

# G.O.P. Counters Plan to Halt Cambodia Funds

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WASHINGTON, May 12—The Senate Republican leadership countered a bipartisan move to cut off funds for future military activities in Cambodia by suggesting legislation today that would sanction actions taken under the President's power as Commander in Chief.

Senators John Sherman Cooper, Republican of Kentucky, and Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, immediately protested that a loophole was being proposed that would give a "blank check" to the President to undertake future military actions in Cambodia.

The counter move was proposed today by Senator Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the Senate Republican leader in the form of an amendment to a foreign military sales bill that is to be called up on the Sen-

ate floor tomorrow or Wednesday.

Senator Scott said the new amendment, approved by the White House could be submitted as a substitute for an amendment previously offered by Senators Cooper and Church and co-sponsored by Senator Mike Mansfield of Montana, the Senate Democratic leader, and Senator George D. Aiken of Vermont, the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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With the White House action today, the lines were drawn more sharply than ever for a constitutional debate between the Executive and the Legislative branches over war-making powers, a debate that was set off by President Nixon's dispatch of American troops into Cambodia. The first test of strength is to come in the discussion of the rival amend-

The Cooper-Church amendment—already approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in a 9-to-4 vote yesterday—provides that no funds appropriated by Congress can be used by the President for "retaining" United States forces in Cambodia, for supplying military advisers or mercenaries to the Cambodian Government or for conducting any combat air activities over Cam-

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bodia support of the Cambodian Government forces.

The substitute amendment contains the same restrictions on operations in Cambodia as the Cooper-Church amendment, in identical words. But it adds the exemption that funds can be spent by the President for military actions in Cambodia if they are "required to protect the armed forces of the United States."