerous large-scale antiwar demonstrations in the past, including massive rallies at the Capitol last spring and in April, 1971.

Also at yesterday's press conference was Jane Dudley, the mother of U.S. Air Force pilot Geroge McKnight, who has been a prisoner in North Vietnam for more than seven years. Speaking wearily and with a halting voice, she said, "There's one thing I am thankful for—that my son is a prisoner and not over there dropping millions of tons of bombs . . . Sometimes I feel as if I were in a hell."