

# Ky in Pnompenh for Vital Talks; Cambodians Greet Him Royally

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PNOMPENH, Cambodia, June 4—Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky of South Vietnam, welcomed like a visiting potentate, arrived today for a conference with the new Cambodian leaders to resolve the delicate question of Saigon's military role in this embattled country.

The agenda of the three-day talks is expected to include such questions as the amount of training and advisory assistance from Saigon, how long South Vietnamese troops will remain here and what functions they will have in relation to the Cambodian Army in fighting the Vietnamese Communists.

The Vice President and his striking wife walked down the ramp of their DC-6 to the applause of Cambodian children and several hundred ethnic Vietnamese living here—all of whom had been bused to the airport.

The Vietnamese carried welcoming banners — one read, "The Vietcong threaten the Vietnamese people" — and

waved paper South Vietnamese flags. The paraphernalia was brought in yesterday by an advance party from Saigon.

The entire display—a real red carpet, jasmine garlands—was an apparent attempt by both sides to allay Cambodian resentment against the South Vietnamese military presence.

Almost the entire foreign diplomatic corps in Pnompenh was invited to the airport ceremony and appeared.

Despite the airport reception—Mrs. Ky got a bigger hand from the Cambodian schoolgirls than did her husband—some observers remained unconvinced.

A foreign diplomat, watching the Vietnamese climb on their buses for the ride back to town, remarked sardonically: "They're taking them back to the regroupment camps now."

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