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29 B-52 Missions in War Reported

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Wednesday, Jan. 10 (AP)—The United States command reported yesterday that heavy B-52 raids had been flown for a second day against Commu-

nist troop concentrations in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam near Kontum.

Sixteen missions, each presumably consisting of three planes, were said to have been directed at the area northwest of Kontum where the borders of South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia meet. These raids came in the 24 hours ended at 8 A.M. yesterday. During that period, a spokesman said, 40 fighter-bombers also struck in the area.

Kontum was one of the principal Communist targets in the early months of the North Vietnamese offensive, which began March 30. Communist troops succeeded in penetrating the city briefly in June.

Heavy raids also continued yesterday over the southern panhandle area of North Vietnam south of the 20th parallel.

The command said that 13 B-52 missions were flown there in the 24 hours ended at 8 A.M., with their targets including supply caches and supply routes 25 to 45 miles south of the port city of Thanh Hoa and 10 to 30 miles northwest of Dong Hoi. The command reported no losses.

Spokesmen said that fighter-bombers flew 128 strikes across the southern end of North Vietnam in the same period. Their targets were reported to be truck and fuel depots.

Meanwhile, the South Vietnamese command reported that one million gallons of fuel had been lost in two days—125,000 in an enemy shelling attack yesterday at the Long Binh

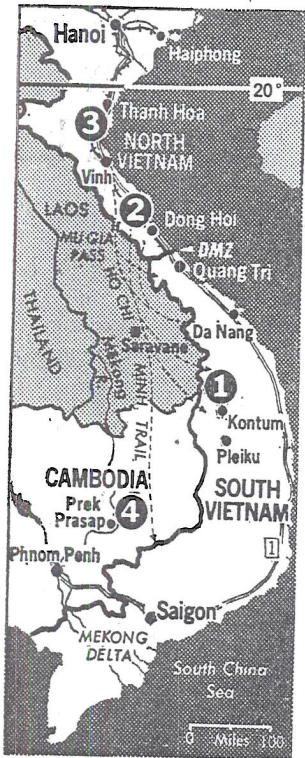
army post, 12 miles northeast of Saigon, and 875,000 the day before at Da Nang, when five United States fighter-bombers dropped their bombs by mistake on the western end of the air base there.

Cambodia Gain Reported

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia, Jan. 9 (Reuters) — Cambodian forces recaptured an important outpost today on the east bank of the Mekong River opposite Phnom Penh, a Government military commander said.

Brig. Gen. Deng Layon, commander of the military region around the capital, said that his forces had retaken the village of Prek Prasap after it had been occupied for two days by Communist-led forces.

The village, 15 miles northeast of Cambodia's capital, was overrun late Sunday and Government reinforcements have been fighting to retake it since Monday morning.



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B-52's bombed areas near Kontum (1), Dong Hoi (2) and Thanh Moa (3). Prek Prasap (4) was captured by the Cambodians.