

wx Post

# Limited Bombing Goes On

JAN 1 1973

JAN 1 1973

## Jets Hit Laos, Cambodia, Lower North

Post 1/1/73  
SAIGON, Dec. 31 (AP) — U.S. warplanes kept pounding enemy positions in southern North Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia on Sunday, after the suspension of the bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong.

It was understood that U.S. planes would not attack in South Vietnam during a 24-hour New Year's Day cease-fire declared by the Vietcong and the South Vietnamese government. The U.S. command refused to discuss the air operations.

The bombing of North Vietnam above the 20th Parallel was halted Saturday on orders from President Nixon. The private peace negotiations between White House aide

Henry A. Kissinger and Hanoi's Le Duc Tho are scheduled to resume Jan. 8.

Saboteurs blew up a bridge on Highway 1 south of Danang in South Vietnam before dawn Sunday. The Vietcong had declared that the shooting would not stop until midnight Saturday EST.

Holiday truces in the past have been marked by violations, with each side blaming the other for attacks. The Saigon command recorded 63 violations in the Christmas cease-fire. There were no early violations reported in the present cease-fire.

North Vietnam claimed Sunday that it scored its greatest victory in countering the U.S. aerial campaign against Hanoi and Haiphong. It said the American attacks were designed "to achieve nuclear-scale destruction without resorting to nuclear bombs." Hanoi has said that more than 2,000 civilians were killed in the bombing.

An editorial in the North Vietnamese newspaper Nhan Dan said that 81 U.S. planes, including 34 B-52 bombers, had been shot down and hundreds of crewmen captured or killed.

The U.S. command has acknowledged the loss of at least 27 aircraft, including 15 B-52s, and 93 airmen killed, captured or missing between Dec. 18 and Dec. 29. U.S. officials have also acknowledged that these are the costliest air losses sustained by the United States in the Vietnam war.