

CORONATION IN CAMBODIA

It was coronation day in Phnom-Penh. 60-year-old King Suramarit has succeeded his son, Prince Norodom Sihanouk. This reversal of custom took place because Norodom
20 abdicated the throne in order to become Premier of Cambodia. The Chief of Protocol invoked the Divine Blessing upon the new King and Queen. Cambodia jealously guards her oriental traditions while striving to keep abreast of the
40 modern world. After the ~~mamamam~~^{crowning} the King and Queen were ceremoniously conveyed through the capital, acclaimed by a large, picturesque and varied crowd.

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A country of over 4,000,000 people Cambodia became a French Protectorate 93-years ago and was made an independent Kingdom within the French union in 1949. It hopes for a peaceful and prosperous future under King Suramarit.