

**Medical Treatment**

# Lon Nol Plan to Visit U.S. Reported

**Phnom Penh**

Lon Nol, the ailing president of Cambodia, will leave soon for medical treatment in the U.S., a high-ranking government official said yesterday.

The 59-year-old marshal accused of one-man rule and of permitting a corruption-infested government flew to the seaside resort of Kompong Som for ten days' rest. The official said that soon after his return to Phnom Penh Lon Nol will fly to the United States for the medical treatment of undisclosed length.

The Cambodian ruler who led the coup that overthrew Norodom Sihanouk in 1970 never fully recovered from a stroke the following year that left him partly paralyzed on the left side.

**BROTHER**

American pressure succeeded in forcing Lon Nol's powerful and controversial brother Lon Non to go abroad for an extended trip last month. He flew first to Paris and was expected to travel later to the United States.

During a visit to Phnom Penh last month General Alexander M. Haig Jr., one of President Nixon's key assistants suggested that Lon Nol also go abroad for health reasons.

Under the rule of the Lon brothers, the military, political and economic situations have rapidly deteriorated to a point where some Western observers believe the Phnom Penh government might collapse if the 50,000-man insurgent force, closely supported by the North Vietnamese, continues its pressure.

The insurgents are said to control an estimated 85 per cent of Cambodia.

**BOMBING**

American air power is credited with forestalling the fall of the government. But now the U.S. Congress is threatening to cut off funds for the American bombing and the U.S. is known to be pressuring Lon Nol for political steps to end the fighting.

Despite treatment by American doctors here and in Hawaii, Lon Nol's condition has deteriorated in the last several months because of his concern over the offensive and the recent leadership crisis within his own government, Cambodian sources said.

Anti-government forces are known to have three major conditions for a settlement: general elections, a coalition government and the removal of the Lon brothers.

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