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Peking Gives Sihanouk A Triumphal Welcome

PEKING, July 2 (Agence France-Presse)—Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia was given a triumphal welcome today when he returned to Peking from a 17-day official visit to North Korea.

Some 300,000 soldiers, militiamen, civilians, Red Guards, workers and peasants hailed him—the biggest turnout since Premier Mehmet Shehu of Albania came here three years ago.

Prince Sihanouk and his party, arriving by train, were met at the station by a Chinese delegation headed by Premier Chou En-lai, Huang Yung-Sheng, Chief of Staff of the armed forces, and Deputy Premier Li Hsien-nien.

After the review of the honor guard in the station, the Prince and Mr. Chou got into an open automobile and, escorted by 15 motorcycles, drove to the residence in the western part of Peking that has been occupied by Prince Sihanouk since his arrival in China last March.