

Rumors From Phnom Penh

Bangkok

The news blackout in the Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh moved into its fourth day yesterday.

The fate of a number of leaders of the former government as well as Western newsmen and other foreigners remained uncertain, though reliable sources here said at least some of the newsmen were safe inside the still-functioning French consulate.

The French newspaper *Le Monde* reported Saturday that the Khmer Rouge were holding former Pre-

mier Long Boret, Lon Non, the brother of Lon Nol, and several former generals and cabinet ministers, who had either failed to escape or had decided to stay after the city fell.

But a Khmer Rouge broadcast monitored Saturday claimed most of the top former leadership had been beheaded. It did not name the victims.

Khmer Rouge radio confined itself yesterday to heroic descriptions of the fall of Phnom Penh and the playing of revolutionary songs.

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