

Signs of Lon Nol's Leaving Office

Phnom Penh

Informed government sources said yesterday a campaign for removal of President Lon Nol as a step toward getting a negotiated peace settlement is gathering momentum.

Some politicians consider Lon Nol the main obstacle to peace and have suggested he either resign or go into voluntary exile.

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, titular leader of the insurgents, says he will not negotiate with Lon Nol.

Lon Nol received foreign journalists at his palace yesterday but did not answer

questions. The move was an apparent response to rumors he had fled to Thailand.

Political sources also said at least eight Cambodian cabinet ministers will be removed on charges of corruption and that Premier Long Boret will be asked to form a new government soon.

To avoid publicity about infighting, he is expected to delay naming the new cabinet until after the U.S. Congress votes on President Ford's request for \$222 million in emergency military aid to Cambodia and \$300 million to South Vietnam.

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Lon Nol took a walk yesterday with his wife and daughters, one of whom was held by a security man