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"Mr. Agnew, who is known to be arrogant and gives no consideration to viewpoints contradicting his own--especially from the press--is definitely going to face a severe crisis. The U.S. Administration has been weakened by Watergate. Prominent American politicians say it cannot handle political problems as it did before the emergence of Watergate. Agnew's involvement with a new scandal weakens the Administration further."

Moscow, Viet Cong Treatment

Moscow TASS yesterday reported allegations against Mr. Agnew in its English service, adding that a "spokesman said that S. Agnew considered himself innocent and voiced hope that he would be exonerated of any wrongdoing."

The Viet Cong radio cited Wall Street Journal and Agence France-Presse accounts.

CAMBODIA BOMBING HALT APPROACHES

Scattered media comment reviewed the Cambodia situation as the August 15 bombing deadline nears. The two accidental bombings near Phnom Penh were deplored.

Paris: "Bombing One's Own Friends"

Independent-left Le Monde of Paris said today in a boxed commentary:

"A few hours after virtually eradicating from the map the village of Neak Luong and destroying one of the main naval bases of the Khmer Republic--its ally--the U.S. Air Force resumed its murderous pounding of Cambodia as if nothing had happened....

"Could the revolutionary forces find better allies than those who bomb their own 'friends'...?"

West German TV: "Douglas Proved Right?"

Washington correspondent Wolf von Lojewski asserted Monday night on West German television that "in a tragic way Supreme Court Justice Douglas was

proved right: In massive bombing in a short time, many people were killed who cannot be revived by legal means. "

Last night a West German TV correspondent reported from Cambodia that "all of Indochina is watching Cambodia and waiting for August 15," and that "total chaos among Government troops is feared more than the coming of the Communists." He declared:

"No doubt the U. S. missed its best chance to get into talks with Prince Sihanouk; now he tells them to talk with the Khmer Rouge.... The Chinese have made it clear that they will not agree to arrangements under which Sihanouk is not the Chief of State..."

"It is said that Saigon might be willing to send its own troops to Cambodia. This would not only prolong the Cambodian war but maybe mark the beginning of a third Indochina conflict."

Social Democratic weekly Vorwaerts, out today, asserted that "massacre in Cambodia, massacre in Athens are different in their deadly dimensions, intentions and goals but similar in their inhuman senselessness."

It maintained that "help from the air can only delay catastrophe" for the Lon Nol Government, "and this cannot be changed by the coming Kissinger mission to China...."

"Nixon's orders to the bomber pilots are scarcely to be interpreted either in military or foreign policy terms, but rather as a demonstration of strength and stubbornness in a domestic political struggle."

"Kissinger Cannot Conceal Policy Collapse"

Independent Sueddeutsche Zeitung of Munich, reporting that Mr. Kissinger would go to Peking "last but not least to obtain Chou En-lai's support for a negotiated solution in Cambodia," added, "We fail to see what Nixon's emissary can do to conceal the collapse of U. S. policy in Cambodia..."

"All partners involved are aware that Washington wants to drop Cambodia. But virtually never before has a great power lost so much face in such a process. Regardless of how questionable an

ally Lon Nol is, the way he has been treated by the U.S. will produce an impact on the other Asian allies. Washington can only hope that Peking, Hanoi and Moscow will abstain from making its debacle too obvious..."

London: "Futile Last Days"

The independent Times of London said today:

"The last days of American engagement in the Indochina war are proving as sordid and futile as ever...."

"The only argument hitherto has been that bombing postponed the fall of Phnom Penh...and that it kept open for its hapless Government a negotiating base from which some compromise might have to be extracted to assure Cambodia's future. Those hopes have vanished."

The liberal Guardian of Manchester and London said today, "The most depressing aspect of the last week of bombing" in Cambodia "is that the United States appear to have learned little from involvement in Indochina. They are still thrashing about heavily and blindly."

Tokyo: "Some Suspect U.S. Intentions"

Moderate Yomiuri of Tokyo, Japan's third-largest newspaper, said today that the situation in Cambodia "is entering a new stage" with the suspension of U.S. military activities while "some people still harbor suspicion about Washington's true intentions because President Nixon has announced that the U.S. will continue to support the Lon Nol Government 'within the bounds of the law.'"

Moderate Sankei of Tokyo asserted today that since Prince Sihanouk has refused to meet Presidential adviser Kissinger, the latter "is expected to meet another Liberation Forces representative when he visits Peking in the near future." However, the paper said, "since the military situation favors the Liberation Forces side, the U.S. and the Lon Nol Government may be forced to make considerable concessions."

Seoul: "Focus Now on U.S. Actions"

Seoul's independent, influential Hankuk Ilbo, in an editorial yesterday titled "Phnom Penh--A Candle Flickering in the Wind," held that "the only chance for survival for Phnom Penh appears to be negotiations with the Communists," and added, "Kissinger's visit to China may produce a breakthrough." It said further:

"U.S. decisions and actions now become focal points of attention in Southeast Asian nations, including South Vietnam."

Viet Cong Radio: "Bombings Meant to Destroy Lon Nol Army"

The Viet Cong radio charged today that "the U.S. bombing raids on August 6 and 7 against Neak Luong, where 542 soldiers and civilians were killed or injured, were aimed at terrorizing the people and destroying the Lon Nol army positions which, amid the CPNLA's present stormy offensive, were facing the danger of collapse."

"The Americans can neither justify their crime nor evade responsibility for it before the Cambodian people and other peoples of the world."