

# Phnom Penh Blackout

## Limits News to Songs

From News Dispatches

BANGKOK, April 20—The news blackout from Phnom Penh continued today, four days after the Khmer Rouge captured the Cambodian capital, and the Khmer Rouge Radio, monitored here, broadcast only heroic descriptions of the city's fall and revolutionary songs.

The lyrics of one song contained a reference to "killing the abject Phnom Penh traitorous clique and completely liberating Phnom Penh," but it was not certain whether the song, titled "Red Flag of the Revolution Is Flying Over Liberated Phnom Penh," reflected actual executions.

A clandestine radio Saturday reported execution of Cambodian leaders, including former Premier Long Boret, but a French newspaper reporter radioed that he had seen him alive.

Telephones and telex machines in

the Cambodian capital did not answer calls from neighboring countries, and Phnom Penh Radio was not broadcasting. There was no communication reported from the French embassy.

Between 600 and 1,000 Cambodian refugees, including some 300 soldiers, sought to make radio contact through a military radio from the camp they had set up across the border in southern Thailand near the town of Chantaburi.

"The trouble is, the other side does not reply," a soldier told a Reuter reporter who visited the camp.

Reports reaching Bangkok said that other defeated Cambodian soldiers who had fled on armored personnel carriers across the border near the Cambodian town of Pailin, about 250 miles southeast of Bangkok, had touched off arguments be-

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tween Thai border guards and Khmer Rouge soldiers.

The pursuing Khmer Rouge soldiers had reportedly demanded that the Thai border guards return the defeated government troops, and the Thai guards refused.

The reports said the Khmer Rouge then set up loudspeakers just across the border to broadcast their demands to the Thais. The Thai police replied, the reports said, that any decision to return them would have to be made by the Bangkok government.

Reporters who witnessed the Khmer Rouge takeover of Poipet, a Cambodian town near the Thai border, said a barbed wire barrier has been erected to prevent Cambodians from crossing

into the town of Aranya-praethet in Thailand. The bridge between the two towns, according to Agence France-Presse, had never before been barred.

Poipet, about 200 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, was captured Saturday by Khmer Rouge soldiers, mostly in their teens, who were armed with Chinese assault rifles and American grenade launchers.

"I have walked from Pursat Province in Central Cambodia to Poipet and all of us lived on food we found in the forest," one 16-year-old soldier told an AP reporter across the barrier.

"Khmer Rouge do not have any ill feelings toward Thailand because we are close neighbors, but we dislike the Americans because they support the Lon Nol

government and help capitalists," the young soldier said.

Radio Hanoi confirmed Sunday that some fighting was still going on in parts of western Cambodia, but it said nothing about Phnom Penh.

Agence France-Presse reported that most foreigners who stayed behind in Phnom Penh, many taking refuge in the French embassy, were believed to be "all right," but added that there was no news about the fate of Le Minh Sanh, charge d'affaires for the South Vietnamese government.

Telegrams exchanged between Saigon and Bangkok to organize his evacuation arrived too late, the agency said, and the South Vietnamese aide and his family remained at the chancellery.