War news from Cambodia - at the scheduled

mid point of allied operations in that country. The war to that the the tonight an apparent stiffening of enemy, rasid resistance with community reinforcements have invaded the Provincial Capital of Prey Veng, there clashing with Cambodian and South Vietnamese defenders - in what is called "savage street fighting." At last report - the outcome still in doubt. Meanwhile, Viet Cong frogmen, blowing up a key bridge - severing strategic highway one between Saigon and Phon Penh.

Saigon sources quoted as saying today they hope to "Cambodianize "the fighting in Cambodia; even as their own American allies - are now "Vietnamizing" the fighting in Vietnam.

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Here at home - at the California White House President Nixon conferred today with top foreign and
domestic advisers. Discussing reports—to—the—nation
he is expected to make shortly -- dealing with, one,
the war in Southeast Asia and, two, the state of the
U S economy.

Coincidentally, the New York Stock Market
was chalking up - a third straight day of startling
recovery; with the Dow Jones Industrials - jumping
another sixteen points. A reporter calling the New
York Stock Exchange to check an quotations - ap hearing
in the background a voice singing: "Happy days are
here again."

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At the Vatican - Rome - Pope Paul today celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a Priest. The Pontiff also taking this occasion - to so announce plans for his longest trip yet; a visit to the Far East - the first by any Popeo - some time in November.

The Papal journey to begin with a flight to

Manila - where the Pontiff will confer with Catholic

bishops from sixteen Asian nations - including both

North and South Vietnam. Then, on to

North and South Vietnam. Sydney, there

to meet with additional Bishops - from Australia,

New Zealand, the Solomon Islands and the Along the

way the Pontiff is expected to take part in ceremonies 
marking the two hundredth anniversary of the discovery

discovery of Australia.

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Paris - a bomb was exploded today - at the tomb of the former French Communist leader Maurice Thore. Police blaming extreme left wingers - on the strength of Maoist slogans that were also painted on the tomb; slogans attacking both the Soviet Union and Sov.et Foreign me Minister Andrei Gromyko - who is scheduled to visit Paris next week.

Elsewhere in the French capital - the worst student violence in two years was apparently ended today - following the arrest of four hundred and fifty demonstrators; some of whom are facing possible charges - dealing with subversive activities; in which case they would end up in a state security court - instead of a mere police court. Speaking 201

Speaking of student demonstrations - West Berlin has seen more than its share - including one we hear about today - an anti-Vietnam demonstration in the midst of the city's annual Allied Forces Day parade. While a U S marching band played the Stars were and Stripes Forever, student loud speakers, blaring the Communist "International". City officials forewarned turning out five thousand police; to all - roughly the same number the entire allied garrison; all of which was duly noted the next day - in the German press.

West Berlin's Die Welt, for one, observing that "five thousand police protected five thousand allied soldiers - who are in turn, protecting two point three million West Berliners." However, the Daily Tegesspiegel -- expressing perhaps the more prevalent view; asserting that anti-Americanism - "in West Berlin - is a luxury we cannot afford". The newspaper further telling students

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"demonstrate against the Americans in New York or Rome or Stockholm - if you must - but not here."

Latest from Thor Heyerdahl's Ra - Two somewhere in the South Atlantic - a report today of continuing progress - "slow but steady". This according to navigator Norman Baker - as relayed to ham radio operators in Clear Water, Florida. Baker saying the papyrus craft - has tast cleared Cape Juby off the African coast now heading into the open ocean. So farther having covered more than six hundred miles since leaving Safi, Morocco, nearly two weeks ago. Baker concluding: "The situation looks far brighter than the comparable point an last year's expedition. "-So The Navigator of the Ra-Two! - displaying

old "Rak-sah spirit.

A discussion of brain transplants - pro and

con - published today in a Moscow newspaper. Dr.

Axx A. E. Arutynov of Russia's Burdenko Neurosurgery

Institute - asserting that such an operation may be

technically feasible - in theory - at least; but still to be

solved - said he - are the greater moral problems involved.

And then - driving home the point - Dr.

Arutynov asking himself the question: "What if a man of genius was fatally ill and a healthy man offered his body as a recipient for the patient's brain - would I perform the operation?" And his answer to that:

"No, it would be murder." The doctor adding: "One brain may be better than another - but it is immoral to talk about the comparative value of the two."

In his we own way, Dr. Arutynov thus confirming

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Coincidentally with the start of the three day Memorial Day weekend - mikiw millions of American motorists will were rolling out onto the nation's daigj unass. highways. Heading for fun and frolic - taking advantage of the first long weekend of the warm weather season. Millions of American motorists - including an estimated four hundred and fifty who will probably pay for it with their lives. That's the figure put forward by the National safety Council - based on past performance. However, Council President Howard Pyle emphasizing - it doesn't have to be. Adding: "If more motorists would heed the traffic safety advice offered - there would be fewer kust traffic deaths and injuries to report at the end of the weekend."

The message in short: "Drive safely this holiday weekend."