

## Reds Step Up Drive Near Phnom Penh

### Phnom Penh

Communist forces, apparently undeterred by heavy American bombing, yesterday intensified their campaign to isolate the Cambodian capital.

The Communists overran one government position near Phnom Penh and struck another with a 12-hour mortar and artillery barrage. They also blocked a government move to reopen Highway 1 south of the capital.

Bombing by U.S. Air Force B-52s was so heavy in the vicinity of the capital early yesterday that buildings shook in Phnom Penh.

Military sources described the bombing as "the closest and heaviest B-52 raids ever conducted around the Cambodian capital."

The U.S. Pacific Forces command in Honolulu said the planes struck along Highways 1 and 4, where fighting was intense during the day.

Despite the heavy bombardment, Communist forces captured government positions around the town of Trapeang Thnot, 15 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, and struck Phnom Baseth, nine miles to the northwest, with an artillery barrage.

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## Canada Will Remain on Control Commission

### Ottawa

Canada will stay in the Vietnam cease-fire commission until the end of May, Foreign Secretary Mitchell Sharp announced yesterday.

The Canadians joined the four-nation International Commission of Control and Supervision on a provisional basis and had said they would pull out unless some headway was made to secure peace in South Vietnam.

The other members are Indonesia, Poland and Hungary.

Sharp told the House of Commons that Canada will withdraw after May 31 unless conditions justify remaining on the commission.

He said the government would allow a 30-day period after May 31 to permit recruitment of a replacement for Canada.

Sharp's announcement came one day before the end of the government's initial 60-day commitment to the commission which began operations January 28.

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## U.S. Hopes Reds Will Give Bodies

### Clark Air Base, Philippines

A high Operation Homecoming official expressed hope last night that the bodies of U.S. servicemen in Communist hands will soon be turned over.

Brigadier General Russell G. Ogan told a news conference here that return of the bodies — called the "last POWs" by Clark officials — becomes top priority now that the remaining U.S. prisoners are being freed.

The dead could include some of the 1100 servicemen listed as killed in action whose bodies were never recovered, he said. The general also held out hope of getting additional information on the 1328 servicemen listed as missing in action in Indochina.

The 1100 men whose bodies were not found have not been mentioned by the Communists. The North Vietnamese, however, did provide as part of the peace agreement a list of 55 Americans who died in captivity. These are the only bodies authorities are sure will be returned.

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