



## Commentary on Phnom Penh Collapse

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[Commentary: "The Sending in of Saigon Puppet Troops Cannot Save the U.S. Lackeys in Phnom Penh From an Inevitable Collapse"]

[Text] After releasing a lot of vague information about U.S. countermeasures in the face of recent events in Cambodia, the Nixon administration has sent in the Saigon puppet troops to save the Lon Nol clique which is dying inside the ever-tightening noose of the CPNLF. According to Western sources, on 15 April (?thousands of Saigon Rangers) with the support of tanks and armored cars formed two spearheads advancing into Cambodian territory. One spearhead advanced through Tan Chau and Hong Ngu towns about 150 kms west of Saigon and the other advanced in the direction of Tinh Bien 50 kms southwest of Hong Ngu. The aforementioned sources observed that this was the second biggest operation conducted by the Saigon armed forces since the cease-fire order went into force on 28 January 1973.

Obviously, this is the result of the recent sudden trip of General Haig, U.S. Army deputy chief of staff and special envoy of U.S. President Nixon, to Bangkok, Phnom Penh, Saigon, and Vientiane. He went to study the current situation in Cambodia on the spot, or to speak more realistically, to study measures which the Nixon administration (?can) apply to save its lackeys in Phnom Penh.

The sending in of Saigon puppet troops to save the Lon Nol clique is a (?very dangerous) new act of war escalation by the U.S. imperialists in the wake of other (?extremist) activities such as the (?constant pouring) of armaments, munitions, and other war materiel through an airlift from U.S. bases in Thailand to assist the Phnom Penh puppet administration in continuing to massacre the Cambodian people, and the repeated sending of aircraft--especially strategic B-52's and swing-wing F-111's--to intensively, day and night, bomb and attack many populous areas in Cambodia in a destructive manner. These destructive bombardments have been taking place continuously for more than the past month at an ever-increasing rate of violence, with the sorties of aircraft increasing from 40 to 160, and at the present time to 220 each day.

Even AP had to admit (?at one point) that the entire force of bombers that could be mustered in Southeast Asia, including B-52's and F-111's, had been mobilized to attack the Cambodian people in a widespread air blitz that seemed to surpass the tactical support for ground forces--meaning the Lon Nol puppet army. AP also quoted many (?reliable sources) as saying that this is a most violent bombing campaign that can be compared with the U.S. Air Force raids on the Hanoi and Haiphong areas in late 1972.

On 13 April the White House spokesman openly declared that the United States would continue the bombing in Cambodia and continue to send supplies to the Phnom Penh puppet administration. Together with such (?very warlike) statements, the fact that the Nixon administration has blatantly sent Saigon puppet troops to invade Cambodia has completely shattered the slanderous themes and distortions directed by the United States and its lackeys against the DRV and the PRGRSV. This act clearly indicates that the United States itself is the one who has crudely infringed on the independence, sovereignty, unity, territorial integrity and neutrality of Cambodia and has violated in an extremely blatant manner the Paris agreement on Vietnam and the act of the international conference on Vietnam.

This grave act of war escalation by the United States is an insolent challenge to the Indochinese people and to progressive public opinion in the United States and in the world. It will only fan higher the fire of hatred harbored in the hearts of the Cambodian people for the clique of country robbers and sellers. Also [word indistinct] of all progressive mankind toward the U.S. imperialists' new war escalation in Cambodia.

Frenzied and (?stupefied), the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys have further proved that they are in a critical situation and that their failure is inevitable in the face of the outstanding growth of the Cambodian revolution. In addition, this has further exposed the U.S. administration's stubbornness and bellicosity in continuing to rush headlong in trying to impose U.S. neocolonialism on Cambodia, thus getting the United States further involved in the criminal war of aggression waged by the U.S. imperialists against foreign countries.

The fact that the Saigon administration, on U.S. orders, has sent its troops to invade Cambodia has further exposed its nature as an efficient U.S. lackey and a tool to serve the Nixon doctrine in Indochina, as well as its willingness to cheaply sell the blood and bones of southern (?youths) to the U.S. monopolist capitalist clique.

The U.S. imperialists and their lackeys must remember the lesson that cost them dearly in terms of human lives 3 years ago. Although provided with U.S. air and artillery support, the large-scale military adventure of more than 100,000 U.S.-Saigon puppet troops into Cambodian territory to save the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique was badly foiled by the Cambodian armed forces and people, and finally the enemy had to pack up and get out of Cambodia after sustaining disastrous failures (?in terms of human lives as well as in) [passage indistinct].

By sending Saigon troops in invade Cambodia along with [words indistinct] in this land and continuing to channel weapons, ammunition, and other war materiel to the Phnom Penh puppet clique, the U.S. imperialists can only prolong the agony of the countryselling puppet Lon Nol clique, but will certainly fail to prevent the inevitable collapse of a reactionary puppet regime--a political corpse which has been dumped into a (?garbage container) by history.

#### DRV ARMY PAPER PRAISES CAMBODIAN PEOPLES' VICTORIES

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[Editorial: "Three Years of Glorious Victories of the Unyielding Cambodian People"]

[Text] On 23 March 1970, while the U.S. aggressors and the Lon Nol's country-selling, lackey clique were threatening to eliminate Cambodia's peace, neutrality, independence and sovereignty, the emergence of the NUFC and the CPNLAF was an important historic event. It was the day the Cambodian people arose to accelerate their anti-U.S. national salvation resistance, thus marking an historic turning point of the Cambodian revolution which entered an extremely glorious new stage of development.

For 3 years now, under the clear-sighted leadership of the NUFC with Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk as chairman and the RGNUC with Samdech Penn Nouth as prime minister and Khieu Samphan as deputy prime minister, the Cambodian people have won very great victories. In only a short period Cambodia has undergone many wonderful changes.

The CPNLAF has matured in the flames of the revolutionary war, fought bravely, shattered the design of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys to attempt to rapidly annex Cambodia, and continuously won important strategic victories. In the past 3 years, the Cambodian armed forces and people have scored resounding feats of arms in defeating the Saigon puppet troops in Kompong Cham, Snuol, Kratie, Dambe and Krek, shattered their operations "Pra-Sat" and "Toan Thang 1-71," and defeated the operations "Chen-La 1" and "Chen-La 2" of the Lon Nol puppet troops, supported by the U.S. Air Force. The CPNLAF has relentlessly attacked and annihilated the enemy troops in many important areas, cut many vital enemy communications routes, and attacked and seriously threatened the main enemy den right in Phnom Penh.

Wholeheartedly supported and aided by the people, the more the CPNLAF attacks, the stronger it becomes, and it has matured comprehensively by leaps and bounds, become a firm core force, and accelerated the people's war to counter the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys and to achieve the Cambodian people's true independence, peace, freedom and democracy.

The liberated areas under the control of the NUFC and the RGNUC have been broadened rapidly and have been consolidated ever more firmly and strongly. The Cambodian people's immense liberated areas now link eastern with western Cambodia and northern with southern Cambodia, and cover 90 percent of the Cambodian territory with 5.5 million out of 7 million people. With the system of the people's administration being built at all levels and with the broad development of the NUFC, the people in the liberated areas have even more truly become the masters of their fate, and are united ever more closely while accelerating their resistance against the Americans and their lackeys and trying to build a new happy, healthy life filled with mutual love and assistance.

Responding to the NUFC and RGNUC's appeal, all strata of people in the areas under temporary enemy control are arising vigorously against the fascist rule of the puppet Phnom Penh administration--the U.S. lackey clique. Thousands of patriotic people, including politicians, notables, intellectuals, civil servants, officers have left the puppet army and administration for the liberated areas to participate in the anti-U.S. national salvation resistance.

The NUFC and RGNUC's position has been heightened in the world arena. So far, 36 countries have recognized the RGNUC. The nonaligned countries' conference attended by more than 60 countries and held at Georgetown in August 1972 decided to recognize the RGNUC as the sole, legal and legitimate government of the 7 million Cambodian people among the large family of nations struggling against imperialism and colonialism. The Cambodian people's revolutionary struggle has won the sympathy and strong support of the socialist countries and progressives worldwide, including U.S. progressives.

The Cambodian armed forces' and people's very great and glorious victories on the military, political and diplomatic fronts have driven the enemy into an increasingly precarious situation. The U.S. lackeys' military forces have declined, their positions have shrunk and have been encircled and split, and their strategic position has been upset and has become completely passive.

The Lon Nol mercenary army, despite U.S. air support, has been unable to shore up its ranks. The weaker and more isolated the Lon Nol clique becomes, the more fully it bares its country-selling and people-harming nature. In the face of the danger of total defeat, the disunity and contradictions among the U.S. lackeys have become more acute and serious. The explosions of the bombs that a patriotic officer recently dropped on the Lon Nol clique's residence testify to the grave predicament of the Americans' puppet and lackey regime in Phnom Penh.

Our armed forces and people are extremely enthusiastic over and proud of the heroic Cambodian armed forces' and people's victories of great strategic significance. These victories have contributed very significantly to creating a general situation very favorable to the revolutionary struggle of the peoples of the three countries of Indochina. We are sincerely grateful to the fraternal Cambodian armed forces and people, who have wholeheartedly helped and encouraged our Vietnamese people in their anti-U.S. national salvation struggle.

The solidarity and friendship between the peoples of Vietnam and Cambodia, which are as strong as the waters of the Mekong River, have been promoted in the struggle against the common enemy, have been increasingly consolidated and have become ever more stable and lasting. We are determined to keep this friendship everlasting. None of the enemy's sinister schemes can undermine this noble friendship that has been built with the blood and bones of the peoples of our two countries.

Faced with increasingly serious setbacks, the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys, the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique, have intensified their extremely cruel acts of war against the Cambodian people. They have continued their terrorist acts, persecuted the people in areas under their temporary control and at the same time sent aircraft, including strategic B-52's, to bomb many liberated areas day and night. However, no matter how frenzied and cruel they may be, they cannot reverse the situation that is unfavorable to them, nor can they save the country-selling puppet administration from collapse.

Abiding by the commitments set forth in the joint statement of the Indochinese Peoples' Summit Conference, the Vietnamese people resolutely support the Cambodian people's just struggle and correct stand. The Cambodia problem can only be solved and peace can only be restored in Cambodia on the basis of implementation of the five-point statement of 23 March 1970 issued by Samdech Head of State Norodom Sihanouk, chairman of the NUFC. The U.S. imperialists must withdraw all military personnel, advisers and war materiel of the United States and U.S. satellites from Cambodia, end all U.S. and satellite acts of aggression against Cambodia, completely stop supporting and helping the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak-Son Ngoc Thanh clique, and completely eliminate this traitorous clique's regime.

The United States must fully respect the Cambodian people's fundamental national rights and respect Cambodia's neutrality. The internal affairs of Cambodia must be settled by the Cambodian people without foreign interference. The Cambodian armed forces and people, under NUFC-RGNUM leadership, are persevering in and intensifying their struggle against the Americans and their lackeys with a view to building an independent, sovereign, peaceful, neutral, democratic and prosperous Cambodia with territorial integrity.