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WORLD NEWS

Sihanouk Agrees To Talks
On U.S.-Cambodian Relations

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA, Nov. 17 (UPI)— Cambodia has accepted a State Department proposal to start discussions in New Delhi with a view to improving relations between the two countries, informed sources said today.

The decision to accept the State Department proposal was reached late last night by Prince Norodom Sihanouk after he has discussed the contents of the note with his close associates. Informed sources described the American note as "moderate" in tone.

The Cambodian radio meantime broadcast a series of proposals by Prince Sihanouk for better relations between Phnom Penh and Washington. These relations have been severely strained in recent months, and the initiation of bilateral talks could be the first turn for the better in more than a year.

These proposals, as announced by the radio, were as follows:

— The cessation of raids over the Cambodian border by American-advised forces of South Vietnamese army;

— The cessation of accusations against Cambodia for allegedly serving as a sanctuary for Viet Cong rebels from South Vietnam;

— Official recognition by South Vietnam of Cambodia's borders, a measure which could lead to resumption of normal diplomatic relations between Cambodia and South Vietnam.

Acceptance by the United States of these proposals would lead to better relations and lead to a complete reconciliation of the two countries, informed sources said.

Grenade Blast Kills Three
In Trenton, N.J.

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, Nov. 18 (UPI)— An angry bar patron exploded a hand grenade early Tuesday after being ejected from a downtown taproom, killing himself, a policeman and a bystander.

Police said the explosion occurred shortly after John Christy, 36, who was waiting trial for shooting a special police officer, was ushered out of the Oak Cafe for playing with the grenade at the bar.

Christy had pulled out the pin from the explosive and placed it in his pocket. The grenade went off as a patrolman and a bystander walked up to him outside the tavern.

All three were killed instantly in the blast. Another patrolman was wounded in the legs and body and suffered shock.

U.S. Appeals To Congo Rebels For
Safety Of American Missionary

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 (AP)— The United States Government appealed directly to Congo insurgents Tuesday night for the safety of Doctor Paul Carlson and other Americans in rebel hands.

The U.S. appeal said America stands ready to

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18 Americans Wounded By
VC Bomb At Tan Son Nhut

10 Hospitalized; None Serious

A terrorist's bomb exploded shortly after noon yesterday at a small snack bar near the Tan Son Nhut airport civilian terminal injuring 18 Americans and ripping the roof from the building.

The blast, according to American military sources, occurred about 12:10 p.m. when the snack bar was filled with American military personnel.

First reports yesterday afternoon said that of the 18 wounded Americans, five were taken by ambulance to the U.S. Navy Hospital in near-by Saigon and another five were hospitalized at the 33rd dispensary at Tan Son Nhut.

Eyewitnesses said that the powerful explosion scattered the tile roof in pieces over the area.

The scene of the blast is about 100 yards from the main terminal building on the civilian side of the airport.

The 10 wounded who were taken to the hospital and the dispensary were reported to be in good condition late yesterday. The other injured were treated at the scene and released.

One Vietnamese man— reported to be the owner of the snack bar—was also wounded in the explosion. His condition was not learned.

According to U.S. military authorities, the bomb estimated to be 15 pounds in size, had been placed on an over-

head beam inside the building and detonated by a timing device.

1 U.S. Killed,
1 Wounded
In Bien Hoa

A U.S. Special Forces enlisted advisor was killed and a second slightly wounded Monday when the Strike Force patrol they were accompanying engaged a Viet Cong unit of undetermined strength in Bien Hoa province 15 miles east of Saigon.

The Strike Force unit lost four killed and six wounded in the fire fight; VC losses are unknown.

The wounded man was treated for an arm wound by a team medic and returned to duty.

Largest Airborne
Assault Of War
Aims At Tay Ninh

The largest airborne operation of the war here— involving 115 helicopters and 1,100 Vietnamese— began yesterday morning in a coordinated effort to carry the war to Viet Cong guerrillas in Tay Ninh province.

The massive assault began about 6:30 yesterday morning when the first waves of helicopters carrying some 700 Vietnamese troops took off from an undisclosed point for their target zone located some 40 miles northwest of Bien Hoa in Tay Ninh province.

Earlier, at first light, VNAF fighter-bombers made strikes on a heavily wooded area adjacent to the landing zone followed by supporting armed helicopters from the 143rd Aviation Battalion.

Moments later, the fleet of troop-carrying choppers dropped down onto the rice paddies and discharged the 700 Vietnamese troops.

A second airlift from Tan Son Nhut began shortly before noon carrying 400 soldiers of the Vietnamese Airborne Brigade to another landing zone about 20 miles northwest of Saigon near Lai Thieu.

Maj. Gen. Delk M. Otter, commander of the U.S. Army Support Command, witnessed the operation.

An American military spokesman said late yesterday that the operation would continue throughout the night and today and reported that initial contacts with the VC were light with no friendly casualties involved and two VC taken captive.