

## Hanoi Thanks Critics Of American Raids

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The Hanoi press yesterday thanked the five Scandinavian countries for their criticism of the U.S. bombing of North Vietnam at the end of December.

A commentary in Nhan Dan, the Communist Party daily, singled out Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland.

It said the peoples and governments of the five countries gave "a brilliant example of international solidarity, and of the vigilance and determination of the peoples against American imperialism, mankind's most ferocious enemy."

Observers in Hanoi noted that the North Vietnamese so far have not voiced their gratitude in this respect to any other group of countries, not

even those with Communist governments.

In Bonn, meanwhile, West German churchmen applauded five American religious leaders touring Europe to mobilize protests against U.S. policy in Vietnam.

Dr. Harvey Cox of Harvard, leader of the group, asked 300 delegates to a state synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to "tell our President about the concern with which this war fills you."

In an incident attributed to opposition to American policy in Vietnam, vandals broke into the America House library in Frankfurt, West Germany, and set it afire.

Damage to reference books and fixtures was estimated at \$25,000.

In Lyons, France, a group of anti-Vietnam war demonstrators invaded the U.S. consulate, pulled down the Stars and Stripes, and raised a swastika flag.

Elsewhere, 88 members of the 157-member Sri Lanka (Ceylonese) National Assembly called upon the United States to sign at once the draft peace agreement with North Vietnam.

Signers of the appeal included members of the ruling three-party coalition led by Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike as well as representatives of the opposition United National and Federal Parties.