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SAN CLEMENTE

From California - San Clemente - today comes President Nixon's final report on U S operations in Cambodia; a declaration of unqualified success - coupled with a call for peace now.

The President saying U S achievements in Cambodia - have all but assured full completion of the American withdrawal time table, as scheduled. He further declared the U.S. intends to increase its military assistance to the non-Communist countries of Southeast Asia - at least in terms of money and equipment. At the same time, urging Hanoi to seize this moment to achieve an honorable peace - or else face a struggle that could go on years more, U.S. withdrawal or no.

The President going on to say: "There is nothing to be gained in waiting - there is no military solution - sooner or later peace must come." And he added: "We would hope that Hanoi ponders seriously its choice - considering both

the promise of an honorable peace and the cost of continued war."

PHNOM PENH

Underscoring the President's statement - another huge shipment of arms to Cambodia. With a steady ~~and~~ flow of guns and ammunition - arriving today at Phnom Penh by truck and plane. These intended to help take up the slack left by the departure of U S forces.

Elsewhere in Cambodia - South Vietnamese troops opening up today a new air strip. This at Neak Luong - a major ferry crossing on the Mekong River some thirty miles southeast of ~~the~~ Phnom Penh. A combined force of Cambodians and South Vietnamese also turning back today - an enemy attack on the ammunition depot at Lonbet, some twenty miles northwest of ~~the~~ Phnom Penh.

SENATE FOLLOW PHNOM PENH

Meanwhile, the U S ~~the~~ Senate was completing action today - on that disputed Cooper-Church Amendment. The measure finally passing - by a vote of fifty-eight to thirty-seven. With its main ~~the~~ purpose - to cut off funds for any future U S action in Cambodia.

This supposedly marking an historic test of wills - between the President and the Congress.

Observers are noting, however, the Cooper-Church Amendment has been loaded down with so many amendments of its own - that its final wording is now, at best, ambiguous. And its fate in the House, anyway, we are told - ~~is~~ almost certain death.

BANGKOK

And now this

~~from Bangkok.~~ *A* from Bangkok. Thailand's

Deputy Prime Minister - Prapass Charus'athiará' - sharply
criticizing the American ~~troop~~ troop withdrawal from

Cambodia. Asserting that U S air power alone - ~~no~~ cannot

~~defeat~~ *forces there* defeat the Communists ~~in Cambodia~~. Prapass adding

that the U S - "if it is aware of its ~~press~~ prestige and

responsibility - should not let this worn torn nation face

its own fate. "

CAPITOL HILL

On Capitol Hill for the first time in ten years, Congress overrides a Presidential veto.

The Senate today completing final approval - of that controversial two-point-seven billion dollar hospital construction bill. A measure that becomes law - the President's disapproval not with standing.

ALASKA TO KHABAROVSK

Now off to Siberia for a moment. ^{and} We are still puzzled as to why the Japanese intercepted us and made us detour to Japan. The schedule had been to fly non-stop ^{for 4,100 miles.} from Anchorage, Alaska all the way down the ~~length of the~~ Aleutian chain, past the Kurile Islands, ^{and} ~~what have been~~ ~~held by Russia ever since World War Two, and then past~~ the northeast corner of the great island of Hokkaido, ^{and} ~~over~~ Soya Strait, then across ^{the northern part} the far north ^{of} the Sea of Japan and ^{and} ~~after that almost~~ due west to Khabarovsk. But, suddenly, for no apparent reason the Japanese intercepted us and made us take a one thousand five hundred mile detour. -- They insisted we land at Tokyo.

~~When we came down, the only~~ ^{Their} explanation, ~~is they~~ ~~had was~~ that the Russian airfield at Khabarovsk was closed. This was a fine how-do you do for an inaugural flight.

Charles Willis, Chairman of the Board of Alaska airlines — ~~and~~ an exceedingly persuasive man, ^{argued} with the Japanese

and got nowhere. Then he discovered there was a Russian plane on the field. ^{And} we had two Russian airmen in the cockpit with us. Willis, although he couldn't speak Russian, talked the Russians into communicating with their Khabarovsk people. ^{they reported,} ~~The word was~~ "Air strip okay," come on in. So, our crew ~~and took off~~ ^{and took off.} simply ~~took off~~ and said so long to the Japanese. When we got to Khabarovsk we found the airfield ~~there~~ hadn't been ~~closed~~ ^{closed} ~~out of commission~~ at all.

So why did the Japanese hold us up? No one knows.

~~we~~ perhaps ^{we} never ~~will~~ will. It was ^a Sunday, and the ^{top} ~~officials at Tokyo~~ ^{officials at Tokyo} ~~at the airport~~ ^{maybe were} ~~at Tokyo were~~ off playing golf, ~~or something.~~ So maybe it was ~~just a~~ ^a case of junior people getting excited when they heard ^{about} an American plane ~~winging its way~~ ^{winging its way} ~~over its way~~ ^{over} through the air ~~over~~ their north island of Hokkaido.

All this was tough on ^{all} the Russians ~~waiting~~ waiting at Khabarovsk to welcome us ^{where they} ~~so~~ ^{so} waited patiently all day, ~~and~~ not knowing what had happened.

When we arrived they were most cordial, and did their best to make up for the long delay and the long detour we had had to make, flying some five thousand six hundred miles just to get from Alaska to Siberia, two parts of the world that are almost within shouting distance of ~~each~~ each other across Bering Sea. The Russians didn't let us go right across to Siberia ~~and do it~~ ~~so~~ ~~easy~~, explaining ^{how all that} ~~there~~ ~~the~~ coast and the Peninsula of Kamchatka is all an important military ~~and~~ strategic area, rocket sites, ^{and so on,} ~~military air bases and all that.~~

Tomorrow ~~if the news isn't too heavy I'll give~~ ~~you~~ a glimpse of the important far east Siberian city of Khabarovsk.

INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Indiana - another milestone today in the ecumenical movement; with two theological seminaries - one Protestant, the other Catholic - announcing plans to have a common campus. The new plan is sanctioned by a recent Papal decree urging Catholic students and teachers to work, study and pray with their Protestant colleagues whenever possible - especially in seminaries and universities.

NEW YORK

This next - from New York City; the story
of a bank robber wearing a mini-skirt - pretty too.
Police reporting the comely young bandit entered a
Park Avenue bank today - and there passed a note to
a lady teller. The note saying: "Stay calm and give
me your money." The teller ^{did.} ~~complying~~ - ~~we are told~~ -
~~on both counts.~~ When last seen, the mini-bandit "legging"
it up the avenue richer by eight thousand five hundred
bucks. Warren ^{What} would you call that, a ~~mini~~ mini-haul?
Midi? ^{or} Maxi?

LIMA

First Lady Pat Nixon's visit to Peru - ended today with an emotion packed visit to a childrens hospital in Lima. Mrs. Nixon talking with victims of the recent earthquake - and with tears in her eyes as she pinned a rose on a small injured boy.

U. S. Ambassador Taylor Belcher later praising The First Lady - for her great "warmth" and understanding. All of which may lead to improved relations between the U. S. and Peru.