

Cambodian Ex-Officers, Wives Reported Slain by Khmer Rouge

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The White House yesterday said intercepted Cambodian radio transmissions indicated that 80 or 90 Cambodian military officers and their wives have been killed by the Khmer Rouge since the fall of Phnom Penh.

Press secretary Ron Nessen said President Ford was "deeply bothered" by the reports and particularly the killing of the wives.

Nessen said the intercepted report also indicated that executions, mostly against military officers of the Lon Nol government, were continuing.

Nessen said that despite censorship in neighboring South Vietnam "some reports" have filtered out of executions of policemen and others in the Communist-held areas of South Vietnam. No such executions had been reported in Saigon, Nessen said.

Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, apparently referring to the reported Cambodia killings said yesterday in a televised interview, "We know that in Cambodia very tragic and inhuman and barbarous things are going on." Kissinger cited this as the reason

why the United States has not immediately recognized the new Cambodian regime.

Both Time and Newsweek magazines, in this week's editions, report executions of army and government officials in Cambodia.

Time said Mr. Ford revealed the killing of high-ranking officers to Republican congressmen last week.

"They killed the wives, too," Time quoted Mr. Ford as saying. "They said the wives were just the same as their husbands. This is a horrible thing to report to you, but we are certain that our sources are accurate."

Newsweek quoted a U.S. official as saying "thousands have already been executed," and the figure could rise to "tens of thousands of Cambodians loyal to the Lon Nol regime."

Pakistani Refugees Cross Into Thailand

BANGKOK, May 5 (UPI)—A small truck convoy brought 98 Pakistani refugees from Cambodia into Thailand Sunday, only hours after Saturday's arrival of 601 persons who had been holed up in the French

embassy for two weeks.

Diplomats said they had not known that the 98 Pakistani newcomers were among foreigners in Cambodia. They apparently had been collected and brought to the border by the Khmer Rouge.

French officials said at least 250 more refugees—including about 100 French citizens, 100 Pakistanis and a sprinkling of other nationalities—were still in Phnom Penh and were expected to reach the border sometime next week. Eight of the 601 refugees who arrived in Thailand Saturday were hospitalized for treatment of minor ailments.

Refugees who came out of the French embassy said life there had not been all bad.

Except for a brief period when water and food supplies were interrupted. They reported no serious shortages or suffering.

Some of the refugees from Phnom Penh told of listening to radio reports of the growing concern for their welfare and of using the embassy's supplies of wines, liquor, cigars and cigarettes distributed by the two remaining French consular officials.