

Cambodia Rebels Only 2 Miles From Phnom

SAIGON — (AP) — Forces fighting the government of President Lon Nol remained poised across the Mekong River as close as two miles from the center of Cambodia's capital today.

Military sources put their number at 5000, and said they control about 30 miles of territory on the river's eastern bank, facing Phnom Penh.

U.S. jets bombed the enemy positions yesterday as residents of Phnom Penh watched from a riverside mall.

The Cambodian government said enemy troops had seized outlying river villages, with continued fighting at Arei Ksath, two miles from Phnom Penh's center.

In South Vietnam, the initial exchange of Vietnamese civilian prisoners was postponed from today until tomorrow.

Sources close to the four-nation International Commission of Control and Supervision said in Saigon the Indonesian delegation postponed the exchange be-

cause it was not satisfied with the security arrangements for the trip to the site of Loc Ninh, the Viet Cong headquarters 75 miles north of Saigon.

Indonesia's chief delegate is the current chairman of the commission.

Lt. Col. Le Trung Hien, chief spokesman for the Saigon Command, said the postponement did not involve any dispute with the Viet Cong.

"The ICCS refused to go," said Hien. "They said they had not been informed in time."

Hien said that to make up for the delay, present plans call for Saigon to release 400 Communist prisoners at Loc Ninh tomorrow. It had originally been planned that 200 would be released each day. The Viet Cong are scheduled to release 385 civilian prisoners loyal to the Saigon government tomorrow at three different sites.

Under terms of the peace agreement signed in Paris Jan. 27, the deadline for the

release of civilian prisoners was today.

The 200 Communist prisoners scheduled for release today included 90 women. Assembled at Bien Hoa Air Base, 15 miles northeast of Saigon, before their release was postponed, the women were clad in black pajamas. Some could barely walk. Others, both men and women, were using crutches. One woman was on a stretcher.

The Communist side has charged that the Saigon government tortured prisoners of war.