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# A Fourth B-52 Lost --Crew OK

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**American warplanes and warships kept up their unprecedented bombardment of North Vietnam today and the U.S. Command announced the loss of its fourth B-52 bomber since resumption of attacks on the North Vietnamese heartland.**

The six B-52 crewmen were rescued, the command said.

Both the United States and North Vietnam were reported suffering significant losses in the aerial war, which resumed its fury above the 20th Parallel last Monday after President Nixon said Hanoi refused to agree to acceptable peace terms.

Radio Hanoi reported most of the resumed attacks hit Hanoi, the capital, and Haiphong, the main port.

## RAIDS

The report said 215 persons were killed and 326 were wounded in Hanoi in raids Monday and Tuesday. In Haiphong, it said, 45 persons were killed and 131 wounded on Monday alone.

"Thousands of homes were demolished and many economic cultural and social establishments were razed or badly damaged," the broadcast said. But all broadcasts declared the attacks will not force North Vietnam to accept President Nixon's demands for a peace settlement.

A report from Warsaw said three Polish sailors were killed Tuesday when a Polish ship in Haiphong harbor was hit by U.S. bombers. The Polish news agency PAP said the ship, the Joseph Conrad, was sunk.

The U.S. command said

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the fourth downed B-52 was hit by enemy fire last night while on a mission over North Vietnam. But the six crewmen managed to fly it back over friendly territory and bail out shortly before the eight-jet Stratofortress crashed near the U.S. base at Nakhon Phanom in north-east Thailand, spokesmen said.

The exact area where the B-52 was hit was not known. It was believed hit with a missile, the spokesmen said.

The latest reported U.S. loss raised total losses acknowledged by the U.S. command to four B-52s downed, two fighter-bombers downed and one guided missile destroyer heavily damaged.

Radio Hanoi said that since the resumption of the bombing until dawn today, North Vietnamese forces have shot down nine B-52 bombers and 12 fighter-bombers, and captured several pilots.

The U.S. command has left open the possibility of additional losses still unreported by noting its policy of not making announcements until search and rescue operations are completed.

The U.S. Command in Saigon continued its stringent withholding of news concerning the massive attacks in the North above the 20th parallel.

A Tass dispatch from Hanoi said yesterday's raids continued into the night, with 100 B-52s and 500 fighter-bombers taking part.

When asked why information was being withheld from Americans, a U.S. Command spokesman replied:

"We are protecting our on-going operations. We will make the best information available to you when we can. I have given you all the information and details I can at this time. I cannot and will not debate the rationale for the protection of information."

Two sailors were killed and three others wounded Tuesday when North Vietnamese coastal artillery hit the upper deck of the guided missile destroyer Goldsborough. A crew berthing area was heavily damaged.

The command said the Goldsborough, commissioned in 1962, was hit while shelling North Vietnamese positions just south of the 20th Parallel. A spokesman reported the ship sustained shrapnel damage from shells bursting around her, but "the Goldsborough continued its combat mission."

The latest reported losses brings total American casualties to two dead, three wounded and 15 missing since the resumption of bombing over the north above the 20th Parallel.

The command also reported that an OV-10 light observation plane crashed from unknown causes in Quang Tri Province just below the demilitarized zone. One crewman was killed.

An OH-6 light observation helicopter was hit by small-arms fire south of Da Nang and one crewman was wounded.

Officials said about 100 B-52 bombers, the entire force available to the Strategic Air Command in Southeast Asia, have been used in the bombardment.

The North Vietnamese news agency, in a report monitored here, said the raids have made Hanoi "a huge battle site."

"U.S. aircraft indiscriminately attacked over 30 places in downtown and suburban areas in the Haiphong port city," the broadcast added.