

Cambodia Says Her Troops Gain South of Capital

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia, March 15 (Reuters)—The Cambodian command announced today that Government forces had managed to push the front line south of the capital to a point 18 miles from the city.

The command said that Cambodian soldiers fighting along Route 2, the main road toward the south, had gained about five miles over the last week with the aid of bombing raids by Government planes.

The front line, the command added, is now at the roadside village of Khleang Moeung, 18 miles south of Phnom Penh.

A command spokesman said Communist forces attacked the Government front line overnight but he gave no details of the fighting or casualty figures.

The latest Communist attacks along Route 2 have been going on for more than three weeks, cutting off Phnom Penh from the isolated provincial



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soldiers, the command said.

More attacks were reported during the night on the east bank of the Mekong River a short distance downstream from here.

Inflation Spurs Action

PHNOM PENH, March 15 (AP)—The Cambodian Government, in a move to curb inflation, today took action against selling commodities above the Government price index set on Feb. 28.

More than 100 military policemen and economic officials swept through Phnom Penh's market checking weight scales and price tags.

The raids resulted in 46 arrests and the confiscation of 100 pounds of food. Prices here have been rising as much as 10 to 20 per cent a month.

The inflation has sent students and teachers on a national strike and has been the cause of at least one civil disturbance.

capital of Takeo. Takeo was hit by eight rounds of mortar fire, which wounded several