

*'Paper Tiger' Label*

*Revived by Chinese*

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PEKING, May 22—China States today, claiming that the sharply attacked the United American image has been thoroughly blackened by the smoke from its own gunboats.

A report from the official New China News Agency, which referred for the first time in months to the United States as "a paper tiger," scorned what it described as an attempt to depict the Mayaguez incident as an American victory.

"This is a typical farce in self-consolation, written and staged single-handed by the very superpower which the small Indochina countries completely defeated," the agency said.

(Cambodian Prince Norodom Sihanouk accused the United States of bombing Cambodia three hours after recovery of the Mayaguez and its crew. United Press International reported from Tokyo. In a monitored speech in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang, Sihanouk said his royal government was never informed of diplomatic steps Washington said it was taking to secure the release.)