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A U.S. SOURCE SAID TODAY THERE IS "NO OTHER CHOICE" THAN AN AMERICAN BERLIN-STYLE AIRLIFT IF THE VIETNAMESE CONVOY DOESN'T MAKE IT.

FROM THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE BORDER TO NEAK LUONG THE CONVOY TUGS TOOK HEAVY FIRE ALL NIGHT TUESDAY AND INTO THE DAY TODAY. THE REBELS ALSO STRETCHED CABLES ACROSS THE RIVER TO STOP THE CONVOY BUT THE TUGS SNAPPED THE CABLES AND WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE, ALTHOUGH THE PROGRESS OF THE CONVOY WAS SLOWED. C122251

NEAK LUONG, A CAMBODIAN NAVAL BASE, HAS BEEN SEALED OFF FROM PHNOM PENH BY THE KHMER ROUGE INSURGENTS AND SHIPPING SOURCES SAID THE FINAL WATER ROUTE TO PHNOM PENH IS THE TOUGHEST STRETCH OF THE RIVER. THE RIVER BETWEEN NEAK LUONG AND KOKI, NINE MILES EAST OF PHNOM PENH, IS TOTALLY IN REBEL HANDS."

"THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO A U.S. AIRLIFT," SAID THE SENIOR U.S. SOURCE WHEN ASKED WHAT THE RESULT WOULD BE IF THE CONVOY FAILS TO REACH PHNOM PENH.

UP TO 10 MILITARY C130 HERCULES CARGO PLANES ARE ALREADY FLYING DAILY AMMUNITION FLIGHTS FROM THAILAND TO PHNOM PENH. THE C130'S CARRY UP TO 23 TONS EACH, BUT THE CAMBODIANS ARE CONSUMING 546 TONS OF RICE PER DAY -- AND THIS IS ON RATIONING.

THE U.S. SOURCES SAID THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IS PRESSING THE CAMBODIAN HIGH COMMAND TO LAUNCH A LARGE-SCALE MILITARY OPERATION TO REOPEN THE MEKONG.

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NEW ORLEANS (UPI) -- SEN. STROM THURMOND, D-S.C., SAID YESTERDAY IF SOUTH VIETNAM DOESN'T GET MILITARY SUPPORT, COMMUNISM WILL SPREAD "TO THE SHORES OF HAWAII."

THURMOND, IN A TALK TO THE 33D ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, SAID SOUTH VIETNAM IS RUNNING SHORT OF AMMUNITION.

IF SOUTH VIETNAM DOESN'T GET WHAT IT NEEDS, HE SAID, COMMUNISTS WILL OCCUPY THE WORLD "UP TO THE SHORES OF HAWAII."

HOWEVER, HE SAID, "THE UNITED STATES CANNOT POLICE AND SUPPORT THE WHOLE WORLD. WE MUST GIVE MORE RESPONSIBILITY TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH SHAKE OUR IDEAS OF FREEDOM."

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