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CHOU EN-LAI GIVES BANQUET CONGRATULATING SIHANOUK

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[Text] Peking, July 6, 1973 (HSINHUA)--Premier Chou En-lai gave a grand banquet in the Great Hall of the People here this evening to warmly welcome Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, and Madame Sihanouk who have come here after visiting eleven African and European countries, and to congratulate them on the success of their visit.

Among the guests at the banquet were Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFC and prime minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Madame Penn Nouth; Ieng Sary, special envoy of the interior part of Cambodia; ministers of the RGNUC Sarin Chhak and Madame Sarin Chhak, General Duong Sam Ol and Madame Duong Sam Ol, Thiounn Mumm, Keat Chhon and Madame Keat Chhon, Thiounn Prasith, Vice-Minister Van Piny; Prince Yuvaneath and Madame Yuvaneath; Prince Sihamoni; Prince Norindrapong; Princess Roeungsy and her husband; Princess Keth Kanya; Madame Pemme Peang; Madame Kou Roun; Ambassador Toch Kham Doeun and Madame Toch Kham Doeun; and other Cambodian friends in Peking.

Attending the banquet were Chinese leaders Yeh Chien-ying, Yao Wen-yuan, Li Hsien-nien, Chi Teng-kuei, Li Te-shing, Wang Tung-hsing, Wang Hung-wen, Wu Te, Teng Hsiao-ping, Hsu Hsiang-chien and Kuo Mo-jo, as well as Foreign Minister Chi Peng-fei and head of the International Liaison Department of the CCP Central Committee Keng Piao.

The rostrum of the banquet hall was hung with a huge portrait of Samdech Sihanouk and one of Chairman Mao, flanked by the national flags of the Kingdom of Cambodia and China.

Samdech and Madame Sihanouk, Samdech and Madame Penn Nouth, and Special Envoy Ieng Sary entered the banquet hall amid warm applause. They shook hands with diplomatic envoys to China of Guinea, Mali, the Congo, Zambia, Morocco, Mauritania, Algeria, Albania, Yugoslavia and Romania and their wives, as well as diplomatic envoys of other countries.

The banquet proceeded in a warm and friendly atmosphere. The Chinese and Cambodian comrades-in-arms and friends from other countries gathered together in a joyous mood, clinking glasses to the important achievements of the Cambodian Government and people on the diplomatic front.

Premier Chou En-lai and Samdech Sihanouk made heart-warming speeches, followed by the playing of the national anthems of Cambodia and China. In the course of the banquet, the band played the tunes "Glory to the Arab and African Brothers" and "Oh! China, My Beloved Second Motherland!" by Samdech Sihanouk.

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Also attending the banquet were:

Standing Committee members of the National People's Congress Chi Fang, Hu Tzu-ang, Hu Yu-chih and Lo Shu-chang;

Leading members of departments under the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, government departments, the Peking Municipal Revolutionary Committee and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship With Foreign Countries Han Nien-lung, Li Chiang, Han Tsung-cheng, Yu Sang, Chen Hsi-yu, Ma Jen-hui, Shen Chien, Wang Hai-jung, Li Ching-chuan, Chang Chi-chih, Tai Cheng-yuan, Lu Ying, Ti Fu-tsai, Yang Chi, Huang Chieh, Hsu Han-ping, Chao Ian-Hsiang, Wang Chen and Lu Wei-chao; Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Kang Mao-chao and his wife Yang Ling; Sun Hao, counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Cambodia; and Lu I, leading member of the China-Cambodia friendship people's commune; and

Leading members of various general departments, services and branches of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, the PLA Peking units and Peking garrison Hsiao Ching-kuang, Hsiang Chung-hua, Tien Wei-sin, Chang Tsung-sun, Su Chen-hua, Cheng Chun, Chang Ta-chih, Li Chia-i, Li Chen, Liu Hsien-chuan, Chou Shih-chung, Sung Yu-lin and Tseng Shao-tung.

#### Chou En-lai Speech

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[Text] Peking, July 6, 1973 (HSINHUA)--Following is the full text of the speech by Premier Chou En-lai at the banquet he gave this evening to mark the success of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk's visit to African and European countries:

Respected Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, and Mme Sihanouk,

Respected Samdech Penn Nouth, chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front and prime minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Mme Penn Nouth,

Respected Special Envoy Ieng Sary,

Distinguished guests from Cambodia,

Friends and comrades,

Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, head of state and chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, and Mme Sihanouk, accompanied by Special Envoy Ieng Sary, have successfully concluded their friendly visit to eleven countries, namely, Senegal, Guinea, Mali, the Congo, Zambia, Morocco, Mauritania, Algeria, Albania, Yugoslavia and Romania and have now returned to Peking. On behalf of Chairman Mao Tsetung and the Chinese Government and people, I extend our warmest congratulations to Samdech Sihanouk on the complete success of his visit.

Samdech Sihanouk's tour lasted for nearly two months and covered about fifty thousand kilometres. The noble patriotism shown by Samdech Sihanouk in slighting the fatigue and making such a long journey for the cause of independence and liberation of his country merit our admiration.

It was shortly after concluding his trip of historic significance to the interior of Cambodia that Samdech Sihanouk set out to visit friendly countries in Africa and Europe as the honourable envoy of the Cambodian people, bearing the happy tidings of victories of the patriotic armed forces and people of Cambodia. He acquainted the leaders and people of these countries with the excellent situation in Cambodia and the new outlook of the liberated zone of Cambodia, which he had seen personally. The brilliant victories of the heroic Cambodian people in their struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation were warmly applauded by these countries and their people.

Samdech Sihanouk was accorded a grand and warm welcome and cordial hospitality in his visit to the eleven African and European countries. His visit has not only strengthened the solidarity and friendship between the Cambodian people and the people of various countries, but further raised the international standing of the National United Front and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and extended their political influence. Now about forty countries have recognized the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia as the sole legal Government of Cambodia. This is another proof that a just cause enjoys abundant support while an unjust cause finds little support. The Cambodian people have friends all over the world. We are greatly rejoiced and inspired by the fact that the Cambodian people's just struggle is enjoying ever more widespread sympathy and support internationally.

At present, the war waged by the Cambodian people to punish the traitorous Lon Nol clique is developing victoriously. Huddled in the isolated city of Phnom Penh, that clique is in the grip of a general crisis. The days of its feeble survival are numbered. The continued bombing of Cambodia by U.S. imperialism will only further arouse the strong opposition of the Cambodian people and the people of all countries, the American people included. Recently, the Saigon administration has further incessantly violated the Paris agreement and the joint communique on Vietnam and openly threatened to take every means for military intervention in Cambodia. The traitorous Lon Nol clique intends, in addition, to introduce mercenaries from Thailand for help. It can be said with certainty that in taking these truculent actions they will be lifting a rock only to drop it on their own feet; these actions can neither save the traitorous Lon Nol clique from its total collapse, nor prevent the Cambodian people from advancing from victory to victory.

The Chinese and Cambodian peoples are comrades-in-arms and brothers standing together in times of need. The Chinese Government and people resolutely support the just struggle of the fraternal Cambodian people. Samdech Norodom Sihanouk's historic five-point declaration has pointed out the clear direction for a settlement of the Cambodian question. Recently, Samdech Sihanouk and the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia have again and again demanded that the United States immediately stop its bombing and military intervention in Cambodia. We firmly support the just stand of the Cambodian people. We are convinced that the Cambodian people's struggle against U.S. aggression and for national salvation will surely be crowned with final victory.

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Now I propose a toast

To the great victories of the Cambodian people,

To the complete success of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk's visit to the eleven African and European countries,

To the friendship and solidarity between the Cambodian people and the people of the African and European countries,

To the close friendship and militant unity between the Chinese people and the three Indochinese peoples,

To the health and long life of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and Mme Sihanouk,

To the health of Samdech Penn Nouth and ~~Mme~~ Penn Nouth,

To the health of Special Envoy Ieng Sary,

To the health of the Cambodian ministers and their wives present,

To the health of the heads of diplomatic missions and their wives present, and

To the health of our friends and comrades present here!