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CHOU EN-LAI AND SIHANOUK

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OF

CHINESE - CAMBODIAN TREATY

"THE STRUGGLES OF THE PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES  
HAVE CONVERGED INTO AN IRRESISTIBLE REVOLUTIONARY  
TORRENT" -- CHOU EN-LAI

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Peking, December 17 (Hsinhua) -- Premier Chou En-Lai made a speech at the reception here this evening celebrating the 10th anniversary of the conclusion of the Sino-Cambodian treaty of friendship and mutual non-aggression and the founding of the China-Cambodia Friendship Association. The full text of the speech follows:

Respected Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State and  
Chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, and Mme. Sihanouk,

Respected Samdech Penn Nouth, Chairman of the Political Bureau  
of the Central Committee of the NUFC and Prime Minister of the Royal  
Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Mme. Penn Nouth,

Distinguished guests, comrades, and friends,

Ten years ago, during Samdech Sihanouk's third visit to our country, the Chinese and Cambodian governments concluded the Sino-Cambodian treaty of friendship and mutual non-aggression. Samdech Sihanouk and Samdech Penn Nouth personally attended the reception in celebration of the inauguration of the China-Cambodia Friendship Association. And in recent years, Samdech Penn Nouth has been president of the National Committee for Cambodian-Chinese friendship. Today, it gives us great happiness and warmth that Samdech Sihanouk and Samdech Penn Nouth are once again in our midst in joyously celebrating the 10th anniversary of the conclusion of the treaty and the founding of the Friendship Association.

The conclusion of the Sino-Cambodian Treaty of Friendship and Mutual Non-Aggression and the Founding of the China-Cambodia Friendship Association fully reflected the common desire of the Chinese and Cambodian peoples for the development of friendly relations and cooperation and laid a solid foundation for the Chinese and Cambodian peoples' cause of unity against imperialism. In the past decade, thanks to the kind concern of Samdech Sihanouk and Chairman Mao and through the joint efforts of the Chinese and Cambodian Governments, rapid all-round progress has been made in the friendly relations and cooperation between the two countries. We firmly believe that the traditional friendship and militant unity between the Chinese and Cambodian peoples will certainly further develop and grow stronger on the basis of the five principles of peaceful coexistence and in the struggle against the common enemy U.S. imperialism.

The independence and sovereignty of a country are sacred and inviolable. However, U.S. imperialism which is aggressive by nature utterly ignores the sovereignty of other countries. It is riding roughshod and pushing power politics in the world, carrying out interference, subversion and aggression everywhere. U.S. imperialism all the more bitterly hates the independent, neutral and peaceable kingdom of Cambodia under the leadership of Samdech Sihanouk. Having suffered disastrous defeats following its instigation of a reactionary coup d'etat and its armed invasion, the Nixon Government has recently declared its intention to further provide large amount of so-called 'aid' to the Lon Nol traitorous clique for collecting cannon-fodder and expanding the puppet troops as the "best investment" in pushing its policy of "using Asians to fight Asians." However, the independence-loving Cambodian people are a people with sublime heroism and indomitable will. In warm response to the solemn call of their head of state Samdech Sihanouk, they have taken up arms, and, fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Vietnamese and Laotian peoples, have unfolded a great war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation, dealing heavy blows at the U.S. aggressors and their running dogs. Since the beginning of the dry season, the Cambodian National Liberation Armed Forces have taken the initiative in launching offensives and fought a series of triumphant battles, winning one new giant victory after another. The Cambodian people's spirit of heroic struggle has immensely heightened the fighting will of the people of various countries and greatly deflated the arrogance of the U.S. aggressors and their running dogs, winning the praise and admiration of the revolutionary peoples of the world.

At present, the struggles of the people of different countries against the power politics of the superpowers and for the defense of national independence and state sovereignty have converged into an irresistible revolutionary torrent. Defying the war blackmail by U.S. imperialism, the Vietnamese people are determined to smash all military adventures of the U.S. aggressors and pledge themselves to carry to the end the war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation. Supporting each other and fighting shoulder to shoulder, the three Indo-Chinese peoples have brought an excellent situation through battle. Fearing no pressure and refusing to be duped, the Palestinian and other Arab peoples are strengthening their unity and persevering in the just struggle against the aggression by U.S. imperialism and Israeli Zionism. With the extensive solidarity of the African people and other peoples of the world, the Guinean people have smashed the piratical invasion by the mercenary troops of the U.S. and Portuguese reactionaries. The Latin American people's struggle against U.S. imperialist control, exploitation and plunder and for the defense of their state sovereignty and right over their territorial sea is gaining momentum day by day. The struggle of the peoples of the world vividly testifies to the truth: the peoples who are determined to fight for the defense of their national independence and state sovereignty are invincible. Making enemies for itself and receiving blows everywhere, U.S. imperialism

is besieged ring upon ring by the people of the whole world; at home, it is facing ever-deepening political, social and economic crises. Should U.S. imperialism fly in the face of the will of all the peoples and expand its war of aggression, what awaits it will only be an even more disastrous defeat.

Comrades and friends! The Chinese and Cambodian peoples are true friends. We have a very long and profound friendship, and we encourage and support each other in our struggles. The Cambodian people's great victories in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation are a tremendous encouragement and support to the Chinese people. Following their great leader Chairman Mao's teachings, the Chinese people firmly support the Cambodian people in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation till complete victory.

Now I propose a toast

To the great friendship and militant unity between the Chinese and Cambodian peoples,

To the great victories of the Cambodian people's war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation,

To the great victories of the Indo-Chinese peoples in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation,

To the valiant struggle of the people of various countries for national independence and for the defense of their state sovereignty,

To the health of Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia, and Mme. Sihanouk ,

To the health of Samdech Penn Nouth, Prime Minister of the Royal Government of National Union of Cambodia, and Mme. Penn Nouth,

To the health of all the distinguished Cambodian guests,

To the health of the heads of diplomatic missions and their wives,  
and

To the health of our comrades and friends present here!

"CHINA HOLDS THE FOREMOST PLACE AMONG THE GREATEST  
AND MOST RELIABLE FRIENDS OF THE KHMER PEOPLE" --  
SIHANOUK

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Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State and Chairman of the National United Front of Cambodia, made a speech at the reception here this evening celebrating the 10th anniversary of the conclusion of the Sino-Cambodian treaty of friendship and mutual non-aggression and the founding of the China-Cambodia friendship association. The reception was given by the Foreign Ministry of the People's Republic of China and the China-Cambodia friendship association. The full text of the speech follows:

Your Excellency Respected Premier of the State Council of the PRC,

Respected mesdames and messrs. the national authorities of the PRC,

Respected mesdames and messrs. members of the Diplomatic Corps,

Respected Chinese brothers and sisters,

Dear friends,

First of all, allow me, on behalf of all my compatriots present here to express very warm thanks for your kind presence at this celebration of the great and firm Sino-Khmer friendship and our profound gratitude to His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai, highly respected and beloved friend of the Khmer people, who has been so kind as to preside over the magnificent organization of this important festival, which is a double anniversary, the 10th anniversary of the China-Cambodia friendship association and the 10th anniversary of the signing of the historic Khmer-Chinese treaty of friendship and non-aggression.

The fraternal relations uniting the Khmers and the Chinese began more than a thousand years ago and, what is remarkable and perhaps unique in the annals of relations between peoples living in the same geographical region, our two nations have never been engaged in a war or dispute with each other.

However, apart from this continual peace existing between China and Cambodia, Khmer-Chinese friendship has never been so fine, so flourishing, so warm, so strong, so close, so real and true as since

the total liberation by our two peoples of their respective fatherlands, and particularly since the cordial meeting in 1955, at the Afro-Asian Conference of Bandung, between the two delegations respectively of the People's Republic of China under the leadership of Chairman Mao Tse-tung and the independent and neutral Kingdom of Cambodia under the leadership of King Norodom Suramarit.

From 1956 to 1969, the anti-imperialist solidarity and the cooperation in all fields of peaceful construction between China and Cambodia were exemplary and fruitful to the highest degree. And it is necessary for us the Khmers to recall that, during this happy period, the PRC gained on many counts the eternal gratitude of the Khmer people. Among numerous things, allow me to stress the determined participation of China in the genuine and modern industrialization of Cambodia, the multifarious aid of the PRC in all other fields of the peaceful construction of Cambodia, particularly in the social, university-educational, agricultural, commercial and infrastructural fields (in this last field, the most impressive and magnificent present of the PRC to the Khmer people is undoubtedly the airport of international standard at Siemreap-Angkor with complete technical, aeronautical and tourist equipment) and, finally, the enormous and constant military aid which was all the more vital for the survival of independence, neutrality, peace and territorial integrity of our country which was the only non-communist developing country daring to reject completely the aid of the United States of America and which has since become an enemy of Yankee imperialism to be vanquished at all costs.

On March 18, 1970, with the fascist and anti-people coup of the militarist and capitalist-comprador gang of Lon Nol, Sirik Matak, Sim Var and Cheng Heng, the U.S. imperialists thought that with the destruction of the independence and neutrality of the Kingdom of Cambodia, they could also destroy the Khmer-Chinese friendship and anti-imperialist solidarity.

But very soon, the Khmer people and the Khmer patriots living abroad rose and got together and smashed all the wishes and illusions of these detestable imperialists.

These imperialists with their vile and despicable lackeys of Phnom-Penh and Saigon, have undoubtedly succeeded in plunging the country and the Khmer nation into the worst misery and catastrophe in their history of nearly two thousand years, but they have not succeeded in disheartening and vanquishing the Khmer people. Since March 23, 1970, the Khmer people have risen as one man to wage an armed struggle against the traitors and their U.S. masters.

Today more than 2/3 of the Kingdom of Cambodia has recovered total independence, democracy with the establishment of an authentic people's power, and the pursuance of the traditional Khmer policy of militant solidarity with all the anti-imperialist, anti-neo-colonialist and anti-colonialist peoples and governments, particularly with the great and glorious Chinese people and the heroic Vietnamese and Laotian peoples.

A proverb of our country says that "It is in times of misfortune that one can know who are genuine friends and who false friends."

In their present misfortune, the neutral, progressive and anti-imperialist Khmer people who, during their complete independence and peace, that is to say, between 1955 and 1969, had thought that they had an infinite number of "true" friends among the foreign states and governments of all ideologies, have painfully realized that the actual number of their real friends is limited. At least they have the great consolation and comfort to note that these real friends, with extraordinary courage, nobility and self-sacrifice, completely support them against winds and tides and will remain firm on their side whatever the future and destiny may hold in store for them in the war in Indo-China. We would take this happy occasion to express to all our true friends, our faithful companions in times of difficulty, the cordial assurances of our eternal gratitude.

The People's Republic of China holds the foremost place among the greatest and most reliable friends of the Khmer people. In the immeasurable misfortune into which the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak traitors cynically and President Richard Nixon of U.S.A. shamelessly have thrown them, they have found, I say, an immense encouragement in the sympathy of the socialist, progressive and anti-imperialist peoples, in the effective support of some thirty friendly states and governments, in the militant solidarity of the fraternal Vietnamese and Laotian peoples, and in the multi-farious aid and unreserved and extremely active support in all fields by the People's Republic of China, by the Chinese people's venerated and beloved chairman and great teacher and their respected vice-chairman, by the government of the People's Republic of China and the great, glorious and heroic Chinese people. And it is from this priceless encouragement and their own fighting tradition that our people have drawn heroism and all their confidence in the just national cause which they have decided to defend with arms in hand, without yielding or accepting compromise, and in complete victory which they will not fail to achieve, together with their brothers, the Vietnamese and Laotian peoples, over U.S. imperialism and its lackeys, for national salvation and national liberation.

In conclusion, allow me, on behalf of all us Khmers present here, to express our most profound and sincere gratitude to His Excellency Premier Chou En-lai, the principal artisan of the great friendship and the militant unity between the Chinese and Khmer peoples, the most long standing, the most faithful and the most active friend of independent, neutral, progressive and anti-imperialist Cambodia, for his speech made just now imbued with the magnificent sentiments of friendship, solidarity, support and generous esteem to the fighting Khmer people.

This unforgettable speech will certainly go straight into their hearts. And in their patriotic struggle, they will feel immensely encouraged by these stirring words of their dearest and most respected friend His Excellency Chou En-lai: "Following their great leader Chairman Mao's teachings, the Chinese people firmly support the Cambodian people in their war against U.S. aggression and for national salvation till complete victory."

It is a great happiness for the Khmer people to be benefited by the complete support of their beloved brothers, the great and most glorious Chinese people under the incomparably brilliant leadership of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

It is with these sentiments that I raise, together with all my compatriots present here, my glass to drink a toast

--To the health and long life of most respected Chairman Mao-Tse-tung, venerated and beloved great teacher of the Chinese people and the beacon of the revolution of the peoples of the third world fighting for their freedom, national salvation and national liberation and against imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism and all other forms of injustice and threats to peace,

--To the health of respected Madame Mao Tse-tung,

--To the health of respected Vice-Chairman Lin Piao and Madame,

--To the health of respected Vice-Chairman of the Republic Tung Pi-wu,

--To the health of respected Premier Chou En-lai and Madame,

--To the health of the respected military and civil national authorities of the PRC, the esteemed president and members of the China-Cambodia friendship association, the esteemed municipal authorities and their respective spouses,



--To the health of the esteemed heads of diplomatic missions and their respective wives,

--To the health of the esteemed friends present here,

--To the happiness and prosperity of the Chinese people, No. 1 friend of the Khmer people,

--To the continuation of the grand development in all fields of the peaceful construction and national defense of the PRC,

--To the ever-lasting fraternal friendship and indestructible militant solidarity uniting the Khmer and Chinese peoples,

--To complete victory over U.S. imperialism by all these peoples throughout the world who are its victims, and

--To the grandeur and glory of the PRC!