

Wednesday, April 16, 1975

PHNOM PENH

In Cambodia - the Phnom Penh government today appealed for a cease-fire - to permit a transfer of power.

This in messages addressed to the attacking Khmer Rouge rebels - and exiled Prince Sihanouk in Peking; in effect - we are told - "an offer of surrender."

Sihanouk says no. Final terms remain to be negotiated.

PRESIDENT

President Ford has offered to assist in the negotiations.

He also has ordered the evacuation of "all non-essential American personnel" from South Vietnam. As he put it: We are now "in the last minute of the last quarter of the game." The administration later today rejected the two hundred million dollar Senate offer in evacuation aid for South Vietnam.

Said President Ford: "The tragic situation would not have occurred" if Washington had backed Saigon the way Moscow and Peking backed Hanoi. The U.S. has simply failed to honor its commitments said he." Then he went on - "It makes me sick - every time I hear or read about it."

KREMLIN

~~The Kremlin~~ former Soviet Secret Police

Chief Alexander Shelepin -- was officially ousted today from the ruling Soviet Politburo. Shelepin's downfall an apparent victory for Soviet leader ~~Leont~~ Brezhnev - with ~~whom~~ whom he had ^{feuded} ~~feuded~~ for years.

At the same time the Politburo again endorses ~~ing~~ Brezhnev's policy -- of detente with the West; also, saying "political detente must be supplented - by ~~the~~ detente in the military field."

BEIRUT

Cease fire in Lebanon. Warring Palestinian guerrillas and right wing Phalangist militiamen - were bowing today to an appeal from Lebanese Premier Rashid Solh; agreeing to lay down their arms - after four days of fighting through the streets of Beirut. Solh also ordering Lebanese security forces to "hit with an iron fist" - anyone who violates the agreement.

TAIPEI

More than two million ~~px~~ mourners paid their
final respects today to Chiang Kai-Shek -- as his
body was borne to a crypt near Taipei. ~~As may be seen~~
~~As you know~~
~~know~~ Chiang ^{had wanted} ~~specified that he not~~ to be buried ~~except~~
in his native China. ~~In death Chiang's~~ ^{the} ~~body~~ ^{was} ~~covered~~
~~with a white blanket - a symbol of respect in the~~
~~orient~~ ^{Also} ~~placed~~ in his glass top coffin ^{with him} were
his four favorite books: A Saint James ~~bx~~ version of the
Bible, - Sun Yat Sen's Three Principles of the People,
a volume of Tang Dynasty ~~poems~~ poems, and a religious
work, ~~is~~ entitled "Streams in the desert."

GOLDWATER FOLLOW TAIPEI

Senator Goldwater of Arizona, - a member of the U S delegation to ^{the} ~~Chiang's~~ funeral; ~~and later on he~~ ^{at} ~~called~~ a news conference ~~to~~ assure ^d the Nationalist Chinese of continued U S support.

The questioning - then turning to Southeast Asia. Goldwater blaming the ^Present debacle - on what he called the "no win" policies of J F K and L B J. Adding: "We had the power - but no will to use it."

CONCORD

The full U S Senate was the target of a suit
~~ordered~~^{started} today - by governor Thomson of New Hampshire
and his Republican executive council. The Senate ~~is~~
accused of violating New Hampshire's constitutional
rights; - ~~to do representation: This~~ by failing ~~as yet~~
to certify a winner - in the disputed Senatorial race
between Republican Louis Wyman and Democrat John
Durkin.

LAWRENCEVILLE - *Ill.*

In elections held yesterday at Lawrenceville, Illinois Alderman Harry Geer was defeated for re-election. ~~As a result~~ ^{In} an ad today in the local paper ^{said ex-} Alderman Geer ~~saying~~: "Thanks to all who voted for me in the city election." ^{Then} Adding: "My wife thanks all who voted for my opponent - or stayed home."

now this -

BOULDER

At Boulder, Colorado four couples of the same sex have recently obtained marriage licenses - apparently legal under state law. Now an attempt by a sixty-six year old cowboy - to get a license so he ~~he~~ can marry his horse. The would-be groom one Ros Howard, saying - "if a boy can marry a boy, and a girl can marry a girl - why can't an old cowboy marry his favorite mare?" As it turned out though - there were plenty of reasons why not. For example - the horse, Dolly, had not ~~been~~ been given a blood test - and what with being only eight years old, she also needed parental consent. But all her parents can say, it seems - is "neigh."

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Chico

First, a salute to CBS radio station K H S L -
Chico, California. Today celebrating its fortieth
anniversary on the air and now the news..

CONNOLLY

Acquittal in Washington. Former Texas Governor John Connolly today declared not guilty of accepting a bribe in connection with the so-called "milk fund." The jury's verdict following five and a half hours of deliberation. Connolly later saying: "They have decided - I'm obviously ~~happy~~ happy with that ~~decision~~ decision: they made us worry about it for some time here today - but I'm happy about it." And so - he's ~~vindicated~~ vindicated at last.