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U.S. Pilots Batter North With 175

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SAIGON—U.S. pilots launched 175 missions against North Vietnam Monday, the highest number since Aug. 20, with Navy pilots aiming at two highway bridges within the city limits of Haiphong.

Communist MIG interceptors

shot down their second U.S. warplane in three days during the raids, downing an Air Force F105 Thunderchief northwest of Hanoi.

The U.S. command said an AF4 Phantom was also lost over the north. Both pilots were rescued. The F105 pilot is missing.

Communist MIGs and anti-aircraft fire have downed nine U.S. planes in three days, and 13 since the 16th of the month. The U.S. command now lists 751 U.S. aircraft lost over North Vietnam.

U.S. Navy planes swarmed

over Haiphong to bomb the Bi airfield four miles south of the city and to hit the bridges a mile from the city.

In the strike on the airfield the pilots reported seeing bombs exploding in maintenance

Cambodia Denies 2nd VC Camp

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—The Cambodian government issued a statement Tuesday labeling as "grotesque accusations which defy good sense" a published report of a Viet Cong complex in Cambodia.

It denied a story printed Oct. 29 in the New York Daily News quoting authoritative sources in Saigon as telling of a "vast new military complex" being developed by Communist forces just inside Cambodia.

The News' correspondent, Joseph Fried, said American authorities believed it was developed as a staging area for attacks in Vietnam.

The government's statement made no reference to later stories from U.S. correspondents reporting the discovery inside Cambodia of a carefully camouflaged Viet Cong camp occupied until recently. Prince Norodom Sihanouk reportedly views those dispatches from Phnom Penh Sunday and Monday as lies.

"There obviously is no FNL (Viet Cong) or North Vietnamese base on Cambodian territory but American propaganda is less careful of the truth than it is of justifying the failure of the American invasion forces in South Vietnam," the Tuesday statement said.

Paper Defends Base Reports

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Daily News cable editor Hugh Schuck Tuesday defended a story filed last month by a news correspondent which quoted authoritative sources in Saigon as saying Communist forces are developing "a vast new military complex" inside Cambodia.



In the Thick of Dak To Fighting

A platoon sergeant and a radio operator of the 173rd Airborne Brigade peer into thick bamboo jungle from atop a hill in the midst of a firefight near Dak To in the central highlands. (AP)

ROK Troops Ambush Reds

SAIGON (AP)—South Korean troops on ambush patrol early Tuesday in the coastal lowlands about 200 miles northeast of Saigon killed 15 North Vietnamese soldiers. Korean spokesmen

Loc Spares 4th Terrorist

SAIGON (AP)—Premier Nguyen Van Loc has suspended the death sentence of a fourth convicted Viet Cong terrorist, the official Vietnam press said Tuesday.

Loc, the newly appointed premier, had canceled the execution by firing squad of three terrorists.

Vietnam

WASHINGTON (S&S)—The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam.

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
Sgt. John W. Hill III, Valentine, Ariz.
Pfc. Gregory J. Dellamanaglia, Stockton, Calif.
Capt. James E. ...