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PRINCIPAL DEVELOPMENTS

Preliminary indications are that the Israelis intend to stick to a tough negotiating position in their current talks with Jarring. (Page 1)

Petroleum stocks in Phnom Penh are dwindling rapidly. (Page 2)

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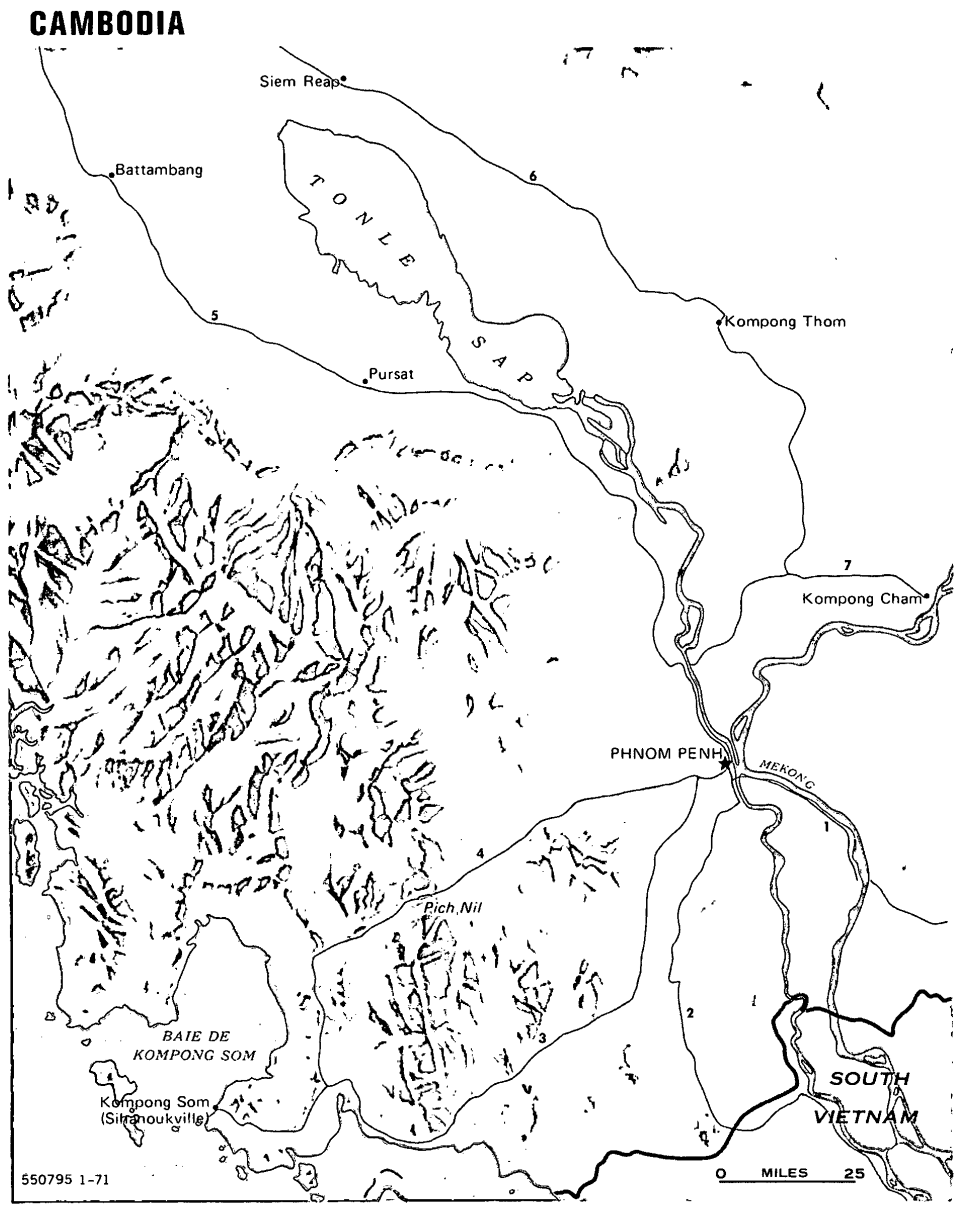
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ISRAEL

Foreign Minister Eban gave Ambassador Barbour a memorandum on Wednesday reiterating all of Israel's established positions and stating flatly that no Israeli troops will be withdrawn from any position pending an over-all settlement, that Israel will not return to its pre - June 1967 boundaries, and that Jerusalem will "of course" remain the capital of Israel, though with arrangements for "safeguarding universal spiritual interests."

Eban made it clear when presenting the aide memoire that the Israelis are not willing to enter serious talks on substantive problems unless the Egyptians stop creating an "ultimative situation"-- i.e., stop threatening not to renew the cease-fire after 5 February. Eban even said he was considering telling Jarring that a further extension of the cease-fire is a condition for Israel's continuation of the talks.

If Prime Minister Meir takes a line as bluntly tough as this in her current talks with Jarring, he will in effect return to New York worse than empty-handed. Barring some unforeseen break in the situation, such a development would bring an Egyptian call for a fresh meeting of the Security Council at an early date.



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CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh's supplies of fuel oil and kerosene, primarily for civilian use, are nearly depleted. Lon Nol intends to restrict the use of petroleum products to ensure the continued operation of electric generating plants and other essential facilities, which may otherwise be forced to shut down before the end of the month. In military stocks there is a two-week supply of aviation gas and about one month's supply of gasoline for vehicles.

The shortage has been brought about by the closure since late November of Route 4, which links Phnom Penh with Cambodia's only oil refinery and deep-water seaport, and by the recent ambushes of petroleum convoys on the Mekong River.

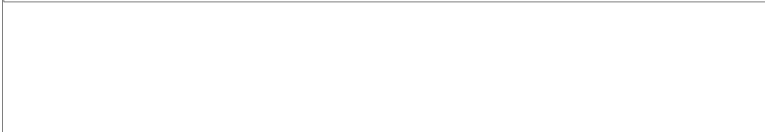
The major oil companies have been making emergency riverine deliveries from Saigon to Phnom Penh since mid-December. It is questionable, however, whether crews and ship owners can be persuaded to risk another run up the river in view of recent heavy Communist attacks. Lon Nol is considering steps to increase air support for future river convoys and to mount intensified Cambodian - South Vietnamese ground operations to control river banks between Phnom Penh and the South Vietnam border.

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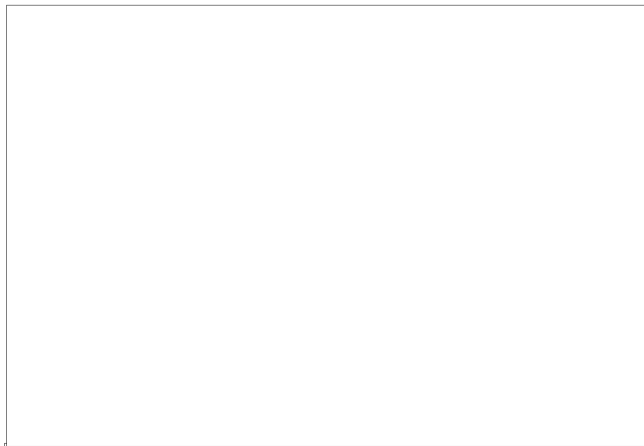
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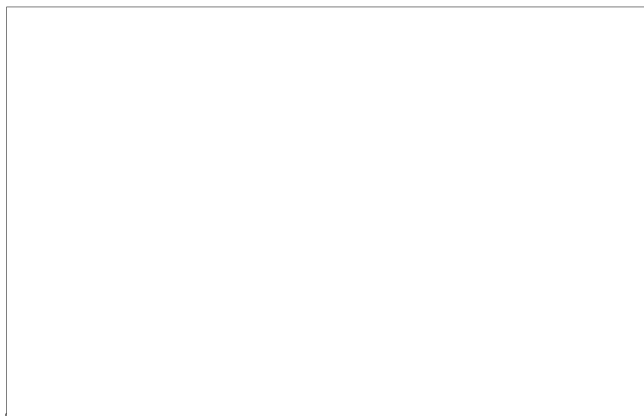
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POLAND

The Swedish press reports that shipyard workers in Gdansk are again on strike. The strikers are said to be demanding that 200 workers arrested in the December riots be released, and that party leader Gierek come to Gdansk for discussions. The Polish press has not mentioned the strike, but a Polish official has admitted that shipping has been delayed in Gdansk.

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The new Polish leaders have emphasized the need to re-establish communications, lost by the Gomulka regime, between the workers and the party, and the workers in Gdansk apparently have taken them up on their promise. Gierek has always had good rapport with labor, but the demands of the shipbuilders present a difficult challenge. Large numbers of those arrested during the rioting have already been released, and it is likely that there is a legitimate case to be made against those who remain in jail.

Meanwhile, local party meetings have been held throughout the country in preparation for a forthcoming central committee plenum to analyze the causes of the December disorders. These meetings have dealt with restoration of the "Leninist norms of party life," which the departed leaders were accused of ignoring, but current signs of labor unrest may add a new dimension to the plenum.



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Haiti: The armed forces pledged their support yesterday to President Duvalier and his son, Jean-Claude, the heir apparent, in a letter published in Haitian newspapers. Duvalier has not specifically named a successor, but he has broadly hinted that Jean-Claude was his choice. The military apparently got the message, and declarations of support from other sectors may soon follow. [redacted]

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