

Some of Last Messages From Encircled Capital

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The following messages are among the last received by the Associated Press bureau in Hong Kong from Phnom Penh before communication lines went down a few hours after the surrender of the Cambodian Government yesterday.

The messages were sent by Mean Leang, an AP reporter, and a Cambodian, from the Phnom Penh Post Office's communications center, where he had been receiving reports from other Cambodian reporters for The Associated Press.

Moonface, referred to in the first message, is the nickname of a Cambodian reporter-photographer. Seang is an AP reporter. "Black-jacketed guys" refers to the rebels, who wear black combat uniforms. The message reads:

"I alone in Post Office. Losing contact with our guys. Only guy seeing me is Moonface at 1300. I have so numerous stories to cover.

"Only call from Seang still at Hotel Le Phnom. Seang told me black-jacketed guys want his bike."

In the next message Mona-

tio is a French term for the Khmer Rouge and Vichet is a Cambodian photographer. It reads:

"I feel rather trembling. Do not know how to file out stories. How quiet the streets. Every minute changes. At 1300 local my wife came and saw me here at post office saying that Monatio threatened my family out of the house. Vichet lost his camera to the black-jacketed guys.

"Appreciate instructions. I not admitted to Le Phnom this morning into Red Cross security zone. Need press card. I have none. Last night they admitted me to Le Phnom. The Red Cross ordered removal of all belongings whatsoever having military aspect.

"I, with a small typewriter, shuttle between the post office and home.

"May be last cable today and forever."

George Esper, chief correspondent for The Associated Press in Indochina, replied telling Mr. Mean Leang to seek safety at once.