

U.S. Protests 'Nazi' Charge By Sweden

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The United States has strongly protested to Sweden over Premier Olaf Palme's statement comparing the U.S. bombing of Hanoi with Nazi World War II massacres, a State Department spokesman said yesterday.

Swedish Ambassador Hubert de Besche was called into the department on Saturday by Acting Secretary of State J. Alexis Johnson to be given the oral protest.

This was the first official U.S. government reaction to statements by foreign governments or leaders that have criticized the intensified U.S. bombing of North Vietnam.

Department officials explained that the protest was motivated by the comparison Palme made on Saturday between the bombing of the North Vietnamese capital and Nazi atrocities.

Meanwhile, a department spokesman confirmed that protests had been received from Egypt and India over damage to their diplomatic missions in Hanoi during bombing raids last week.

As in the case of Polish protest over U.S. bomb hits on the freighter Josef Conrad, the department said that any damage to the missions resulting from U.S. bombs would be a matter of regret.

Defense Identifies 40 Missing, Captured Men

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The Defense Department yesterday announced the names of 40 Air Force officers and noncommissioned officers recently designated as missing in action or captured in Southeast Asia.

It was the largest casualty list since the step-up in the bombing of North Vietnam.

Listed as missing are:

Lt. Col. Ronald J. Ward, Lt. Col. William W. Conlee, Lt. Col. John Yuill, Lt. Col. James Y. Nagahiro, Maj. James R. McElvain, Maj. Gerald W. Alley, Maj. Frank A. Gould, Maj. Bobby A. Kirby, Maj. Edward H. Johnson, Capt. Robert R. Lynn and Capt. Peter P. Camerota.

Also, Capt. Thomas W. Bennett Jr., Capt. Peter J. Giroux, Capt. David I. Drummond, Capt. Charles F. Riess, Capt. Paul V. Jackson III, Capt. Randall J. Craddock, Capt. George B. Lockhart, Capt. Donovan K. Walters, 1st Lt. Joseph B. Copack, 1st Lt. Charles E. Darr and 1st Lt. William T. Mayall.

Also, M. Sgt. Louis E. LeBlanc, S. Sgt. James L. Lollar, S. Sgt. Gary L. Morgan, Airman 1.C. Charles J. Bevus.

Listed as captured was Capt. Lunn R. Beens.

Changed from missing status to captured were:

Maj. Fernando Alexander, Maj. Richard E. Johnson, Capt. Terry M. Geloneck, Capt. Charles A. Brown Jr., Capt. Robert G. Certain, Capt. Richard T. Simpson, Capt. Hal K. Wilson, 1st Lt. Michael R. Martini, 1st Lt. Paul L. Granger, Capt. Henry C. Barrows,

1st Lt. William Y. Arcuri, S. Sgt. Roy Madden Jr.

Home towns were not disclosed.