

Fighting Down

U.S. Gives Thieu New Peace Plan

Saigon

U.S. presidential envoy William Sullivan has presented President Nguyen Van Thieu with a plan for ending cease-fire violations and a map setting boundaries inside South Vietnam for the Saigon government and the Communists, informed sources said yesterday.

The sources said Sullivan, who arrived here Wednesday from Paris, and Thieu discussed the proposal for making the fragile four-month-old truce work, but there was no report on Thieu's reaction.

In the fighting, Saigon reported a new low record in alleged Communist violations — 55 in the 24-hour period that ended at noon. It was the second consecutive day in which a new low was recorded. Two of the incidents, however, involved fighting only eight miles from Saigon.

An AC-119G gunship exploded in the air about 25 miles west of Saigon, killing 11 persons and injuring one, South Vietnamese military sources said. In another incident, two crewmen were

killed and another injured when their UH-1 helicopter crashed, 260 miles north of the capital. The causes of both incidents were unknown. All aboard were South Vietnamese.

The truce-keeping International Commission of Control and Supervision failed to reach agreement yesterday on the cause of an ICCS helicopter crash over Communist-held territory April 7, in which seven persons were killed.

In Cambodia, heavy Communist mortar and recoilless rifle fire drove back government forces yesterday, stalling a drive to reopen Highway 5 that has reached halfway to Kompong Chanang, 60 miles northwest of the Phnom Penh.

A second day of rain and heavy clouds prevented U.S. warplanes from flying low in support of the troops.

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