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U.S. RAVINGS FOR WAR CANNOT FRIGHTEN THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE

ACCORDING to UPI, on December 2, 1967 South Viet Nam puppet president Nguyen Van Thieu again tried to vindicate his "right to pursue the Viet Cong on Cambodian territory" by affirming that he did have the right to pursue his enemy in the course of fighting and fire back onto the Cambodian territory when necessary. This statement, which followed the order given by the American imperialists to their henchmen, came as no surprise after the campaign of slander mounted by Westmoreland, Thieu's direct boss in Saigon, and the news that U.S. ground and air forces have been authorized to cross the Cambodian border (UPI, November 26, 1967).

All that is part of a systematic slander campaign started by the Yankee imperialists against Cambodia. First of all, U.S. propaganda service and the C.I.A. mounted evidence to "demonstrate" that Cambodia had violated the principle of neutrality, alleging that it has built the "Sihanouk trail," supplies to the Viet Cong have been made through Sihanoukville, the Viet Cong and North Viet Nam have set up bases on Cambodian territory which harbours tens of thousands of North Viet Nam troops... Banking on these false evidences Westmoreland and the brasshats in the Pentagon then claimed that the U.S.A. has the "right to pursue" the enemy on Cambodian territory and the "right to blockade" its coast. Meanwhile, the American press openly spoke of the occupation of Cambodia's northeastern and eastern areas bordering on South Viet Nam and of a planned insulation of Cambodia from the sea. Clearly enough, this slander campaign was meant to legalize the U.S. plans of aggression and pave the way for the attacks by U.S. and satellite troops against this country. In its statement of November 28, 1967 the Cambodian Government rightly pointed out that the slander campaign frenziedly carried out by the U.S.A. in the past weeks was but a blatant attempt to validate the fabrication about a Khmer "sanctuary" for the South Viet Nam P.L.A.F. and the D.R.V.N. armed forces to strike at the American expeditionary corps. "This development will certainly lead the Yankee imperialists to unleash a war against Cambodia," the statement stressed. These threats fit in with the ravings of the U.S. brasshats in Washington and of former U.S. president Eisenhower for sending American troops to Laos, North Viet Nam and Cambodia, and prove that the campaign against Cambodia is part of the U.S. scheme to step up its aggression in South Viet Nam, intensify its attacks on North Viet Nam and expand its aggressive war to the whole of Indo China.

The campaign of slander against Cambodia cannot overshadow the irrefutable fact that the Yankee imperialists have conducted a policy of aggression against this country for many years since. Over recent years, U.S.

and South Viet Nam puppet troops have repeatedly staged provocations, incursions and raids on Cambodia's border villages and encroached on its air space. It is the American imperialists who have systematically violated her independence, sovereignty, neutrality and territorial integrity, and who are plotting to bring this policy of aggression to a more serious step, to a shooting war against Cambodia.

However, all the unwarranted slanderous allegations of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges cannot deceive world opinion. Regarding the Cambodian people, as their Head of State Norodom Sihanouk and the Cambodian Government and press have stressed, the campaign of slander against this country bespeaks the cowardice of the Yankee imperialists in an attempt to explain away the setbacks of the American troops in South Viet Nam, apart from its aim to prepare

world opinion for bringing the war of aggression to Cambodia. The Cambodian people will not be cowed by the U.S. imperialists. If the latter recklessly attack them they will fight to safeguard the independence of their Fatherland.

OUR people are extremely indignant at the attitude of the Yankee imperialists and their stooges who are stubbornly slandering Cambodia and threatening to attack this country. We wholeheartedly support the just stand of the Cambodian Government which resolutely refutes all the slanderous allegations of the Yankee imperialists. We are determined to strengthen our solidarity with the fraternal Cambodian people to fight and defeat the U.S. aggressors. The American imperialists and their quislings must stop all their attacks, provocations and renounce their scheme of aggression against Cambodia. Their recklessness will only bring them disastrous failure.