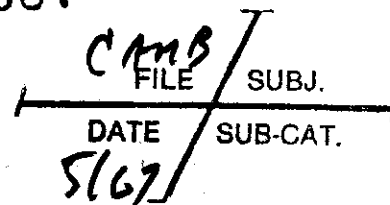


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SIHANOUK DISCUSSES RELATIONS WITH CHINESE

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(50-minute speech by Prince Sihanouk on 16 May inaugurating a new temple in the Preah Chvea monastery, Rolea Peir district, Kompong Chhnang Province--recorded)

(Excerpt) Concerning our relations with the Chinese and Vietnamese, we have said that we consider them our good friends. However, we ask them not to come here for subversion and intervention in our regime. If their ideology is good, it is good only in their own countries, and they must not impose it upon Cambodia, because Cambodia already has a regime and ideology of her own. This is the only thing I ask from them.

I must also state clearly that we do not want to be their satellite. They may remain our friends on an equal footing according to international law--that is, equality between one independent country and another, no matter whether one is larger than the other. In fact, I want equality, without superiority or inferiority.

This is the way the Chinese of Peking have shown us respect. Only the Khmer reds and certain Chinese in Phnom Penh have behaved indecorously. As a Chinese from Peking, Chen Shu Liang, ambassador of China, has held us in high esteem and has refrained from interfering in our affairs and policy. If so, how can there be a dispute between us and China? Actually, any friction between us and China, or between us and the Vietnamese, or between us and the communists should be ascribed to the Khmer reds--who are jealous of the fact that, though not red, the Sangkum has been on friendly terms with their masters, and they therefore try all means to sow discord between the Sangkum and their masters. The Khmer reds have exerted every effort in this direction recently.

They have done this to compel the Sangkum to face up to them, following their opposition to the Sangkum. For if the Sangkum faces up to them, it will hurt the red regime; then China and other countries will take offense at us. This is a very malicious scheme of the Khmer reds, dear venerables. They find that Sihanouk has become too sincere a friend of their masters, and they fear that their masters will no longer trust them and support them (words indistinct). Seeing that they can no longer stay idle, they deem it necessary to criticize Sihanouk to make Sihanouk answer.

They think that by insulting Sihanouk, they will make Sihanouk reciprocate. They believe that if Sihanouk insults them--the Khmer reds--he will shock the Chinese, Russians, and Vietnamese, who are also red. In their opinion, if Sihanouk hurts the Khmer reds' honor, the latter will part with him. If this happens, the other reds will support the Khmer reds. That is the malicious intention of the Khmer reds.

Therefore I must emphasize that this dispute is only one among Khmer and that we do not want any friction in our relations with the Chinese, Russians, or others. Russia told us the other day that she does not want a dispute between the Khmer, whether they are red or not, because she respects Cambodia and does not want to intervene in Cambodian affairs.

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The Russian Ambassador told me he was not concerned with the red Khmer dispute, that he will continue to respect Sihanouk and support Sihanouk's policy to safeguard Cambodian independence, neutrality, and territorial integrity, and that he ignores all rumors because he respects our independence.

The Chinese have made no protest to me because they also respect us. The Chinese ambassador also respects us. So how could Hu Nim say there is a tendency to move away from China? When and where have we moved away from China? Only those who want to see a dispute between the Sangkum and China say this.

U.S. USE OF STEEL PELLET BOMBS ON DRV SCORED

Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian 0500 GMT 24 May 1967--D

(Joint communique of the government and Sangkum)

(Text) It is with great indignation that the royal government and Sangkum Reastr Niyum have learned that the U.S. imperialists have continued to use (?steel pellet) bombs to kill civilians during their deliberate strikes on the cities and villages of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. After using explosives, phosphorus, and napalm bombs, recently the U.S. imperialists dropped (?steel pellet) bombs to ferociously massacre (words indistinct) the DRV civilian population. The U.S. imperialists have thus committed a criminal act in their mean and grave war against a democratic country, disregarding international law.

The royal government and Sangkum Reastr Niyum sternly condemn these criminal acts of war by the U.S. imperialists and strongly support the 10 May communique of the DRV Foreign Ministry. The royal government and Sangkum Reastr Niyum request the U.S. Government to immediately stop this barbarous war and the use of (?steel pellet) bombs and other similar lethal weapons aimed at killing the Vietnamese people. The royal government and the Khmer people gathered round the Sangkum Reastr Niyum once again voice their energetic support to the government and people of brotherly Vietnam in their courageous struggle against the U.S. aggressors to safeguard their fatherland.

INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES FOR VISIT

Paris AFP in English 1641 GMT 25 May 1967--E (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

(Text) Phnom Penh, 25 May--Indonesian Foreign Minister Adam Malik arrived here this afternoon from Rangoon on a two-day visit, aimed at strengthening ties of friendship between Indonesia and Cambodia. Malik is later to meet with Chief of State Prince Sihanouk.

Answering newsmen's questions, the foreign minister made no reference to Indonesia's pet project--a new Southeast Asia organization which he has discussed with Burmese authorities. The semiofficial Khmer news agency stated for the second time today that Cambodia would under no circumstances agree to participate in the planned organization.

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PROTEST TO THAILAND--The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the royal government has addressed to the Thai Government, through the embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Phnom Penh, a letter protesting the 30 April night attack launched on the Khmer military positions in Phnom Prik, Battambang Province, by Thai armed elements, during which a Cambodian defender was killed. (Text) (Phnom Penh Domestic Cambodian 0700 GMT 19 May 1967--D)