

Heavy Raids Go On in South Vietnam

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Friday, Jan. 19 (AP) — Heavy United States air raids were flown throughout South Vietnam for a second day yesterday in support of South Vietnamese troops engaged in the increasing ground fighting.

The United States command reported 30 B-52 missions — each presumably consisting of three planes — and 335 strikes by fighter-bombers in the 24 hours ended at 8 A.M. Most of the B-52's were said to have struck at targets in the northernmost province of Quang Tri.

Heavy fighting was reported there north and south of Quang Tri city.

Fighting was also reported in the Central Highlands northwest of Kontum city, and in the Saigon area hundreds of South Vietnamese infantrymen supported by tanks moved through the so-called Iron Triangle and Ho Bo and Boi Loi regions northwest of the city in an ef-

fort to flush out enemy troops from these traditional Communist strongholds.

The ground clashes appeared to result from a desire on both the allied and Communist sides to stake claim to as much territory as possible before any cease-fire.

Those areas and the region to the north in the old Michelin rubber plantation have been bombed heavily in the last few days by B-52's. The region northwest of Saigon is a traditional staging area for North Vietnamese troops who cross into South Vietnam from neighboring Cambodia.

Air action over North Vietnam has been halted.

Heaviest Clashes to North

The heaviest fight was on the northernmost point, where, the Saigon command said, 77 North Vietnamese soldiers were killed and 49 weapons captured. South Vietnamese losses were put at 10 killed and 51 wounded.

A South Vietnamese reconnaissance unit engaged enemy troops 12 miles northwest of Kontum city on Wednesday, the Saigon command said.

The United States command reported that three Air Force F-4 Phantom jets accidentally dropped three 500-pound bombs near a South Vietnamese unit

operating in the Hiep Duc Valley below Da Nang on Wednesday. One soldier was killed and four were wounded, the command said.

The command added that the bombing, the third accidental one in which South Vietnamese suffered casualties in the Da Nang region in the last 10 days, was under investigation.

The Vietcong, in a broadcast monitored here, protested the continued United States bombing in South Vietnam.

In the North, the Hanoi radio asserted that a United States reconnaissance plane was shot down Wednesday just above the demilitarized zone in North Vietnam's Quang Binh province.

Convoy Gets to Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia, Jan. 18 (AP) — Seventeen cargo boats arrived in Phnom Penh harbor today, the first Mekong River convoy from Saigon since heavy fighting broke out on the eastern bank last week.

Government sources said that seven general cargo carriers and 10 petroleum tankers brought in foods, ammunition and one and a half million gallons of fuel.

The convoy reportedly drew rifle fire, but was undamaged.