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SINANOUK RECEIVES NFLSV PRESIDUM MEMBER

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(Text) Hanoi, 15 June--Cambodian Chief of State Prince Norodom Sihanouk on 8 June gave a formal and very cordial reception to Professor Nguyen Van Hieu, member of the Presidium of the NFLSV Central Committee, at the Chamcarmon State Palace, according to the South Vietnam LIBERATION PRESS AGENCY correspondent in Phnom Penh.

Professor Nguyen Van Hieu handed the Cambodian Chief of State the statement, dated 31 May 1967, of the NFLSV Central Committee recognizing and undertaking to respect the present borders between South Vietnam and Cambodia. He reaffirmed the unswerving stand of the front to strengthen the friendly relations with Cambodia and the militant solidarity between the people of Vietnam and Cambodia in the struggle against the common enemies--the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their henchmen.

Cambodian Chief of State Prince Norodom Sihanouk warmly thanked the NFLSV for its correct attitude with regard to the border question, and thanked the front and the South Vietnamese people for their support to the struggle of the Cambodian people and government to defend their national independence, peace, and neutrality. He reaffirmed the stand of the Kingdom of Cambodia to give constant support to the just struggle of the South Vietnamese people against U.S. aggression and for national salvation.

Later, the Cambodian Chief of State held a press conference at the Chamcarmon State Palace. He pointed to the important significance of the 31 May NFLSV statement and said he highly valued it. He declared that Cambodia recognized the NFLSV as the only genuine representative of the South Vietnamese people and, on the basis of this recognition, the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia agreed to the establishment of an NFLSV representation in Phnom Penh. He pointed out that the front's representation would enjoy diplomatic status.

This historic event in diplomatic relations between the NFLSV and Cambodia has aroused general enthusiasm in Cambodia. Phnom Penh radio and many papers in the Cambodian capital have reported this event and have written commentaries to welcome it.

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KHMER-CZECH COOPERATION--A ceremony was held at 1030 on 15 June in the conference room of the National Education Ministry for the signing of a cultural and scientific plan between the Cambodian Kingdom and Czechoslovakia for 1967. The royal government was represented by National Education and Fine Arts Minister Van Molyvann, and Czechoslovakia by its ambassador, Vladimir Knapp. (Text) (Phnom Penh French Southeast Asia 0530 GMT 16 June 1967--D)