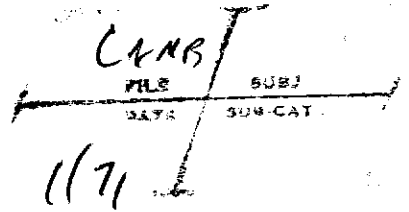


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I DRV ECHOES SIHANOUK'S CALL FOR  
MASS UPRISING IN CAMBODIA

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The government of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam today issued a statement denouncing the U.S. imperialists for intensifying their war of aggression in Cambodia.

The statement said:

Of late, the Nixon Administration has feverishly intensified its war of aggression in Cambodia.

Following the massive increase of American military aid to the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique U.S. Defense Secretary Melvin Laird came to Saigon and Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Thomas H. Moorer came to Phnom Penh to map out a plan to intensify the war of aggression in Cambodia and in the whole of Indochina. Under the U.S. command, tens of thousands of Saigon and Phnom Penh puppet troops have launched massive operations against the Cambodian people in many regions.

In particular, in the frenzied attacks on Highway 4, the U.S. has mobilized various types of aircraft, including B-52 strategic bombers, to wantonly bombard many localities. It has sent many warships of the Seven Fleet off Sihanoukville to back the operations carried out by the puppets. On January 20, 1971, U.S. Defense Secretary Melvin Laird brazenly declared that the U.S. would continue to use its air and naval forces in Cambodia.

It is clear that the Nixon administration has grossly trampled underfoot the sacred national rights of the Khmer people, the fundamental principles of the 1954 Geneva Agreements on Cambodia, and all elementary norms of international law. It has further revealed itself as the most ferocious and dangerous enemy of the Khmer people.

By intensifying and expanding the war of aggression in Cambodia together with its feverish efforts to intensify the war of aggression in Viet-Nam and Laos, the Nixon Administration continues to engage deeply in military adventures against the Indochinese countries. These U.S. criminal acts constitute an extremely insolent challenge to world public opinion and the progressive opinion in the United States which resolutely demand that the Nixon Administration stop its aggression, withdraw immediately, completely and unconditionally U.S. and satellite troops from the Indochinese countries. The so-called "five-point peace initiative" of U.S. President Nixon is in fact a mere deception.

As known to everybody, the U.S. has masterminded a coup d'etat against the independence, peace and neutrality of Cambodia and launched an impudent aggression against that country, thus compelling the entire Khmer people to rise up against it. Under the clear-sighted leadership of the National United Front of Kampuchea headed by Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk and of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia with Samdech Penn Nouth as Prime Minister, the patriotic fight of the Khmer people has, over the past 10 months, recorded great victories, liberating seven-tenths of Cambodia's territory with more than four million inhabitants. Particularly, the resounding victories and repeated powerful attacks of the Khmer people and the Cambodian National Liberation Armed Forces have over the past months landed the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique in an extremely critical situation.

In response to the urgent appeal of Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFK and the RGNUC, the heroic Khmer people and the valiant Cambodian National Liberation Armed Forces are developing their position of strength and offensive and resolutely marching forward to achieve their sacred cause of national liberation.

The Vietnamese people and the DRVN Government warmly welcome the repeated, great and resounding victories of the Khmer people and the Cambodian National Liberation Armed Forces and unreservedly support the January 18, 1971 appeal of Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFK and the RGNUC as well as the January 20, 1971 statement of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the NUFK and the RGNUC.

The DRVN Government sternly denounces and severely condemns the intensification of the U.S. war of aggression in Cambodia and resolutely demands that the American imperialists immediately and unconditionally put an end to all these criminal acts. The Nixon Administration must bear full responsibility for the serious consequences arising from their military adventures.

Loyal to the common declaration of the Indochinese Peoples' Summit Conference, the Vietnamese people are determined to persist in and step up their struggle against U.S. aggression, for national salvation and to stand shoulder to shoulder with the fraternal Khmer people so as to fight together and together lead the just cause of the two countries to complete victory.

[Editor's Note: Sihanouk's 18 January "Appeal" was reproduced as a Principal Reports "Special" on 20 January. The NUFK statement of January 20 is item V in Principal Reports of January 25].