



Pictorial Parade

KEEPING IN LOW PROFILE IN PEKING: Prince Norodom Sihanouk, deposed Cambodian head of state, with Mao Tse-tung, Communist Chinese leader, watching fireworks last week. He is said to be in low spirits because of effectiveness of regime that replaced him.

Sihanouk Is Reported to Be Very Much Depressed

HONG KONG, Oct. 7 (UPI)—Prince Norodom Sihanouk, leading a Cambodian government in exile in Communist China, is deeply depressed, according to reports from Peking.

Prince Sihanouk has been there since March 19, the day after he was deposed as chief of state by a coalition of military and civilian leaders.

The reports on his state of mind came from Peking-based diplomats and others who have talked with him in recent weeks. They attributed his depression to a pessimistic assessment of the situation in Cambodia and the quiet style of living required of him in Peking.

They said, he obviously had not expected the regime that replaced him to oppose the North Vietnamese and Vietcong so effectively or to last so long. The Soviet Union's failure to give formal recognition and support to his exile government is another factor.

The sources said on the other that while Prince Sihanouk was accustomed to a much livelier existence, he is not lacking for comfort and is living almost as regally as he did in Phnompenh.

He lives in a Government guest house in the western suburbs of Peking. His wife, Monique, is with him, as are some of his children, other relatives and aides and advisers.

A fleet of autos, secretarial staff and other facilities and personnel are available and he gets constant and solicitous attention from his hosts.

Norodom Sihanouk keeps busy consulting with Chinese

leaders, diplomats, visitors and members of his exile organization and writing statements and letters explaining his position and denouncing those who ousted him. He drafted a long message to the leaders of non-aligned nations pleading for recognition. "This keeps him fairly busy and probably is the best thing for him," a diplomat said. "But he's still very deeply depressed."