

PHNOM PENH

Elsewhere in the news - a report of two enemy
the Viet Cong
attacks today in Cambodia; reaching points - only four
and eight miles, respectively, from Phnom Penh. This
marking the closest the Communists have yet come to
the Cambodian
~~striking the~~ capital, ~~itself~~. Another report telling of
U S tactical air strikes - again - in support of Cambodian
forces. This, ~~we are told~~ in ~~the~~ battle for the city of
Skoun, which has been going on all week. A Cambodian
battalion commander quoted as saying: "If there is no
American ~~air~~ ^{air} support - we cannot capture the city."

SENATE FOLLOW PHNOM PENH

Here at home ~~more on the same~~ Senate Majority
Leader Mike Mansfield ^{was} accusing the administration of using
"tortured" reasoning - in justifying its air support of
Cambodian troops. ~~Mansfield observing~~ ^{said he:-} "They're going
a helluva long way from the Ho Chi Minh Trail." Senate
Minority leader Hugh Scott - ^{disagreeing with him,} ~~disagreeing though,~~ Noting
that the President had clearly indicated - "he would do
what was necessary to protect American troops."

PARIS FOLLOW SENATE

~~On the brighter side - a report today from~~

~~Paris, to the effect that~~ *In Paris* our new Peace Envoy,
Ambassador David Bruce *seems to have* ~~has brought~~ with him some
new flexible peace proposals ~~proposals~~ that, hopefully,
could break the present deadlock.

Diplomatic sources adding, however, the
new American peace offensive must wait - at least
till Hanoi sends its ranking delegates back to Paris.
And even then ~~we are told~~ the enemy must indicate
that it, too, is willing to give something in return.

SAN RAFAEL

San Rafael, California - an escape ^{attempt} today

~~during a court hearing~~ ^{a number of} involving ~~the~~ prisoners from
~~nearby~~ San Quentin prison. ^{It involved} ~~leading to~~ a gun battle -

that left at least four dead. The victims including

Judge Harold Haley, ~~also~~, a woman juror - ~~another~~ ^{also}

two ~~of~~ of the gunmen who were holding them as hostages. The prisoners were attending a court hearing.

MONTEVIDEO

At Montevideo, ~~in~~ Uruguay - ~~the~~ terrorists
~~at the~~ again. Tupamaros leftists posing as government
security police ^{today} kidnapping ~~today~~ an American agricultural
expert; a man identified as Claude Fly - age sixty-five -
of Fort Collins, Colorado. The terrorists gaining access
to Fly's laboratory we are told - by pretending they had
been assigned to "protect him."

This coming only hours before a ransom deadline
the Tupamaros ^{have} had set - for two earlier kidnap victims,
American aid official Dan Mitrione also Brazilian Consul
Aloysio Dias Gomide. At last report ~~though~~ - the
government of Uruguay ^{was} still refusing to give into the
terrorists.

I wonder if the Arabian Nights, the stories sometimes referred to as "The Thousand and One Nights" affected you when you were young, as they did me? In later years I've spent a great deal of time in the lands we associate with the Arabian Nights. These include the sheikhdoms in southwestern Arabia near Aden, the Hadramaut and the south Arabian coast on around to the Persian Gulf, the Trucial Coast, Saudi Arabia, and so on. Also, most of the lands of the Near and Middle East; Mesopotamia, now Iraq, and Persia.

Recently I once again flew right into the middle of the Arabian Nights, this time to the part of Central Asia controlled by the Kremlin. They call it Russia in Asia. We used to call it Turkestan. In flying into this fabulous part of Central Asia west of China, northwest of Tibet, and north of Afghanistan and Iran, we were flying with the lofty Tien Shan Mountains on our left, and the

equally lofty high Pamirs to the south of us.

This is a section of Asia where thousands of years ago Man built cities on the oases you find here and there in the vast Central Asian Desert, the Muyun-Kum Desert, the Desert of Kyzylkum; and the Karakumy Desert. But just ahead as you fly south from Tomsk or Omsk, or NovoSibirsk, you are fascinated to see on your map that you are nearing not only the great modern city of Tashkent but also the Arabian Nights cities of Fergana, Kokand, Samarkand and Bukhara, with the museum city of Khiva on an oasis some distance to your right, just below the Arol Sea.

On this recent Siberian trip my companions all wanted to go to the fabled city of Samarkand once known as the capital of the world. Having been there, I talked the Russians into letting me go alone, to Bukhara for so many centuries was a great seat of learning, in

Central Asia, a walled city I hoped the Russians had not spoiled.

So ~~tomorrow~~ ^{Munday} evening, I hope you will come along with me to Bukhara and bring everybody.

KODIAK

Here's one with a bit of Siberia
in it. - ~~At~~ Kodiak, Alaska they're observing today
a rare religious event. The Russian Orthodox church
canonizing its first Saint in more than a century; a
Russian Monk who ^{arriving in Alaska from Siberia} first brought the Church to
Alaska - back in Seventeen Ninety Four.

The fabled "Father Herman" assigned to
missionary work among the Alaskan natives - ^{the} Aleuts,
Eskimos and Indians & when they were still Russian
subjects. ~~Fighting a series of bitter battles~~ ^{Father Herman fought bitterly} with the
Russian fur traders ^{from Siberia} who then held the Alaskans in
virtual slavery. He also founded a gardening center -
later acclaimed as "Alaska's first Agricultural
experimental station." Along the way - establishing
Alaska's first orphanage. When he died in Eighteen
Thirty Seven at age eighty - Father Herman ^{was} known far
and wide as "Apa"; which means in Slavic "beloved
grandfather." ~~Becoming~~ Now - Saint Herman of Alaska.