

# Cambodian Post Seized

## Phnom Penh

Two hundred Cambodian government soldiers, defending a Mekong river bank position 12 miles northeast of the capital, were forced to abandon the post yesterday after a three-hour-long fight with Communist attackers, a field report said.

Government commanders said that 30 of their men were killed, another 30 miss-

ing and the others escaped to safety by swimming the Mekong to the west bank.

On Highway 1, infantry pushing eastward linked up with an airborne unit 20 miles east of Phnom Penh, freeing three miles of roadway occupied by the Communists since February 10.

In southern Cambodia, Communist forces cut Highway 2 near Svay Rieng-Kandal, ten miles south of the capital, and Highway 3,

20 miles south of Phnom Penh. The cuts isolated several government outposts on Route 2, which runs to the South Vietnamese border and on to the coast.

On the Mekong's east bank, 32 miles east of the capital, government soldiers continued fighting to recapture the riverside town of Banam, four miles north of the ferry crossing and naval base at Neak Luong.

*Associated Press*