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# NIXON WARNS AGAIN ON VN BOMBING

WASHINGTON, Tues — President Nixon warned North Vietnam last night that bombing raids would be resumed if troop infiltration increased or if Hanoi hindered reconnaissance missions watching movements in the North.

Speaking in a nationwide radio and television interview

the President said that although he had hoped to see the Vietnam war end during his first two years in office the US was now on the way out of Vietnam "in a way which will bring an honourable peace."

He said that he was convinced that "the South Vietnamese will be able to hold

their own and defend themselves" in the event of a communist attack after the withdrawal of American forces in 1972.

The President's satisfaction with his course in Vietnam was evident when he said that most American combat forces would be brought home by next May.

But in carefully measured words, he declared that the bombings would be conducted against "only those military targets and only if necessary."

Mr Nixon stated that he was prepared to take part in a summit meeting if he thought it would so speed up negotiations on strategic arms limitation or the Middle East, but he added that if this was not the case such a meeting would serve only to give a sense of false security.

US Secretary of Defence Melvin Laird said today on leaving for South Vietnam that more US troop withdrawals would be announced by May 1.

May 1 is the date set by President Nixon — under the current schedule — for reducing American strength in South Vietnam to 284,000. There are now 335,000 US troops in the war zone. — AP