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**SWEDISH COMMENT**  
**BRINGS U.S. PROTEST**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Reuters)—The United States has strongly protested to Sweden over Premier Olof Palme's statement Saturday comparing the United States bombing of Hanoi to Nazi massacres in World War II, a State Department spokesman said today. The Swedish Ambassador, Hubert de Besche, was called to the department Saturday by Acting Secretary of State U. Alexis Johnson and was given the oral protest.

This was the first official United States reaction to statements by foreign Governments or leaders that have criticized the intensified United States bombing of North Vietnam.

Mr. Palme's statement said, in part:

"What is happening is that a people are being tortured, a nation is being tormented and humiliated to force them to submit to the language of force. That is why the bombings are an outrage.

"There are many examples of this in modern history. They

are usually remembered by names — Guernica, Oradour, Babi Yar, Katyn, Lidice, Sharpeville, Treblinka.

Oradour, Babi Yar, Katyn, Lidice and Treblinka are places where atrocities were carried out during World War II. In each case but Katyn the killings were indisputably by the Nazis.