Cambodia **Gain Seen By Agnew** Says the Enemy Has Lost Half **Of Forces There**

HONOLULU, Aug. 30 (AP) - Vice President Agnew said today "somewhere in excess of 50 per cent of all the Vietcong and North Vietnamese forces in Cambodia have been eliminated" and he said there is no need at the present time for the return there of U.S. troops. Talking with reporters aboard Air Force Two on his way home from Asia, Agnew praised Cambodian Premier Lon Nol, said Thai, Cambodian and South Vietnamese forces are working well together and pictured the Communist failure to take the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh as a sign of weakness. "I think that the Communists would take Phnom Penh in a minute if they thought they could," he said, adding that he expects the major Communist effort in the next few months to be in Cambodia rather than South Vietnam.

Agnew said his conclusions on the extent of Communist losses in Cambodia, where he spent five hours in conference Friday, were based on last "South Vietnamese estimates and our estimates and also by Cambodian estimate-and they should certainly be in a position to know."

Asked about the circum-stances under which Thai forces would be sent to help Cambodia, Agnew said that is up to the Thais and the Cam-bodians. "The United States does not want to become the grand master of the war de-sign in Cambodia," he said. Asked to compare what he found on his five-nation trip with his longer visit to Asia in January, Agnew said, "The situation is quite a bit more stabilized and I think that our allies have accepted the idea that the U.S. military presence is being withdrawn as their capabilities to undertake their own defense increase. They accept this.'

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Thai leaders he would use the present conditions." campaign to hit Senate moves

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wan, South Vietnam, Cam- ment of the U.S. commander, bodia and Thailand before Gen. Creighton Abrams, and Park's misgivings will disapbodia and Thailand before of course the people who have pear," he went on, adding the to make decisions, that the se- fact Park is facing an election After a refueling stop in curity of American troops is "is not an inconsiderable fac-Guam, his plane crossed the threatened."

route to Hawaii and a sched- bodia fell to the North Viet- in their marathon talks "Presiuled two-day rest stop before namese and they were able to dent Park kept saying that he Agnew reports back to Presi- consolidate their positions would fear we would withdraw Calif. After a few days of rest, Agnew will be off to the politi-trait future timetables for alwars as the Nixon adminis-withdrawals beyond 150,000 In discussing the eventual tration's chief campaigner in presently announced might not be as ambitious as those The Vice President told that are contemplated under

But he declined to speculate aimed at restricting U.S. ac- on the rate of U.S. withdrawtalk with reporters. "One of the basic issues in where closer to the spring of the basic issues in where closer to the spring of the basic issues in where closer to the spring of the basic issues in where closer to the spring of the basic issues in the table of the basic issues in table of the basic issues in table of the basic issues in table of table o

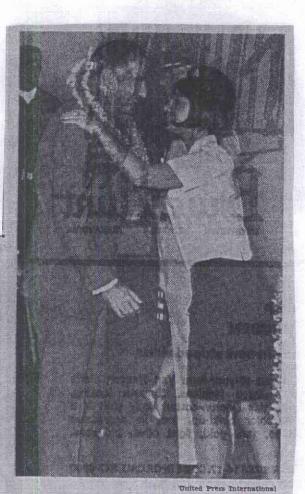
U.S. and whether the Con- ance of U.S. military with- conversation during the tripgress has attempted to make drawals, Agnew said President unrealistic limitations on the Park Chung Hee of South part to make certain that we people are unused to the idea Korean government a signal

said "American forces will not | and as we work out the details AGNEW, From A1 be involved in the Cambodian fighting unless in the judg-for Korea, that Presdient tor in the impressions he has.

The Vice President said that dent Nixon at the Western there and resupply those sanc troops before they were able White House in San Clemente, tuaries from Sihanoukville to undertake their defense

In discussing the eventual complete withdrawal of the American force from Korea, Agnew said "I was careful to say I didn't know whether this would be five years, or eight years, or whatever it might be tions in Southeast Asia, and als if Cambodia does not fall, that American troops would

in San Clemente during the In discussing Asian accept- Korean talks-his only such "was a careful effort on my didn't get involved in seman-Asked about any possible yet. I that was inconsistant with our U.S. role in Cambodia, Agnew "I think that as time goes on policy."



Shaggier Agnew Gets No Notice

GUAM, (AP)—Vice Presi-dent Spiro T. Agnew said today that he has let his sideburns grow longer, but denied that it is an effort to increase the Nixon administration's appeal to youth. "It's just an effort on my

"It's just an effort on my part to make my photo-graphs look like Tm not bald from half-way up," he told reporters on Air Force Two. "The gray hair doesn't show in the pictures." Asked if his teen-age daughter Kim approves of the longer sideburns, Ag-new replied with a laugh. "She hasn't even noticed it."

Vice President Agnew is draped with the traditional leis of welcome as he arrives at Hickam AFR, Hawaii.