

Cambodia Rules Out Any Foreign Military Bases

Bangkok

The new Cambodian government served notice yesterday that no foreign military bases will be tolerated in Cambodia.

The notice, apparently aimed at North Vietnam and China, came in a statement issued at the conclusion of the third national congress held by the Khmer Rouge, which was attended by 311 delegates including representatives of the Buddhist clergy, the party organization and the military.

It was the first organizational meeting since the Communist leadership took over Phnom Penh nearly two weeks ago.

"Concerning the foreign policy," a statement read over Phnom Penh radio said, "the special national congress reaffirms the policy of independence, peace, neutrality and nonalignment, absolutely prohibiting any country from establishing military bases in Cambodia, struggling against all forms of foreign interference in Cambodia's internal affairs and absolutely strug-

gling against all forms of subversion and aggression against Cambodia from the outside — whether military, political, economic, cultural, social or diplomatic, under whatever form of so-called humanitarianism."

There has been a traditional, almost racial, hatred between the Cambodians and the Vietnamese people. In the early days of the war, when the North Vietnamese were the principal fighters, it was an easy matter for the government of President Lon Nol to whip up enthusiasm for the war by portraying it as a struggle against North Vietnam. Even in recent months, the Cambodians exulted in displaying captured prisoners they said were North Vietnamese.

There are, according to Western estimates, at least 20,000 North Vietnamese troops in Cambodia, and many staging areas and supply bases along the Ho Chi Minh trail network used by the North Vietnamese to supply their troops in Viet-

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This statement was the first indication that Cambodia might order these troops and bases out.

The reference to humanitarian organizations was seen as a reaffirmation that the Khmer Rouge would not be inclined to re-admit such American-oriented relief agencies as Catholic Relief Services.

The statement, monitored here, was signed by Khieu Samphan who, although he holds only the title of deputy premier and defense minister, is the key figure in the Khmer Rouge hierarchy.

Meanwhile, senior American officials here said that no contacts have been made with the Khmer Rouge in the last 2½ weeks and that the State Department is still "waiting to see how things sort out."

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Boat Sinks San Diego

A tuna fishing boat and its 150-ton cargo sank Sunday off Cabo Point on the coast