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NOL-MATAK REGIME BRINGS DISASTER ON ITSELF

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The Lon Nol-Sirik Matak regime each day proceeds further along the road, betraying the people and hurting the country. On 28 May, a government spokesman, General Praphat Charusathien, the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, divulged that the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak regime "officially requested" that the reactionary authorities in Thailand supply many aircraft and ships and send 10,000 Thai soldiers into Cambodia to "help" them fight against the people. The previous day, Yem Sambaur, the foreign minister of the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak regime admitted to reporters that he was dispatched to Saigon to ask the Thieu-Ky-Khiem regime to help with weapons and military equipment and at the same time they reached an agreement that the puppet soldiers of South Vietnam would extend the occupation of Cambodia until their mission is completed.

It is not necessary to hide behind the label of "respecting the neutral peace of Cambodia." A spokesman for the American state department openly announced that "America will encourage South Vietnam (the puppet power in Saigon) and other Asian countries to give military aid" to the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak regime. Many well-known people in the circles in power in America have openly stated that America "is not opposed to" the Saigon puppet regime extending the occupation of Cambodia nor the reactionary regime in Thailand transferring troops to occupy Cambodia. Even Secretary of Defense Laird arrogantly stated that even after 30 June American aircraft will continue to bomb and strafe Cambodian territory "when it is necessary" and America will still "serve in its role of mutual help" for the puppets continuing operations on Cambodian soil.

The above incidents not only expose additional faces of the American imperialists' invasions but also prove how much they are bogged down and defeated in the armed invasion of Cambodia. After mobilizing tens of thousands of American and Saigon puppet troops and initiating more than ten probes deep into the Cambodian interior, they still have not saved the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak clique from danger; they have been defeated. Because of the fierce opposition of public opinion in America and in the whole world, Nixon was forced to declare that all American troops would be withdrawn from Cambodian territory by 30 June, but he is still looking for ways to pressure the puppet regime in Saigon and the reactionary regime in Thailand to send additional troops to replace the Americans. From the beginning until the end, the Nixon clique could not bear to abandon the ambition to invade Cambodia. In addition, America is still denying that it tried "the Nixon theory" of using Asians to fight Asians in Cambodia and is making the utmost effort to change peaceful, neutral Cambodia into a ferocious battlefield to once again test the formula of "puppet infantry plus American firepower" which has been systematically defeated and disgraced on the battlefields of South Vietnam and Laos.

This double plot of the American imperialists will surely be defeated as the speedy mobilization of American and puppet troops to invade Cambodia was defeated. The Cambodian people who respond to the appeal of Chief of State Norodom Sihanouk and carry out the principles of the Cambodian Unity Front have developed an unyielding tradition, solidarity in struggle, and have overcome many hardships and difficulties while each day developing stronger forces. According to the Roito /transliteration/ company, on 28 May American specialists admitted that the Cambodian Revolutionary Forces had built solid bases in four adjoining provinces, forming a vast liberated area and could even establish a central political power there and the Americans cannot hide their fears when faced with the critical situation of the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak regime.

The Lon Nol-Sirik Matak regime brought disaster upon themselves with the Americans causing the people endless indignation and are now continuing to bend over backwards to bring further disaster, but that is only additional fuel for the revolutionary fires and causes the Cambodian people to be even more determined to stand up to fight and annihilate the traitors and thieves and to be more resolved to punish the puppet regime in Saigon, the reactionary regime in Thailand, and the enemies of the Cambodian people.

Now at the point of no return, the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak regime is quickly sinking and will ultimately perish. The

furious invasions of the Americans and puppets throughout the month did not save the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak regime and the extension of the occupation by the Saigon puppet regime together with the invasion of the Thailand reactionary regime will only make the shaky plan of Lon Nol and Sirik Matak to betray their country crumble even faster. People who love Cambodia should tightly unite with the peoples of other countries of Indochina in the general struggle against the American imperialists and their lackeys. With the sympathy and support of the peoples of the world, they should also be determined to overcome every challenge, defeat the American aggressors and their lackeys, and progress toward final victory.

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