

Heavy Bombing Near Phnom Penh

Phnom Penh

Wave after wave of American F-111s bombed Communist positions only 16 miles south of Phnom Penh early yesterday in some of the heaviest raids of more than three months of bombing.

On the ground, government troops fighting Communist rebels for control of two strategic highways south of the capital suffered one dead and nine wounded when they ran up against stiff resistance in an effort to relieve a besieged garrison on Highway 3.

The bombing raids, against Communist positions between Highways 3 and 4, rattled windows in downtown Phnom Penh and diplo-

mats stationed here said they could not remember hearing such prolonged and intense bombing so close to the Cambodian capital.

Yesterday was the 101st consecutive day of bombing over Cambodia.

The chief of the Cambodian general staff, Major General Sosthene Fernandez, said it was largely due to U.S. airpower that the current Communist offensive southwest of Phnom Penh was being "effectively blunted."

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3 Executed

Tehran

Three heroin smugglers were executed recently by firing squad. *Associated Press*

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The Laotian Communists have informed U.S. authorities they captured a civilian American pilot last month who was ferrying Laotians behind Communist lines under a contract with the Central Intelligence Agency, a State Department official said yesterday.

The pilot, Emmet Kay, is the only American known to have been taken prisoner in Indochina since the ceasefire January 27.

A state department spokesman said Kay became lost while flying over Laos May 7 and was taken prisoner by Pathet Lao forces.

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