

# Sirik Matak and Cabinet Win Big Cambodian Assembly Vote

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PNOMPENH, Cambodia, May 6—Lieut. Gen. Sisowath Sirik Matak, Cambodia's Premier in all but name, appeared before the National Assembly today with the Cabinet he had chosen and won a resounding vote of approval. That ended the government crisis that began with the resignation of Premier Lon Nol on April 20.

General Lon Nol remains as Premier, but because of the paralysis of his left side as a result of a stroke, he will lend only his name and moral weight to the Government. General Sirik Matak is serving as his delegate.

In a speech asking Assembly approval for the Cabinet, General Sirik Matak made General Lon Nol's position clear when he said that the Premier was "according his patronage" to the new Government.

The Cabinet received 50 af-

firmative votes. One deputy voted against it and nine abstained, and five ballots were ruled invalid. The opposing vote came from Douc Rasy, a respected constitutional lawyer and journalist, who opposed Prince Norodom Sihanouk even more than his successors.

## Rising Economic Concerns

General Sirik Matak laid stress in his brief speech on mounting economic concerns that threaten to become Cambodia's gravest political problem amid her struggle against Communist invaders. He promised to stabilize the prices of essential consumer goods and to take steps to assure that foreign economic aid, mainly from the United States, would be evenly distributed.

The Premier-Delegate gave no hint of how he would perform the tasks, whose chances of fulfillment many Cambodians view with skepticism. At the same time he said that his Government would "perfect" the application of economic liberalization that the previous Government, under his guidance, put through when it took power in August, 1969.