

# SIHANOUK CRITICAL OF U.S. IN INCIDENT

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HONK KONG, May 22 (Reuters)—Prince Norodom Sihanouk said that his Royal Cambodian Government of National Union was not informed of any diplomatic steps by the United States Government to obtain the release of the American freighter Mayaguez last week, the North Korean press agency reported today.

The agency, monitored here, said that Prince Sihanouk made this statement at a banquet given for him and his wife by President Kim Il Sung in Pyongyang.

In his speech, the agency said, the Cambodian also alleged that United States forces attacked his country for three days starting on May 13, the day after the Mayaguez was seized by Cambodian gunboats in the Gulf of Siam.

"This was a combat between elephant—the United States—and ant — Cambodia — which shows the extreme dastardliness of the American superpower," the agency quoted the Prince as having said.

He charged the United States with "savagely bombing our city, port, oil refinery and railway of Sihanoukville and the airport and a small naval base in the Gulf of Siam three hours after we let the American ship Mayaguez and her crew safely go back."