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NHAN DAN PREDICTS BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR CAMBODIAN VICTORY

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[NHAN DAN 9 November article: "The Brilliant Future of Cambodia"]

[Text] For 16 consecutive years since 9 November 1953, when the Kingdom of Cambodia declared its independence, under the leadership of Chief of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, the Cambodian people have lived in peace and have devoted their strength and talent to building their country. Through many challenges the independent, peaceful and neutral lines set forth by Chief of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk and the solidarity and friendship between the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples have proved effective in helping the Cambodian people protect their fundamental national rights and turn their country into an oasis of peace.

By having its country-selling henchmen in Cambodia stage a coup d'etat on 18 March 1970 and by sending 100,000 U.S. and Saigon puppet troops to launch fierce attacks against Cambodia, the bellicose Nixon administration believed that it could easily turn the country into a neocolony and a base for carrying out its war of aggression against the three Indochinese peoples.

[Words indistinct] they have had to bear increasingly disastrous consequences. Responding to Chief of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk's historic appeal of 23 March 1970, the Cambodian people, united a million people as one man, have arisen to struggle. Under the leadership of the NUFK headed by Chief of State **Samdeck Norodom** Sihanouk and the RGNUC headed by Premier Penn Nouth and Vice Premier Khieu Samphan, the Cambodian people's war has rapidly developed.

The more the Cambodian armed forces and people fight, the stronger they become and the greater victories they achieve. They have completely foiled such large-scale operations as Operation "Toan Thang 1/71" conducted by U.S. and Saigon troops in the 1970-1971 dry season in northeast Cambodia and Operation "Chen La II" in the 1971-1972 dry season on Route 6 with the participation of 70 Lon Nol puppet battalions under the direct command of U.S. admiral McCain, dealing a deadly blow to the Nixon administration's Khmerization policy and making the Lon Nol puppet army unable to recover its strength.

Since the beginning of 1972, in concert with the great, all-around and firm victories of the Vietnamese and Lao peoples, the Cambodian people's war has developed very well. The Cambodian armed forces and people have launched repeated attacks on all battlefields and in various cities and towns, cutting all strategic communications lines and driving the Phnom Penh government into a very difficult situation caused by its woeful military defeats, political disturbances and economic crisis. The liberated area has been increasingly consolidated and broadened. It now encompasses (?85) percent of the territory with more than 5 million inhabitants and becomes a firm rear base for the Cambodian revolution. The prestige and position of the NUFK and RGNUC have rapidly increased among the masses, including the people in enemy-controlled areas, and have constantly risen in the world.

The brilliant victories in the last rainy season have opened a bright prospect for the Cambodian people's anti-U.S. national salvation resistance. The Cambodian armed forces' and people's great, all-around and firm victories are a valuable support and a very great encouragement for our people's anti-U.S. national salvation undertaking.

For several decades now the fate of the two peoples has been linked closely in the struggle against the common enemy, imperialism. The close militant solidarity between the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples and between the three Indochinese peoples is extremely important for them to cope with their extremely cruel and perfidious enemy, the U.S. imperialists. This is one of the factors that guarantee victories for each country.

The joint communique on Chief of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk's friendly visit to our country on 28 October clearly points out: The recent past was a period of most stringent trials and, at the same time, a period during which the peoples of the two countries coordinated closely with each other in all struggle activities and have won very great victories, thus demonstrating the truth that the two peoples, who unite closely, fight against the common enemy and, at the same time, respect each other's independence and sovereignty, represent an invincible strength. The unprecedentedly great success of the solidarity between Vietnam and Cambodia has increased the mutual trust, respect and assistance between the peoples of the two countries.

This militant solidarity, which is shining with the just cause and is a factor contributing to success, urges and motivates the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples to advance to fulfilling their noble liberation undertaking.

Once again our people would like to express their joy over the good development in the friendly cooperation and militant solidarity between the peoples of the two countries as strikingly manifested in the recent friendly visit of Chief of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk.

Boundlessly loyal to the joint statement of the Indochinese People's Summit Conference and implementing President Ho's sacred testament, our people are determined to persevere in and step up the struggle on the military, political and diplomatic fronts and to advance the sacred anti-U.S. national salvation undertaking to complete victory. Our people are determined to fulfill their international duty by wholeheartedly supporting the resistance of the Cambodian people as well as that of the fraternal Lao people and by demanding that the Nixon administration respect the independence, sovereignty, peace, neutrality and territorial integrity of Cambodia, end its intervention and other aggressive acts against the Cambodian people and allow them to settle their internal affairs without foreign intervention.

On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Kingdom of Cambodia our people would like to extend to the Cambodian people our warmest greetings. Our people sincerely thank the Cambodian people for their wholehearted support for our just struggle. We hope that the heroic Cambodian people win even more brilliant victories, sweep away U.S. neocolonialism from Cambodia and overthrow the country-selling Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh U.S. lackey clique in order to build an independent, sovereign, neutral, peaceful, democratic and prosperous Cambodia in territorial integrity, as pointed out in Chief of State Samdech Norodom Sihanouk's five-point statement of 23 April 1970 and in the NUPK political platform.

May the friendship and militant solidarity between the Vietnamese and Cambodian peoples last forever.