NYTimes ambodians Seem Nearer to Collective Leadership

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Besides Besides Marshal Lon Nol discussions seem necessary behimself, members of the High Political Council would probably include Gen. Sisowath Sirik Matak, a former political counselor of the President and head of the opposition Republican party, In Tam, a retired brigadier general who opposed marshal Lon Nol in the presidential plection last June, and Cheng Heng, who served as Cambodian head of state from the time of Prince Norodom Sihanouk's Marshal Lon of Prince Norodom Sihanouk's ouster in 1970 until March 10, 1972.

Doubt of Accord

But today Mr. In Tam and a principal aide to General Sirik Matak both expressed doubt

that agreement was at hand on formation of the new junta. "I have received no word at all from President Lon Nol about our conditions for joining the Government since last Wednesday," Mr. In Tam said in an interview today. "At that time I understood that I would have word from him within 24

hours. This is not a good sign."
The aide to General Sirik
Matak said that many problems
remained to be resolved and
that he was not as optimistic
about forming a collective
leadership as he had been.

Areas of Agreement

Nevertheless, President Lon Nol has so far agreed to several important conditions. One was important conditions. One was acceptance of a ruling council consisting of only four members instead of the 11 he had at first proposed. Second, he agreed that the two-chamber National Assembly be temporarily set aside so as not to interfere with the work and authority of the governing council. council.

Today in closed session the one-party National Assembly in effect voted to approve creation of the High Political Council and to go into resessfor six months, Assembly

sources reported.

President Lon Nol has been forced for some time to share his power. American officials are especially favorable toward General Sirik Matak but are eager to see the whole political base of the Cambodian executive broadened. tive broadened.

Lon Non an Obstacle

A major obstacle to collaboration, in the eyes of the opposition politicians, has been the powerful figure of the President's younger brother, Brig. Gen. Lon Non. All the politicians involved have in-sisted that General Lon Non be

deprived of power before they rejoin the Government. Last week the Phnom Penh radio announced that General Lon Non would be leaving on

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Roulding Premier Hang Thun would be willing to join President Lon Nol in collective leadership of the nation.

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More days of bargaining and that one ship was forced aground and burned, an ammu-

The Phnom Penh Government reported that its troops today recaptured shattered and long-deserted Siem Reap, the village seven miles south of here that has been fought over many