

BIG CAMBODIA TOLL

CALLED 'PLAUSIBLE'

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PARIS, June 2 (AP)—Charges by refugees that the Communist forces have killed one million Cambodians since they took over in April 1975 are "plausible if not certain," according to a copyrighted article by a French journalist, Yves-Guy Berges, in the newspaper France Soir.

Mr. Berges said he interviewed hundreds of refugees in camps in Thailand. He said they reported "collective assassinations, reprisals, manhunts after the middle class, massive deportations, forced labor, disappearances, death, always death, familiar, omnipresent, to the point of nausea." "In these conditions, the figure of a million victims since April 17, 1975, the day of the 'liberation' of Phnom Penh, is plausible, if not certain," he said.

Mr. Berges said one 50-year-old refugee told him:

"I am like a frog. I see only what is around my eyes. But when it rains, thousands of frogs see the same things as me."

The refugee, named Pall, said on his long journey to Thailand he had spent time searching for his missing brother. He did not find him, but found corpses "like a field of locusts."