

# A Hanoi Hospital Fund

## Washington

A group of leading Americans, including former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and several high-ranking clergy, have launched a \$3 million campaign to rebuild North Vietnam's largest hospital, reportedly destroyed by U.S. bombing just before Christmas.

They are expected to announce at a news conference today that \$250,000 already has been raised toward the goal.

The object is to provide the funds necessary to rebuild Bach Mai Hospital in Hanoi, a 950-bed civilian facility that reportedly was destroyed during the recent American air raids in the North Vietnamese capital. At least 25 persons were reported killed.

Co-sponsoring the drive are the Boston-based Medical Aid for Indochina (MAI) organization and a new Bach Mai Hospital Emergency Relief Fund.

"The purpose . . . is to show to the world our outrage at the acts of our government and at the same time to give Americans the opportunity to make available to the North Vietnamese some of the medical supplies and equipment they will need to replace the hospital," MAI said in a statement yesterday.

Among the sponsors Mai listed were Clark, Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord, Episcopal Bishops Robert

Dewitt and Paul Moore Jr., playwright Arthur Miller, Georgia State Representative Julian Bond, Representative Robert Drinan (Dem.-Mass.), and Dr. Charles Mayo III.

Bach Mai — which means "white blossom" in Vietnamese — was described as a major teaching hospital and the largest medical facility in North Vietnam.

To raise money to rebuild it, Mai said, there would be benefit concerts, direct mail solicitations and "street corner and door-to-door solicitations" by thousands of volunteers all across the country.

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