

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

ROCKEFELLER LOSES CAMBODIA TO KHMER ROUGE

MCCLOSKEY AND BARTLETT "PRISONERS" OF U.S. EMBASSY IN SAIGON

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- The Baltimore Sun reported today that representatives Paul McCloskey (R-Cal) and Senator Dewey Bartlett (R-Okla.) have had their activities closely monitored and directed by the U.S. Embassy in Saigon since their arrival in Vietnam yesterday, indicating that the Congressmen's avowals of conducting an independent tour may fall short of their expectations.

HOUSE "FACT-FINDING" GROUP LEAVES FOR VIETNAM

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- After a series of fits and starts a hastily formed House "fact-finding" group is scheduled to leave Washington for Saigon, South Vietnam, this morning.

CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT SINKS FURTHER, CATHOLIC RELIEF AGENCY EVACUATES NEAK LUONG

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- The puppet Lon Nol government of Cambodia suffered several key military and political setbacks yesterday which led an American Embassy spokesman to comment, "I haven't heard any good news for so long that if somebody brings me some, I'll probably go into shock." Heavy shelling by Khmer Rouge forces of the strategic river town of Neak Luong has forced the evacuation from the city of the Catholic Relief Services team. Reports in the New York Times today quoted American spokesmen as saying that plans were being drawn up by the Embassy to get food into the town, possibly by parachute dropped from American planes.

NEW YORK TIMES DENIES PARIS PEACE ACCORDS ARE BASIS FOR CAMBODIAN SETTLEMENT

Feb. 26. (IPS)--An editorial in today's New York Times supports the continuing of the war in Southeast Asia under a thin anti-war cover. The Times says, "If a relatively small amount of money was all that stood in the way of negotiated peace or the survival of non-communist Cambodia, then no one would begrudge the request."

CAMBODIA: KHMER ROUGE CAPTURE TOWN

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major speech Feb. 27 in Madras in which she accused high-ranking members of her own Congress Party of plotting to overthrow her and join with J.P. Narayan, CIA agent and (Mahatma) Gandhist demagogue.

According to the Yugoslav daily Politika (yesterday), Gandhi identified the opposing Congress faction as critical of her foreign policy and her increasingly close ties to the Soviet Union, commenting that the faction has "no alternative economic and foreign policy.

NEW YORK TIMES SELLS SIHANOUK FOR CIA

March 2 (IPS)-- Admitting that Phnom Penh is about to fall to the communist United National Front of Cambodia, the New York Times openly pushed a most recent CIA line -- that Norodom Sihanouk, now in exile in China, is the only legitimate successor to the Lon Nol government.

ESCALATION IN MIDEAST

FRANCE: \$9 BILLION ARMS DEAL WITH SAUDIS UNDERWAY?

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- According to the Feb. 24 French weekly Le Point Saudi Arabia is currently negotiating a 37 billion franc (\$9 billion at present rates) arms deal with France.

WEST GERMAN ARMS SUPPLIES TO GREECE AND TURKEY TO TAKE PLACE "IN THE CONTEXT OF NATO."

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- Die Welt reports today that Greek presidium Minister Rallsi is in Bonn, West Germany, talking with foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher about West German supplies of arms to Turkey and Greece.

PRAVDA REPORTS ON ANTI-EAST-WEST TRADE HYSTERIA IN THE WEST

Feb. 25 (IPS)-- The Soviet daily Pravda Feb. 23 reported on the hysterical reaction of bourgeois newspapers to the proposal in the Finnish social-democratic newspaper Demari for a northern Europe Economic consolidation with the Soviet Union. Pravda's Helsinki correspondent, Y. Kuznetsov, commented that the wild criticism of the Demari proposal stems from the cold war policy of trying to force Scandinavia, and especially Finland, to break economic ties with the Soviet Union in favor of NATO and the common market. Recent articles in the Soviet press have strongly criticized the Swedish social-democratic government of Olaf Palme for violating its neutrality through cooperation with NATO.