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FRENCH FORESEE VISIT BY SIHANOUK

French Adviser Asserts Prince
Won't Return to Cambodia

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PARIS, June 10 — Prince Norodom Sihanouk plans to leave his official residence in Peking and come to France, probably late this month, friends of the Cambodian leader said here today.

They said it was uncertain whether he would return to China at all, or whether he would settle down in his villa at Mougins in the south of France. In any case, his former French adviser, Charles Meyer, said it was virtually certain that he would never return to Cambodia.

"He can go back any time he wishes, of course," Mr. Meyer said, "but to work in the rice paddy like everybody else. That's the way things are there. It's a peasant revolution. The cities, the privileges, the royal life are finished and Prince Sihanouk knows it."

The immediate reason for the Sihanouk trip to France, according to his Paris friends, is to attend the dieting clinic at Grasse, near Mougins, where he has gone from time to time over the years.

Approval Expected

Permission for the visit has been sought from the French Foreign Ministry and it is considered virtually certain that the Prince and his family would be allowed to remain if they decide to do so.

The Prince was in Moscow in 1970 when Marshal Lon Nol led a coup and a republic was proclaimed. The Prince did not attempt to return to Phnom Penh to retake power but proceeded to Peking.

Once the Cambodian war began with the American invasion in April, 1970, Prince Sihanouk announced that he would remain in Peking until "the traitors" were overthrown. He was recognized as chief of state by the Khmer Rouge, who previously opposed him.

Long before the fall of Phnom Penh this spring, the Prince told visitors in Peking that he would not try to regain rule in the Cambodian capital. He said that he expected to function as a ceremonial head of state and devote himself primarily to representing Cambodia abroad.

French diplomats who follow Indochinese affairs say that it may be a long time before the new Cambodian leaders restore relations with other countries. The Cambodian Government has few communications with the outside world, probably not even with Prince Sihanouk and his entourage in Peking, according to knowledgeable French sources.