

VIII. CHOU EN-LAI RECEIVES, FÊTES SIHANOUK, PENN NOUTH

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Peking, February 14--Chou En-lai, Premier of the State Council, today met and feted Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Cambodian Head of State and Chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia and Madame Norodom Sihanouk; Samdech Penn Nouth, Chairman of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the National United Front of Cambodia and Prime Minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Madame Penn Nouth; as well as Ministers of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia and other distinguished Cambodian guests.

The meeting and banquet proceeded in a very cordial and friendly atmosphere.

Premier Chou En-lai warmly congratulated Samdech Norodom Sihanouk on the satisfactory conclusion of his friendly visit to the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam and his successful meeting with Prince Souphanouvong, Chairman of the Laotian Patriotic Front; and warmly congratulated the three peoples of Indochina on the great victories they had scored in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation by uniting together and supporting each other.

Prince Sihanouk talked about the excellent situation in the Cambodian people's war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. He expressed the conviction that the Cambodian people and other Indochinese peoples would finally defeat U.S. imperialism and its running dogs,

Li Hsien-nien, Vice-Premier of the State Council, Yeh Chien-ying, Vice-Chairman of the Military Commission of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, and Kuo Mo-jo, Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, Ministers of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and other Cambodian guests attended the meeting and banquet. They included Sarin Chhak, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Chau Seng, Minister charged with Special Missions; Chan Youran, Minister of Popular Education and Youth; Thiounn Mumm, Minister of Economy and Finance; General Duong Sam Ol, Minister of Military Equipment and Armament, and Madame Duong Sam Ol; Chea San, Minister of Justice and Judicial Reforms; Keat Chhon, Minister Delegate to the Prime Minister, and Madame Keat Chhon; Thiounn Prasith, Minister in charge of the Coordination of the Efforts of Struggle for National Liberation; Prince Sisowath Methavi, Director of the Office of the Head of State; Van Piny, Second Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Madame Van Piny; and Ker Meas, Cambodian Ambassador to China. Present were also personnel of the Chinese Departments concerned including Han Nien-lung, Lin Chia-mei, Yu Lixachun, Tsao Ke-chiang, Han Hsu, Kang Mao-chao, Wang Chen, Yang Ling, Chi Hsung-hua and Hsieh Yueh-o.