

# CAMBODIA CAPITAL ISSHELLED AGAIN

## Rebel Forces Inch Closer to Phnom Penh Airport

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia, April 9 (UPI)—Insurgent forces inched closer to Phnom Penh again today, moving to within about three miles of the capital's airport.

What appeared to be 75-mm. recoilless rifle shells were fired into the city from the east and the north, according to official sources. But there were no immediate reports of casualties.

Official sources said also that by midafternoon 11 rounds of 105-mm. artillery fire and

three 107-mm. rockets had fallen on the airport, which is five miles west of the city.

Despite the shelling, the American airlift of food and ammunition continued, although at what seemed to be a reduced rate. Through midafternoon, official sources said, 17 C-130 transports had arrived with ammunition and 16 DC-8's with rice.

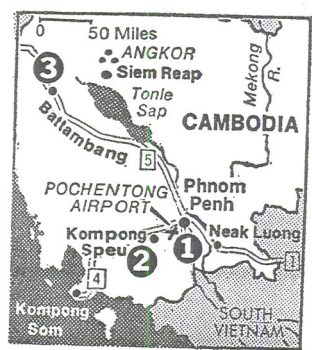
### Rebels Push Along River

The insurgents also tightened their siege of Phnom Penh from the eastern bank of the Mekong River across from the city. The rebels were reported bringing up reinforcements, and at some points in that area they were reported within two and a half miles of Phnom Penh.

Heavy fighting, meanwhile, was reported again during the day from Kompong Speu, a provincial capital 32 miles southwest of Phnom Penh. Insurgents had fought their way into Kompong Speu earlier this week, but Government forces were said to be putting up stiff resistance and reportedly held onto more than half the city.

According to reports from the field, the insurgents have burned down at least 200 buildings in Kompong Speu.

Reports from the far northwestern corner of Cambodia said insurgents operating there had cut the road between the Thai border and Battambang. Some supplies have been transported along that road to Battambang and then flown from there to Phnom Penh.



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Insurgents moved closer to airport (1). Fighting continued in streets of Kompong Speu (2). In the northwest, rebels cut supply line from Thailand to Battambang (3).



Smoke rising from a rocket that hit the edge of Pochentong Airport, Phnom Penh, Tuesday. The airlift of food and ammunition continued yesterday, but at a reduced rate

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