

Mao Bolsters VC In Rare Audience

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Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung, in a rare meeting with a visiting foreign dignitary, Friday assured the foreign minister of the Vietcong's Provisional Revolutionary Government that China strongly supports its Vietnamese allies.

Mao received Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, the Vietcong's chief negotiator at the Paris peace talks, at his Peking residence. She arrived in the Chinese capital Wednesday.

"We are of the same family. We and you, South and North Vietnam, and also Laos, Cambodia and Korea, are all of the same family. We support each other," Mao told Mrs. Binh, according to the New China News Agency.

According to the agency, Mrs. Binh told an anti-war rally in Peking Friday that the full-scale American bombing of North Vietnam had killed "thousands" and wounded more than 10,000 persons.

She said the intensive bombing was so brutal it surpassed Nazi war crimes and

proved that the U.S. "promise to end the war was a hoax."

Also speaking out against the American bombing of North Vietnam was American folk singer and pacifist Joan Baez, who spent almost two weeks in Hanoi before traveling to Hong Kong Saturday.

She was accompanied by Telford Taylor, a Columbia University professor who served as chief American prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes tribunal after World War II, Michael Allen, an assistant dean at Yale University Divinity School, and Barry Romo, a member of the organization Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

They went to North Vietnam Dec. 16 carrying Christmas mail for American prisoners of war.

"It's a relief to be leaving that place," Miss Baez said. "But I also have this terrible guilt for being part of this hideous happening . . . murder, slaughter and all that."

"It was horrible," Allen said. "Housing projects were destroyed, civilian centers, construction sites and hospitals, in particular the Bachmai hospital, which was bombed at least three times."

Taylor said the hospital was "blown to smithereens, blown to bits, completely destroyed," and that they had visited residential areas that also were in "complete destruction." The Pentagon has denied hitting the 1,000-bed hospital.

Four men identified as captured U.S. fliers said in a Hanoi radio broadcast today that American had hit civilian areas of Hanoi, including a hospital and a school, and that they narrowly missed a prisoner of war camp.

The Hungarian news agency MTI identified the men as Lt. Col. William Conlee, Maj. Carl Jefcot, Lt. Col. John Yuill and Lt. Paul Ganger. The agency said the men had been given a tour of the destruction in Hanoi and had expressed surprise that bombs had hit civilian installations.