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Sihanouk Tells of 'Plot' By CIA to Eliminate Him

From News Dispatches

PHNOM PENH, March 22—Cambodian Chief of State Prince Sihanouk said today he had been informed of a plot by the CIA to eliminate him this year.

Sihanouk told reporters his information came from "a foreign personality of a neutral country" who heard it from an American in Saigon. He conceded that the story might not be true.

"If the intentions attributed to the CIA are confirmed," Sihanouk added, "the result would be to push Cambodia toward communism." He said Cambodia would never accept colonialism.

A Cambodian complaint filed at the United Nations today charged that planes from South Vietnam averaged nearly three reconnaissance flights a day into Cambodia last November and December.

The complaint stated that U.S. and South Vietnamese planes and helicopters crossed into Cambodia 171 times during the two-month period, often for low-level passes over frontier villages. No hostile action was alleged.

Cambodia presented its complaint in a document it asked to be circulated among Security Council members.

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Syrian Plot Laid to CIA By Defector

CAIRO, Egypt, March 22 (AP)—Another Syrian officer has escaped to Cairo from Jordan with details of a CIA plot to overthrow the Baathist regime in Syria, the semiofficial newspaper Al Ahram reported today.

The paper said 1st Lt. Ahmed Mustafa told substantially the same story related by Capt. Tallal Abu Assaly, who escaped to Cairo from Jordan last October with a detailed report that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, in collaboration with King Hussein's Jordanian government, was preparing "to invade Syria in a Bay of Pigs fashion."

Both Abu Assaly and Mustafa were among a group of 50 Syrian officers who took refuge in Jordan last September after an unsuccessful attempt to overthrow the Syrian government.