

# VICTORS EMPTYING CAMBODIAN CITIES, WASHINGTON TOLD

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Capital and 2 Other Towns  
Believed All but Deserted  
—80 Killings Reported

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WASHINGTON, May 5— State Department officials said today that they believed that the Cambodian Communists had forcibly evacuated virtually the entire population of Phnom Penh soon after they took power in the capital early last month.

At least two other cities—Kompong Chhang and Siem Reap—were reported all but emptied, the officials added.

A State Department spokesman said today that on the basis of "reliable information," Washington had learned that "orders were issued by the Khmer Rouge to their outlying commands to kill top political and military leaders around the country" who had been in the old American-backed Government.

Both the White House and the State Department said that there was solid intelligence information that in at least one outlying area, 80 to 90 Cambodian military officers and their wives had been killed.

## From Intercepted Messages

The Cambodian Communists, who have always been something of a mystery to Washington, are generally believed to be determined to reconstruct the Cambodian society without outside intervention or assistance. American officials report no requests from the new Government for any kind of aid.

The information from Cambodia comes from intercepted communications within the country as well as from the fragmentary reports that the French government was able to receive from its mission in Phnom Penh, the only foreign

embassy that went on operating after the fall of the American-supported Government. The journalists who arrived in Thailand from Cambodia on Saturday have agreed among themselves on a news embargo to insure the safety of the foreigners remaining in the country.

One Washington official said that it did not seem that the Communists were carrying out large-scale massacres or bloodbaths, but rather were following a policy of "pretty brutal repression," particularly in scattering the population.

## Vietnam Executions Reported

Secretary of State Kissinger said in an interview televised today that "very tragic and inhuman and barbarous things" had been going on in Cambodia since the Communist-backed insurgents captured Phnom Penh.

Mr. Kissinger did not go into detail in the interview, which was taped Saturday and shown on the NBC "Today" show, but Ron Nessen, the White House press secretary, said today that "there is enough evidence of executions and repression to

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know there are reprisals going on."

He also said that there were unverified reports from South Vietnam that in some areas, such as Da Nang, there had been executions of policemen or other officials.