

### III. GIAP GREETES KHIEU SAMPHAN ON NEW YEAR.

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Kampuchea 18 January AKI -- Mr. Khieu Samphan, RGNUG Deputy Premier, National Defense Minister, and Commander in Chief of the CPNLA, has received a New Year greetings message from General Vo Nguyen Giap, Deputy Premier and National Defense Minister of the Democratic Republic of Viet-Nam.

The message, dated 30 December, read as follows:

Your Excellency:

On the occasion of the New Year, in the name of all cadres and combatants of the People's Armed Forces of Viet-Nam and in my own name, I convey to you and through you to all cadres and combatants of the fraternal Cambodian People's National Liberation Armed Forces my warmest congratulations.

May the revolutionary armed forces of our two countries closely unite with each other and with the liberation armed forces of the fraternal Lao people to record greater victories in 1972, defeat U.S. imperialism and all its lackeys, drive out U.S. imperialism from the Indochinese peninsula, and recover the independence and national sovereignty of our three countries.

I convey to you my best wishes for good health and great success in accomplishment of your important mission.

But in addition to ordinary logic there evidently exists a special "regal" logic which also services special "regal worries." The Prince is apparently indignant because the Soviet Union regards him as the leader of the NUFK rather than as the representative of a royal dynasty.

It transpires that Sihanouk is not concerned in the slightest about the real interests of the struggling Cambodian people, who require the aid and support of all progressive forces throughout the world. Royal regalia is much more important to him.

Prince Sihanouk has been spreading anti-Soviet falsehoods with increasing frequency recently, presenting black as white. Sihanouk has now added a liberal portion of racism to his anticommunism. It can be supposed with a large degree of certainty that all this is the result of the influence exerted on the Cambodian prince by his new political homeland.