

## Cambodian

# Reds Begin Big Attack

PHNOM PENH — (UPI)

— The Cambodian high command said Khmer Rouge (Cambodian Communists) began their most violent offensive operation of the Cambodian war yesterday. Fighting was reported within 10 miles of Phnom Penh and an army general said Communists were believed planning to attack the capital.

(American warplanes struck the Communist troops in Cambodia and kept up heavy raids over Laos, the Pacific Command announced yesterday in Honolulu).

The Khmer Rouge offensive overran the Mekong River port city of Banam near the vital naval base at Neak Luong, 32 miles southeast of Phnom Penh, and the situation at Neak Luong was reported critical.