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**Munitions Barge Blown Up**

PNOMPENH, Cambodia, Feb. 22 (AP)—An ammunition barge being towed up the Mekong River to Pnompenh was blown up, another was badly damaged and three American civilians aboard the towing boat were wounded by enemy shells today.

The barges were hit within sight of the Cambodian capital about six miles downstream near a region held by North Vietnamese and Vietcong for several months.

Informed sources said the barges, part of a convoy escorted by more than a dozen small South Vietnamese naval vessels, were attacked close to Moat Krasas Krao, on the Mekong's east bank. The second barge stayed afloat, sources said.

A United States embassy spokesman said the three injured Americans were seamen aboard the tug Shawnee.

An official at Pnompenh's Calmette Hospital identified one of the wounded Americans as Robert Shaw, captain of the Shawnee. The official said the two other seamen were more seriously wounded and were immediately flown to Saigon for treatment.

A spokesman for the Cambodian military command said some persons in the convoy were killed but he gave no precise details. Other sources reported five South Vietnamese sailors and a Cambodian pilot had been wounded.

**Pathet Lao Role Reported**

PARIS, Feb. 22 (UPI)—The Hanoi delegation to the Vietnam peace talks said in a statement today that the troops who attacked South Vietnamese Rangers in southern Laos were Pathet Lao guerrillas and not North Vietnamese as they generally have been described. However, the statement did not specifically deny the presence of North Vietnamese troops in Laos.