TERRORIST BLAST IN PNOMPENH HITS ELECTRIC OFFICE

4th Incident in 3 Days Seen as Part of Drive to Lower Cambodian Morale

6 WORKERS BADLY HURT

Sharp Fighting Reported at Major Army Fuel Depot
9 Miles From Capital
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PNOMPENH, Cambodia, Jan.

— An explosion destroyed the headquarters of Cambodia's electric power utility today, seriously injuring six Government employes in the build-

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The fourth terrorist incident in three days in this jittery capital, it indicated that the Communist-led forces have decided to step up their pressure on the Government of Premier Lon Nol and strike specifically at public morale in Pnompenh.

The blast, at 2:45 P.M., blew off part of the tile roof of the two-story building and scattered debris on the sidewalk.

The utility building housed some switching facilities and administrative offices. Electricty for the city was not reported to have been affected. The injured were moved to a nearby hospital.

Sharp Fighting Nearby

Meanwhile, Government sources reported sharp fighting tonight at a major army fuel storage depot at Prek Phnoeu about 14 miles north of Pnompenh. No details were immediately available.

Official sources also circulated reports that enemy concentrations at several points about 20 miles from Pnompenh were moving in unit size toward the capital, but military officials described the reports as exaggerated. Further attacks on the city have been expected since the severe shelling and ground attack on the Pnompenh airport six miles west of the capital early Friday.

By official tally, the attack killed 39 soldiers and civilians, wounded 170 and destroyed at least 10 aircraft. Unofficial reports put the toll even higher.

The bombing of the electricity utility followed an explosion yesterday morning that shattered the Cambodian immigration office, which processes applications from many Vietnamese. Friday night, the home of the South Vietnamese ambassador here was bombed, injuring him slightly.

Last night, guards at the

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