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VC Defector Reveals Red Cambodia Strategy

PHNOM PENH (UPI) — A Viet Cong defector was quoted Wednesday as saying two-thirds of all North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops in South Vietnam have been ordered into Cambodia to overthrow the Lon Nol regime and restore ousted chief of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

The defector, 25-year-old Le Van Long, a deputy section chief, was quoted as saying the Communist move was ordered when supply routes through Cambodia were cut following Sihanouk's ouster March 18.

Long was quoted as saying the Viet Cong were told the ensuing operations in Cambodia would be a "final battle."

A government spokesman who gave the gist of Long's state-

ment said the defector was one of several Communists picked up in recent days. Long was found by Cambodian forces while making his way to South Vietnamese positions in Svay Rieng Province to give himself up.

The spokesman said Long provided more information than any other Communist picked up so far.

Long, described as a sabotage expert, said he had been in Cambodia since last September. Following the fall of Sihanouk, he was ordered to recruit Cambodian villagers of low social rank for sabotage work. The villagers had identity documents and were not liable to security checks, as Vietnamese residents in Cambodia would be.