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It was the first time since the new bombing began Dec. 8 that China has given any indication that Washington's decision to return to a policy of large-scale aerial bombardment would affect its relations with Peking.

The bombing has been condemned in harsh terms by the Chinese press and in speeches by Chinese leaders, but all such statements have avoided mention of the effect that the bombardment might have on the process of reconciliation begun when President Nixon visited China in February.

Miss Berger, a correspondent at the State Department on a month's tour of China, was the only American among more than 400 guests at [the banquet].

Mr. Chou, making his first public appearance in several weeks, stopped to talk to Miss Berger as he made his way along a line of diplomats and other foreign guests at the beginning of the banquet. Mrs. Binh, who had already reached the end of the line, turned and listened as the Premier answered Miss Berger's questions, gesturing for emphasis as he did.

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