

CAMBODIA JAILS MORE SUSPECTS

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Newspaper Editors Among
Those Held After Raid

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PHNOM PENH, Cambodia, March 20 (Reuters) — Newspaper editors were among the latest anti-Government suspects arrested today under the state of emergency declared in Cambodia after an air attack on President Lon Nol's residence.

The military police chief, Brig. Gen. Chea Kim Eng, declined to say how many people his men had detained but unofficial estimates put the figure at more than 100.

About 20 members of the royal family were still crowded together under house arrest in the suburban villa of Queen Mother Kossamak, mother of Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the former head of state who is in exile in Peking.

Opposition politicians, student leaders and journalists were also under house arrest or filled the cells at military police headquarters, where they were being held without formal charges, according to informed sources.

Southern Road Opened

Meanwhile, Cambodian troops regained control of the main highway to the south today, the military command reported. Government infantry columns that had been advancing along the southern highway in both directions met in Samrong Yong, a village 22 miles south of here, without Communist resistance.

The southern road, Route 2, which runs from here to the provincial capital of Takeo, had been under attack for about a month. Since the middle of last year it had been mainly in Communist hands, cutting off the town, which was crowded with refugees.

The military command also reported fighting 10 miles from the western boundary of Phnom Penh.

But the attack on President Lon Nol's residence, which killed 43 people, and the security measures in the capital seemed to overshadow the fighting.

Among the latest to be arrested were Bouy Sreng, editor of the anti-Government daily Sangaruos Khmer, and Po Kim Seng, editor of the left-wing daily Phnom Penh News.

All 15 independently owned daily newspapers have been closed under an emergency decree, leaving only a handful of official publications.

Pilot's Escape Reported

HONG KONG, Wednesday, March 21 (Reuters)—The pilot who bombed the presidential residence in Phnom Penh Saturday landed safely in the Communist-controlled zone of Cambodia, the official Chinese press agency, Hsinhua, said today.

It did not identify the pilot and described him only as a "patriotic officer" of the Cambodian Government forces, while quoting a report from a press agency run by Cambodian insurgents.

President Lon Nol's government has identified the pilot as So Potra, 35, an Air Force captain.