

## Sihanouk Tells U.S. to Negotiate With the Cambodia Communists

PEKING, July 11 (Agence France-Presse — Prince Norodom Sihanouk, head of the Peking-based head of the Cambodian government in exile, warned here last night that President Nixon had only one "tiny door" through which to pull out of the Cambodia situation—direct negotiation with the Khmer Rouge, or Cambodian Communists if the Communists agreed to it.

In an interview, the Prince, who was ousted as Cambodia's Head of State in a coup three years ago, rejected "with scorn and disgust" and "in the name of the whole Cambodian resistance" negotiating proposals made last Friday by Foreign Minister Long Boret of the Phnom Penh Government.

Prince Sihanouk termed the proposals those of "cowards and traitors who sense that their hour has come and that they are to be hanged."

He has also said he would refuse to meet with President Nixon's national security adviser, Henry A. Kissinger, during Mr. Kissinger's forthcoming visit to Peking, or with any other American envoy.

The Prince furthermore rejected suggestions that France

or the Soviet Union might play a part in settling the Cambodian problem.

Prince Sihanouk said Mr. Kissinger could use the Chinese Premier, Chou En-lai, as an intermediary to put forward proposals for negotiations with the Cambodian Communists, thus "leaving open a tiny door."

"It is now up to the Americans and the Cambodian Communists—the future masters of Cambodia — to determine whether or not they want to hold talks," he said.

The Prince accused the United States of wanting to use him as a pawn to stand as a nationalist figure in opposition to the Communists in a Communist-dominated Cambodia.

"The world must not let itself be fooled by Nixon," Prince Sihanouk said. "You do not have to go to Peking or Moscow or Hanoi to look for peace. The key to peace lies in the hands of Mr. Richard Nixon."

"We formally accuse him of being the sole person responsible for this war," he added. "He is an archcriminal with the deaths of tens of thousands of innocent Cambodians on his conscience."