

U.S. Officials Predict Troubles For Cambodia

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The United States today wrote "finis" to an eight-year effort to bolster Cambodia's neutralist government with military and economic help. It had no other choice.

State Department officials said a note was en route to Prince Norodom Sihanouk bowing to his demand for termination of the \$28 million-a-year aid program and withdrawal of American military and economic missions.

More in sorrow than in anger U.S. officials predicted dire difficulties ahead for the 41-year-old prince who has sought to walk a tightrope between the Communists and the West.

They expressed fear that leftist pressure, added to "unfounded" suspicions of the United States, was pushing the strategic Southeast Asian country into the Communist orbit.

The American note, officials said, rejected Sihanouk's allegations that the United States was supporting a "free Cambodia" rebels plotting his overthrow. But it agreed to his request for an end of programs which since 1955 have given Cambodia \$365 million in U.S. aid, including \$93 million in military assistance.

Authorities here viewed Sihanouk's actions with grave concern for Cambodia would be a rich prize for Communist China in its drive to gain the resources of Southeast Asia. Red domination of Cambodia would drive a wedge between pro-Western Thailand and South Viet Nam and flank what is left of anti-Communist Laos.

Sihanouk must find some source of aid to fill the vacuum left by the end of American assistance, which has provided 40 per cent of the pay of his armed forces, virtually all their military equipment, and contributed substantially to the nation's economy.

Obvious and presumably eager candidates to take off the slack are Russia and Red China both of which have been wooing Sihanouk with considerable aid programs.

Russia Supplies Arms

Russia earlier this year supplied arms for the first time—anti-aircraft guns and other equipment. The Kremlin also has offered to build a \$40 million hydroelectric dam and a technical institute.

Chinese Communist assistance has been even greater. Peking has supplied Cambodia with textile, cement, metal working and other plants. Even the East European satellites—Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary—have contributed some aid.



ONE PLUS ONE EQUALS ONE — Army S.I.C. A. J. Elrod, instructor at the Richmond Academy at Augusta, Ga., gazes in dismay at unusual morning roll call lineup. Cadets William Moretz, 100 pounds and 5-foot-2; and Robert Dressell (right), same size and weight, just manage to fill trousers belonging to 6-foot-2, 300-pound cadet Edwin Johnson Jr. —UPI Telephoto

Blizzard Traps 20

NATAL, B.C. (UPI)—A lashing blizzard has trapped about 20 hunters in a valley near here.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Nelson, 125 miles away, said they hoped the men had been able to make their way to rangers' cabins in the area.

The blizzard which struck without warning Wednesday left drifts of snow six feet deep.

The roads are impassable and no rescue party will be able to get to the stranded men for some time.

A bulldozer rescued a number of hunters who were huddled in the snow.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police said a man would be able to walk in the snow for only a short time before he became exhausted.

Look For Pilot

SPOKANE (UPI)—Search efforts continued today for some trace of 1st Lt. Robert Boucher, 25, Spokane, whose F88J jet fighter crashed in North-central Washington near the Canadian border one week ago.

About 40 men took part in a ground search Wednesday and 40 planes were involved in an aerial search. An Air Force investigation team reported it found no evidence that Boucher went down with his plane.

Catholic Commissions To Be Enlarged Giving Liberal Wing Additional Power

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—Pope Paul VI intervened today to expedite the work of the Ecumenical Council by adding new members to the key commissions which process documents for council action.

The Pope's move was announced at today's session by Archbishop Ferlic Felici, secretary general of the council. He said the Pope acted in response to "requests from many council fathers" and to make the council commissions "work more efficiently."

Felici said that by papal order all council commissions will be expanded to 30 members. At present most of them have 25. Of the five new members of each commission, one will be chosen by the Pope personally and the other four will be elected by the council fathers.

National conferences of bishops were invited to submit nominations for the new commission posts, with balloting scheduled for next Thursday.

High council sources said the net effect of the reshuffle will be to give the liberal wing much stronger representation in the commissions.

The liberals now command more than a two-thirds majority in the council on floor votes, but they have hitherto felt that many of their desires were being frustrated or sidetracked by some of the commissions, particularly the theological commission headed by Alfredo Cardinal Ottaviani, leader of the conservative bloc.

The reshuffle of commissions was described by a council press spokesman as "a compromise" solution. Many of the liberal fathers had wanted to oust Ottaviani and other Curia conservatives from commission chairmanships, and elect brand-new commissions.

While he would not go that far, Pope Paul did authorize the expanded commissions to elect new vice presidents and secretaries. The chairmen will remain as before.

Earlier, the council voted to allow the full substitution of modern languages for Latin in Catholic baptisms, weddings and other sacraments.

The council also approved the first three chapters of a document outlining a path for Catholic unity as a basis for further discussion. The council did not consider an additional chapter which condemns anti-Semitism and advocates unequivocal religious freedom.

The approval of full use of modern vernacular languages instead of Latin in the sacraments was a significant extension of a liturgical reform already approved in principle. Today's vote was the farthest the church has ever gone in allowing the replacement of Latin in important church rites.

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