

From Jack Anderson column:

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American military advisers have urged President Thieu to mount a new offensive across the South Vietnamese border into neighboring Laos.

They have asked him to follow up the saturation bombing off the North with a strike against the Boloven Plateau in southern Laos. This is known to be a major staging area for North Vietnamese attacks.

The American advisers promised, if Thieu would launch an offensive, to support it with U.S. air power. But the South Vietnamese army was so badly battered during last year's Communist offensive that Thieu isn't prepared to send it back into action.

Although most losses have been replaced and the army is back to full strength, the discipline, training and morale of the troops are still lagging. Not only are the replacements green, but the cease-fire negotiations have made all troops cautious. They don't want to be the last to die before a cease-fire is declared.

Meanwhile, the Saigon government is drafting men at the rate of about 18,000 a month, but deserters are leaving the army in almost equal numbers.

POLICE BRUTALITY — Over the past year, the FBI has reported nearly 2,900 cases to the... for pro...

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B-52 LOSSES — We recently reported that the Pentagon had not announced the total number of B-52s lost during the massive bombing of North Vietnam. The information was given to us by a reliable source who had access to the tightly restricted strike reports. What he told us was accurate at the time. But by the time our story reached print, all but one of the 16 B-52 losses had been announced. The last loss was announced shortly thereafter. Not released, however, was the news that half-a-dozen additional big bombers were so badly damaged

they can't fly and some can't be repaired.

TWO PER CENT LOANS — The White House decided 26 years of two per cent under the R... Admin...