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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

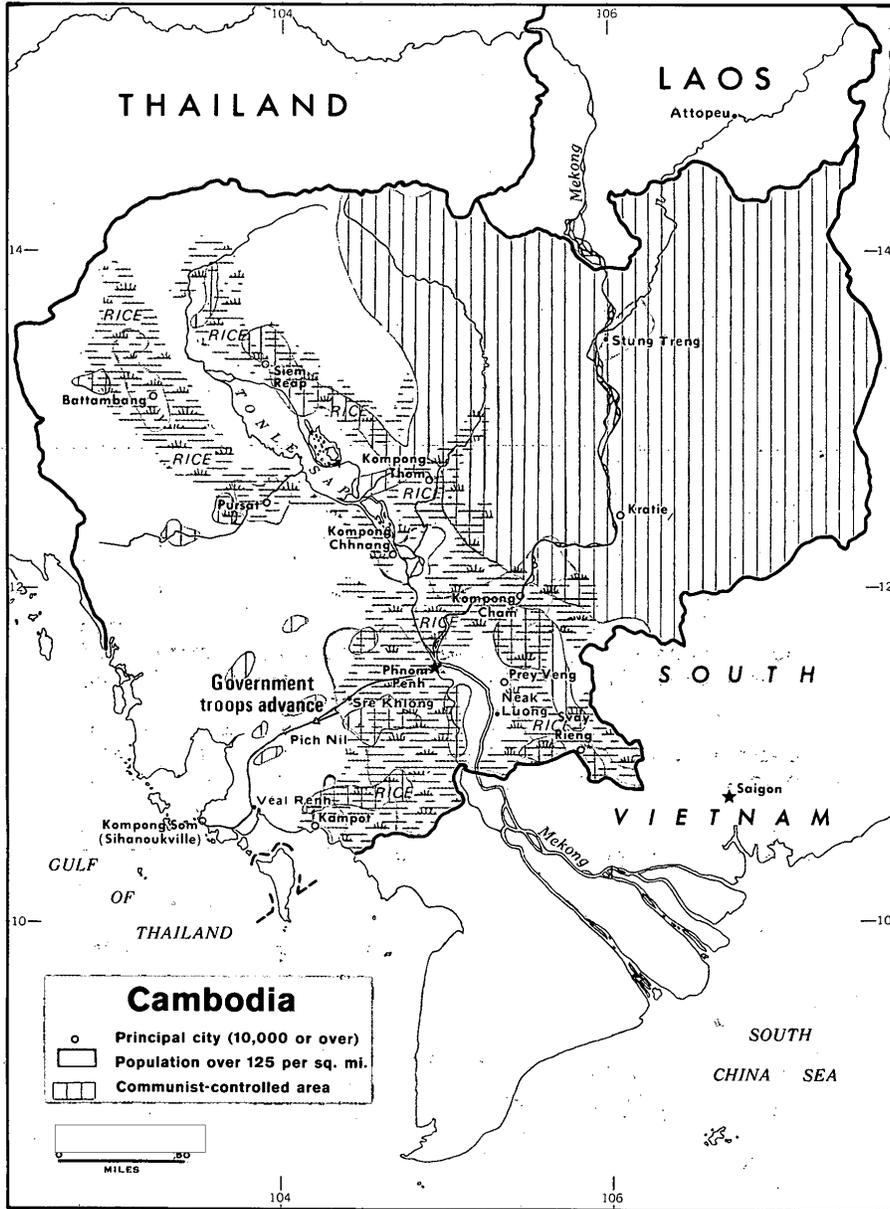
[redacted] Cambodian troops 50X1
clear Route 4. (Page 1)

Romania's efforts to remain independent of the USSR
have been enhanced by a long-term, interest-free
credit from China. (Page 2)

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Current Situation



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CAMBODIA - SOUTH VIETNAM

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Yesterday Cambodian forces moved westward along Route 4 from Sre Khlong to within ten miles of the Pich Nil pass without opposition. Southwest of the pass, however, Cambodian troops are still in disarray, following the rout last weekend of a three-battalion government task force north of Veal Renh.

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COMMUNIST CHINA - ROMANIA

The Romanian ambassador in Washington says that the long-term, interest-free credit extended Bucharest by Peking last November amounts to \$100 million in convertible currency.

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A \$100-million cash loan would be the largest China has ever extended. It comes at an appropriate time for the Romanians, who face substantial repayment commitments to a number of countries over the next several years. The Soviets will take further umbrage at this latest instance of Romanian independence, but Bucharest believes the economic benefits outweigh the credit's political risks.

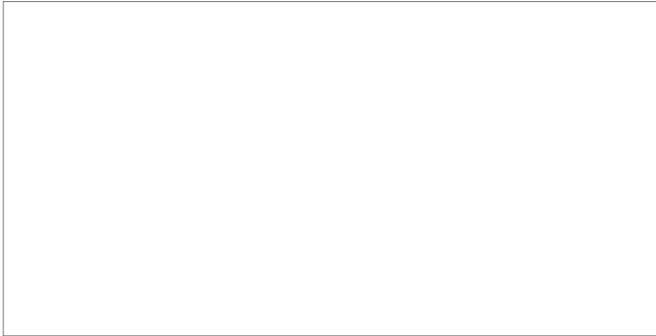
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EAST GERMANY

In a major speech last month Premier Stoph told the central committee plenum that East Germany's economic growth rate from 1969 to 1970 was six percent per annum. Stoph has since been contradicted by an economist, Juergen Kuczynski, who wrote an article in Neues Deutschland, the main party daily, which said the growth rate was four percent.



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