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SIHANOUK ON DRV TROOPS, AID TO NUFC, U.S. AIR STRIKES

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[Text] Brioni, Yugoslavia, June 17 (AFP)--Visiting Cambodian Prince Norodom Sihanouk said today that there had been no North Vietnamese units in Cambodia since the second half of last year. Prince Sihanouk said the only foreign forces now in communist-controlled areas of Cambodia were liaison teams in charge of transit and trade. He explained that rice and meat were being exported to "our Vietnamese friends" and to the Pathet Lao.

During an exclusive interview with AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE, the head of the Campuchean United Front Government (FUNC), who is currently on an unofficial visit to Yugoslavia, affirmed that his forces in Cambodia had not received military aid from China or North Vietnam since the signing of the first cease-fire agreement in Paris in January this year. He said they had stockpiles of arms accumulated through earlier "generous" provisions from China, however.

Prince Sihanouk said FUNC now had 120,000 regular troops directly involved in the war, and 80,000 reserves, but he discounted the likelihood of a full-scale offensive against Phnom Penh. The memory of the destructive fighting during the 1968 Tet offensive and that around Hue and Quang Tri later acted as a deterrent to such an operation, he said. He said that following Washington's rejection of his proposals for U.S.-FUNC peace negotiations, the future of the war depended on the prolongation of U.S. strikes over Cambodia. If President Richard Nixon was pressured into reducing air attacks, the capital could be captured quickly and the war ended. If not, the fighting would drag on, at least until the end of President Nixon's second mandate in 1976, he said.

Prince Sihanouk paid tribute to Yugoslav President Marshal Tito as a "flag-bearer" of the liberation movement in Cambodia. He added that he hoped to attend the conference on nonaligned nations in Algiers in September.

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