

Anti-Nixon Flavoring To Bombing Criticism

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With rare exception's the renewed U.S. bombing throughout North Vietnam continued to receive condemnation around the world, often with a personalized, anti-Nixon flavor.

The London Sunday Times said, for example, "At least Lyndon Johnson gave a convincing impression that Vietnam for him was a personal agony and that his human sensibilities had not been deadened by office.

"The chilling truth about President Nixon is that he has no such personal concern. His statements convey no impression that he considers bombing as anything more than strategic counters on a map of his own devising," the Times said.

Others argued simply that the bombing would not work as an arm twisting method of getting Hanoi to give up.

Three Labor Party members of Parliament from Coventry, leveled in the German blitz of World War II, wired Nixon that the bombing would have the reverse effect because it "could only increase the (North Vietnamese) will to resist and frustrate the hope of a negotiated peace."

The telegram, signed by Maurice Edelman, Richard Crossman and William Wilson, was "pro-American and pro-humanity," Edelman said.

In Latin America, a continent that has generally given only secondary attention to

the war, the Buenos Aires daily La Opinion was running a continuing series that condemned the bombing as genocide.

"U.S. Carries Out Most Complete Plan of Destruction in Human History," one installment was headlined. The vehemence of the one-year-old daily, patterned on the Parisian daily Le Monde, was unprecedented in the serious Argentine press.

Tuesday's article also criticized the Soviet Union and China for pursuing their own interests with the United States and failing to confront Washington on the Vietnam issue.

In Tokyo, Japan's largest daily, Asahi Shimbun, said the United States was "a blinded giant, going 10,000 miles over the sea . . . trying to bring North Vietnam to its knees by force. The U.S. claims that it is aimed at establishing peace — but noting is more grotesque."

Exceptions to the criticism included the Conservative Daily Express of London. It said that Mr. Nixon believes the spring and summer bombing campaign led to the serious negotiations of October "and that it will do so again. He may well be right."

In Singapore, small groups of protestors gathered outside the U.S. Embassy carrying umbrellas. They opened the umbrellas to display anti-American slogans painted on them.