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[Text] Peking, July 9 (AFP)--Prince Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia today rejected any possibility of negotiations between Cambodian resistance forces and the government of Marshal Lon Nol. Prince Sihanouk took that position when asked to comment on reports from Phnom Penh that General Lon Nol had proposed unconditional peace negotiations with the "other side".

The prince, who heads the Kampuchea National United Front (NUFC), reaffirmed the "irreversible and unchangeable position of the Cambodian resistance". He summarized the position as follows:

- 1. The so-called "Khmer Republic," having no popular basis, no serious legal basis, and being only a colony of U.S. imperialism, which uses the clique of "Lon Nol-ist" traitors as its instrument of aggression and colonization in Cambodia, the Cambodian resistance will never agree to negotiate or to reconcile with the above-named traitors.
- If, one day, the Cambodian resistance finds itself face to face with those traitors, it will simply hang them.
- 2. The Cambodian resistance will fight to the end, weapons in hand, even for another 10 or 20 years if necessary against the United States as long as that country has not stopped its aggression against Cambodia and has not dismantled its colonialist system set up over Phnom Penh and one-tenth of Cambodia's territory.
- 3. The Cambodian resistance will never agree to Cambodia being divided in two and to its having "two governments, two armies, two administrations" as in South Vietnam. The Cambodian resistance will never agree to form a so-called "coalition government" such as the one in Laos with the lackey traitors on the U.S. payroll.

Prince Sihanouk concluded: "Finally, NUFC, RGNUC (the Cambodian Royal Government of National Union), CPMLAF (the People's Armed Forces for Cambodian National Liberation) and Norodom Sihanouk will never agree to any kind of compromise with U.S. neocolonialist imperialism. We will fight to the death against American imperialism".