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Cambodia Seizes Many as 'Subversives'

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia, March 19—Arrests and interrogations continued today while state security groups pursued what a high official called "the dismantling of subversive networks" in Phnom Penh.

The official, under secretary of Information Thong Lim Huong, said in an interview that the so-called subversives were of "royalist inspiration."

On Saturday, a Cambodian Air Force light bomber dropped two bombs near the President's residence.

The pilot, who escaped presumably into the rebel-held zone of Cambodia, has been identified by the government as Capt. So Potra, husband of a daughter of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the deposed head of state.

#### A Link Is Charged

Today, for the first time, the Government charged that there was a link between the attempt on the life of President Lon Nol and an earlier incident Saturday in which grenades killed two persons at a meeting of striking teachers.

In both cases, a Government declaration said, "enemies in the pay of the Vietcong and North Vietnamese" were the instigators.

Many teachers and students supporting the countrywide strike that has closed public schools for a month reject this explanation and regard it as an attempt to break the strike.

Under the state of emergency Nol declared immediately after the two incidents, the Government ordered the teachers back to work. Since today is a national holiday, the test of the order will come tomorrow.

#### Educators Arrested

Among those reported arrested under the emergency provisions are a number of educators, including Khieu Komar, dean of the teachers college, site of the grenade explosion.

In the interview, Mr. Huong—who is an associate of Brig. Gen. Lon Non, the President's

younger brother—declared that in the school strike, involving about 20,000 teachers, a small minority of "subversives were leading a docile majority."

The principal issue in the strike is the growing gap between rising prices and modest salaries. The political overtones stem from the fact that the strike has represented the only sizable and durable opposition to the Government in the three years under this Cambodian regime.

"These are not isolated acts but acts intended to bring down the Khmer Republic," Mr. Huong declared. He said there was an identity of interests between the Vietnamese Communists and Cambodian insurgents on one hand and the "royalists on the other."

#### 16 Reported Held

So far, 16 members of the Royal Family are said to have been transported to the home of Prince Sihanouk's mother, Queen Mother Siswath Kossamak Nearireath, where they are under house arrest. The women of the family have been allowed to remain in their houses under military police surveillance.

Those arrested include Prince Sisowath Monireth, former Defense Minister, and his three sons, two military officers and a diplomat, and former Premier, Prince Norodom Kanthol.

Meanwhile, funeral pyres burned today near the President's residence, for 43 victims of the bombing. Most were children of Agriculture Ministry employes living in member barracks. Three more persons died of their burns today.

#### Nixon Sends Message

PHNOM PENH, March 19 (Agence France-Presse) — The Cambodian Government today released a message from President Nixon to Marshal Lon Nol, in which he expressed his "shock and indignation" at the bombing of the President's residence. "The American people join with me in extending our sympathy to those who have been killed or injured in this

attack and their families," the message said.

#### U.S. Planes Strike Again

HONOLULU, March 19 (UPI) — American planes struck suspected Communist targets in Cambodia again today, the Pacific command here said.



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Cambodian policemen taking a suspected subversive into custody in Phnom Penh

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