

SCIENTISTS' ASSAIL BOMBING POLICY

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But They Get Little Support
at Washington Parley

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—Dissidents within the scientific community tried to mount a massive protest against American bombing of North Vietnam today, but found little support.

Peace groups attending the American Association for the Advancement of Science's annual meeting sought to stir up support by a rally protesting what it called "terror bombing" and by a letter to President Nixon condemning what it described as "this outrageous misuse of the fruits of science for death and destruction."

But only about 100 persons attended the rally, which was held a block from the Sheraton Park Hotel, the headquarters of the A.A.A.S. meeting.

The letter to Mr. Nixon carried the signatures of only 250 of the 7,000 persons who have attended the meeting. While three Nobel laureates signed, at least 100 of the others who did were not strictly speaking scientists.

At least one Nobel laureate, Dr. George Wald of Harvard, was due to have attended the rally, but he did not appear.

Cease-Fire Urged

After detailing the destruction that a B-52 raid can achieve, the letter stated: "We must tell the President where we stand. Let us insist on an immediate end to the bombing. Let us insist that the cease-fire we were told he was virtually ready to sign last Oct. 26 be signed now."

Dr. Everett Mendelsohn, a professor at Harvard and a vice

president of the A.A.A.S., told a news conference before the rally that an effort would be made to deliver the letter to Mr. Nixon personally. Dr. Mendelsohn, who also headed a committee that composed the letter, did not state exactly how.

Another signer, Dr. E. W. Pfeiffer, a professor at the University of Montana, said he was "deeply disappointed that the A.A.A.S. has not seen fit to take cognizance of the effects of science and technology in Southeast Asia."

"My colleagues don't know and don't seem to care," Dr. Pfeiffer said. He has made four trips to Southeast Asia to survey the effects of bombing and defoliation.

According to Dr. Arthur

Westing, a professor at Windham College, Putney, Vt., "American scientists are not responding to the misuse of science by the Administration . . . The B-52 is a brutal weapon of negotiation."

After the rally another group, the Federation of American Scientists, also issued a statement condemning the bombing and the war.

Philosophers Protest

The American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, adopted a resolution in Boston yesterday expressing "deepest moral outrage" at the massive bombing of North Vietnam.

Dr. Sidney Morgenbresser, a professor of philosophy at Columbia University, introduced the resolution at the association's annual meeting at the Boston Sheraton. He said that it passed without dissent.

The resolution charged the Nixon Administration with "carrying out a brutal and inhuman war against the Vietnamese people."