

Hanoi Reports U.S. Raids on Suburbs

HANOI, North Vietnam, Dec. 26 (Agence France Presse) — American airplanes resumed raids on Hanoi today after a lull lasting 41½ hours.

Several places on the outskirts of the North Vietnamese capital were attacked.

The air raids sirens began wailing at 1 P.M. It was the 41st alert since Dec. 18, when the Americans resumed intensive bombing of North Vietnam.

A few minutes later jet aircraft could be heard overhead, and antiaircraft guns opened fire.

Blasts Heard From Suburbs

The noise of very heavy bomb explosions could be heard from almost all of Hanoi's suburbs.

At the same time, the scream of several missiles could be heard in the center of the city.

All through the alert, which lasted nearly an hour, loudspeakers told the people of Hanoi to remain in their shelter and reported the firing of missiles against the planes, which continued their attack on the outskirts of Hanoi for some 40 minutes.

Yesterday, during the pause in the bombing, there were four "pre-alerts, resulting from reconnaissance flights over Hanoi. This did nothing to ease tension here.

People, nevertheless, seemed calm and continued their normal activities.

Shops remained open, and water and power supplies, frequently interrupted last week, were restored yesterday.

Thai Nguyen Reported Hit

Authorities took advantage of the Christmas lull to evacuate many Hanoi residents to the countryside. According to a well-informed source, some 400,000 of the million people living in Hanoi and its environs have left the city during the last few days.

The North Vietnamese Foreign Ministry, in a statement released today, charged that a tuberculosis hospital in Bac Thai Province had been struck during B-52 raids on Christmas Eve.

The statement, carried by the North Vietnamese News Agency, said many civilians were killed in the raids, while

the heavy bombers also concentrated on densely populated areas around the city of Thai Nguyen and in the provinces of Ha Bac and Lang Son, killing Catholics celebrating Christmas.

Thirteen points in Thai Nguyen, which is about 35 miles north of Hanoi, were hit by B-52's, the Foreign Ministry said. Hundreds of people were killed and about 500 houses were destroyed, the ministry said.

In an editorial, the Workers party newspaper Nhan Dan said today that "the past week has been a trial, on the material as well as the moral level, for everyone in Hanoi," because of the "giant psychological warfare machinery that is hammering on our nerves night and day."

The editorial, which appeared under the headline "Hanoi, City of Human Dignity," charged that President Nixon, "celebrating Christmas with blood on his hands," was resorting to tactics consisting of "simultaneously conducting negotiations and B-52 bombardments."