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Support for the Cambodian Government Stand

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THE Royal Cambodian Government is fully justified in demanding the convocation of an international conference to guarantee Cambodia's independence, neutrality and territorial integrity. The whole world knows that the United States has long regarded Cambodia, a country which adheres to a policy of peace and neutrality, as a stumbling-block to its attempt to enslave and control Indo-China. The U.S. criminal activities of intervention, subversion and aggression against Cambodia in violation of the Geneva agreements are too numerous to be counted. The U.S. policy of aggression towards Cambodia is a grave menace to the independence and sovereignty of the Kingdom of Cambodia and to the peace and tranquillity of the Cambodian people.

In the present situation, the three conditions set forth by the Cambodian Government for the convocation of such a conference are quite reasonable. They not only represent the aspirations and will of the 6 million Cambodian people but are advanced in the light of the actual situation in Indo-China today.

There has been an international conference and an international accord guaranteeing Cambodia's indepen-

dence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, namely, the 1954 Geneva Conference and the 1954 Geneva agreements. Clearly, on the Cambodian question, only a conference of the 1954 Geneva conference type may be convoked and there is a legal basis for it. Such a conference and the 14-nation conference of 1962 which discussed the Laotian question are two entirely different things.

The so-called Saigon government, as everybody knows, is every inch an American puppet. Without full backing from the United States this regime could not linger on for a single day. It will be absurd and ridiculous if these stooges in the pay of the United States are allowed to attend the international conference as representatives of the people of south Viet Nam. The only representative of the south Vietnamese people at any international conference on the Indo-China question is of course the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation, certainly not the puppet regime in Saigon.

The Cambodian question must not be confused with the Viet Nam question or the Laotian question. In the case of Cambodia, it is a question of doing away with U.S. aggression and intervention, of guaranteeing that nation's independence, neutrality and territorial integrity. Viet Nam is an entirely different story: having completely scrapped the 1954 Geneva agreements, the

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United States sent troops to south Viet Nam, launched a war of aggression there and is spreading the war to the north. Thus, the precondition for the settlement of the Viet Nam question can only be the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Viet Nam. In Laos, things are again different: the United States has wrecked the Government of National Union, egged on the Right-wing group to rekindle the civil war and has itself sent aircraft to wantonly bomb the liberated areas in Laos. Therefore, in order to solve the Laotian question, the United States must be made to act in strict accordance with the 1962 Geneva agreements and stop its aggression and military intervention in Laos; and the tripartite Government of National Union must be restored without delay on the basis of the Zurich and Plain of Jars agreements. There are people who now want to mix the Viet Nam question and the Laotian question with the Cambodian question. There is obviously an ulterior motive for this.

The British Labour Government plays an active role as a broker in this new American "peace talk" fraud. Early in mid-April, after the British Prime Minister's visit to Washington, the Labour government began to get busy. Wilson also had talked over this question with U.N. Secretary-General U Thant and got the latter's approval. The Far East tour of former British Foreign

Secretary Gordon-Walker had the same purpose of peddling this ware. And when Prince Sihanouk repeatedly made clear the just stand of the Royal Cambodian Government, categorically rejecting the scheme to discuss the Viet Nam question through a conference on Cambodia, the British Government, instead of giving up, became more active than ever. British Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart announced in the House of Commons on April 26 that the British Government had sent a letter of reply to the Soviet Government officially accepting the so-called Soviet proposal of April 3 for the convocation of an international conference on the Cambodian question. But, no matter how hard the British Government tries to serve U.S. imperialism, its efforts will definitely run aground. What it is doing can only further expose its features as an accomplice in the U.S. imperialist aggression in Indo-China.

For many years, the Royal Cambodian Government and people, led by Prince Sihanouk, through their own unrelenting and heroic struggle, have foiled the aggressive activities of U.S. imperialism and its subversive plots, thus safeguarding their own independence and sovereignty. We are convinced that before a people with such national self-respect and national self-confidence, U.S. imperialism can never succeed in its military invasions and political schemes.

Cambodia's Unbending Spirit

Following is a translation of a "Renmin Ribao" editorial (May 4) "The Kingdom of Cambodia Stands by Its Honour and Integrity." — Ed.

IN view of Washington's disregard of Cambodia's national dignity, announced the Cambodian Head of State, Prince Sihanouk, on May 3, there was no alternative but to break off diplomatic relations with the United States. By this important step the Royal Cambodian Government has fully displayed the righteous spirit of an independent state and has rebuffed U.S. imperialist arrogance. This is a great encouragement to all countries and people opposing aggression and preserving independence.

U.S. imperialism has long been engaged in unscrupulous activities of aggression, intervention and subversion against the Kingdom of Cambodia. But Cambodia has never bowed to American pressure. It persistently adheres to a policy of peace and neutrality and fights resolutely to preserve its sovereign rights and territorial integrity. When U.S. imperialism intended to place Cambodia under the "protection" of the SEATO military bloc, that is, to include it into the U.S. apparatus of aggression, the Royal Cambodian Government refused point-blank. When the U.S. Government tried to make Cambodia change its domestic and foreign policy by threatening to suspend "American aid," Prince Sihanouk's reply in unmistakable terms. Without a single

injection of dollars, he said, Cambodia is able to survive freely and even progressively. When U.S. imperialism spread the war in Indo-China, the Royal Cambodian Government sternly denounced the crimes of the aggressors and demanded that the U.S. armed forces completely withdraw from south Viet Nam and the whole of Indo-China. All this is a demonstration of the spirit of an independent sovereign state, and Cambodia is such a state. It is also because of this that Cambodia has become a thorn in the side of U.S. imperialism.

Of late, while continuing to encroach on Cambodia's sovereignty, U.S. imperialism has debased itself to the point of making personal attacks on the state leaders of Cambodia. Not long ago Prince Sihanouk questioned this. "What do you reproach me with exactly? Not to have abased myself before the dollar? . . . With placing the interests of Washington after those of my country?" Naturally the United States cannot answer these questions. American slanders and calumny cannot do the least harm to Cambodia's state leaders. But no sovereign state can possibly stand such insults. The United States is fully responsible for the decision of the Royal Cambodian Government to break off diplomatic relations with the United States.

All countries, big or small, are equal. Why should the United States behave so haughtily? Why should it have the right to bully and oppress other countries? Because it has some atom bombs? Or because it has

hundreds of military bases in various parts of the world? These are not reasons! These things in the hands of U.S. imperialism cannot frighten anyone if he is not superstitious. The Cambodian announcement to break off diplomatic relations with the United States is a head-on blow to vainglorious, self-important U.S. imperialism. Standing firm, the Royal Cambodian Government has declared to the whole world: in our time, it will never do for a big country to bully a small one, for the strong to bully the weak.

The Kingdom of Cambodia has won people's respect and admiration for its adherence to an independent

foreign policy, for its firm resistance to U.S. imperialist aggression and intervention, and for its energetic efforts to preserve Asian and world peace. Cambodia's international status is rising and its international influence is growing. All countries and peoples of the world who treasure independence, freedom and peace are friends of the Government and people of the Kingdom of Cambodia. U.S. imperialism has left no stone unturned to try to isolate Cambodia, but, contrary to its expectations, it is the United States itself, not Cambodia, who is isolated. To lift a rock only to crush one's own feet — this is a law of imperialism.

Cambodia's Three Conditions for International Conference Supported

- The Chinese Government fully endorses and firmly supports the just stand of the Royal Government of Cambodia that the three conditions it has laid down for convening an international conference on Cambodia must be observed.
- China is resolutely opposed to the attempt of U.S. imperialism and its followers to lump together the question of Cambodia and the questions of Viet Nam and Laos.
- China holds that it is absolutely impermissible for the Saigon puppet regime to take part in an international conference on Cambodia, and that south Viet Nam must be represented by the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation.

Following is a translation of the May 2 statement of the Government of the People's Republic of China.
— Ed.

ON May 1, the Royal Government of Cambodia issued a statement on the question of convening an international conference on Cambodia, in which it reiterated its three conditions for convening the conference as follows: (1) The envisaged conference must be held on the pattern of the 1954 Geneva Conference on Indo-China and not on that of the 1961-62 Geneva Conference on Laos; (2) the presence of the so-called Saigon government at this conference is absolutely unacceptable to the Royal Government of Cambodia; and (3) Cambodia refuses to let the problems of Viet Nam and Laos be brought into the discussions of its own problem. The Chinese Government fully endorses and firmly supports this just stand of the Royal Government of Cambodia.

Recently, the United States, Britain and some other countries have been actively working for the convening of an international conference on Cambodia. The U.S. Government stated on April 25 that the United States would "readily participate" in such a conference and had designated its representative to it. High officials of the British Government have also been going around to sell the idea to many countries. It is well known that as early as 1962 the Royal Government of Cambodia proposed a conference of the countries concerned to guarantee the neutrality and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The proposal won the approval of many countries, but the United States and its followers have all along tried to stall and sabotage it or refused to participate. In the meantime, the United States and its south Vietnamese puppets have never ceased their acts of military provocation and political subversion against the Kingdom of Cambodia. Why is it that the Johnson Administration has

now suddenly changed its attitude and taken such a great interest in holding this conference? Does it really want it for guaranteeing the neutrality and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia? Of course not. It has ulterior motives.

U.S. imperialism has entered a blind alley in its war of aggression in Viet Nam. Its military adventure and war blackmail have suffered one disastrous defeat after another and have aroused strong opposition and condemnation among all the peoples, including the American people. In order to extricate itself from its difficult plight and isolation, the Johnson Administration has kept harping on "unconditional discussions," trying to mislead and hoodwink the people of the world and cover up the facts of its bloody aggression by a smokescreen of "peace negotiations," so as to attain the objective of perpetuating its occupation of south Viet Nam. But the Johnson Administration's plot of "peace negotiations" was soon exposed. It was in this dilemma that U.S. imperialism and its followers suddenly called to mind the idea of holding an international conference on Cambodia. Obviously, the purpose of the U.S. Government in agreeing now to hold an international conference on Cambodia is definitely not really to guarantee the neutrality and territorial integrity of Cambodia, but to use the opportunity to open up a way for its fraud of peace talks on the Viet Nam question. Prince Norodom Sihanouk, the Head of State of Cambodia, saw through this mean trick of U.S. imperialism long ago and has repeatedly made statements exposing it. Now that the Royal Government of Cambodia has reiterated its three conditions for convening an international conference on Cambodia, a powerful rebuff has been given to the scheming activities of U.S. imperialism and its followers, and the firm stand of the Kingdom of Cambodia upholding its national dignity and international justice has been expressed forcefully.

The Chinese Government has always favoured a conference of the countries concerned to guarantee the neutrality and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The three conditions put forward by the Royal Government of Cambodia in its statement of May 1 are perfectly reasonable and are principles which must be followed in convening such a conference. The Chinese Government is resolutely opposed to the endeavour of U.S. imperialism and its followers to lump together the question of Cambodia and the questions of Viet Nam and Laos. It holds that it is absolutely impermissible for the Saigon puppet regime to take part in an international conference for guar-

anteeing the neutrality and territorial integrity of Cambodia, at which south Viet Nam must be represented by the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation. Whether or not the U.S. Government sincerely desires to guarantee the neutrality and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Cambodia will be tested by the fact whether or not it will honestly admit that the Saigon puppet regime under its exclusive control has no qualifications at all to represent the south Vietnamese people, and whether or not it will honestly acknowledge the South Viet Nam National Front for Liberation as the sole true representative of the 14 million south Vietnamese people.

China Condemns U.S. Aggression Against Dominican Republic

- The Chinese Government and people strongly condemn the U.S. Government's armed aggression against the Dominican Republic and express their firm support for the Dominican people in their just struggle.
- It is the inviolable, sacred right of the Dominican people, who have been oppressed and plundered beyond endurance by the stooges of U.S. imperialism, to rise and overthrow the traitorous dictatorial Reid Cabral regime.
- The sending of more than 14,000 U.S. troops to interfere in the internal affairs of the Dominican Republic is another bloody crime committed by U.S. imperialism against the Latin American countries.
- The more than 3 million Dominican people are by no means alone. All the peoples of the world engaged in anti-U.S. struggles support them.

Following is a translation of the May 3 statement of the Government of the People's Republic of China. — Ed.

A COUP D'ETAT against the traitorous dictatorial regime of Reid Cabral broke out in the Dominican Republic on April 24. The United States has been sending its marines and airborne troops to suppress the coup there since April 28. So far, more than 14,000 U.S. troops have been sent. The patriotic Dominican people are waging a brave anti-U.S. struggle.

The dispatch by the U.S. Johnson Administration of large contingents of armed forces to invade the Dominican Republic and interfere in its internal affairs while frantically carrying on aggression in Viet Nam adds one more shameless and sanguinary instance to the innumerable crimes committed by U.S. imperialism in its aggression against the Latin American countries. The Chinese Government and people strongly condemn the U.S. Government's barbarous intervention and aggression against the Dominican Republic and

express their firm support for the Dominican people in their patriotic and just anti-U.S. struggle.

It is the inviolable, sacred right of the Dominican people, oppressed and plundered beyond endurance by the stooges of U.S. imperialism, to rise and overthrow the traitorous dictatorial regime in their country. The United States has no justification whatsoever to interfere. The assertion by the Johnson Administration that troops have been sent to the Dominican Republic to "protect the lives and ensure the safety of American nationals," to "preserve law and order" and to "establish an international zone of refuge" is nothing but a pretext habitually used by imperialist gangsters. This only serves to reveal once again that U.S. imperialism is the common enemy of the people of the Dominican Republic and other Latin American countries as well as all people of the world who cherish peace, independence and freedom. The sanguinary intervention and aggression against the Dominican Republic by U.S. imperialism show once more that there can be no peaceful coexistence between the countries subjected to U.S. imperialist aggression and the U.S. gangsters.