

Involvement in Cambodia

To the Editor:

It is alarming to learn of the plans of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for an extended program of aid to the Cambodian army. Adoption of these proposals would lead this country into deeper involvement in Cambodia in a way similar to our entry into South Vietnam in the early 1960's.

A large scale military involvement, with or without American troops, may very well result in escalating fighting in Cambodia at the very time that this country is trying to extricate itself from South Vietnam. Neither is there any assurance from the Department of Defense that American troops would not ultimately be sent to Cambodia.

It is astounding to read of the circuitous means by which the Department of Defense hopes to secure funding for this program from Congress. The House and Senate Foreign Affairs and Armed Services committees have a great obligation to the public to oppose such military aid to Cambodia, especially in view of the disastrous results of the American presence in South Vietnam over the past decade.

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